



HISTORIC SOUTH DOWNTOWN

Leveraging the historical and cultural assets of Pioneer Square and the Chinatown/International District

Grand Central Building
216 First Avenue South, Suite 240
Seattle, Washington 98104
www.historicsouthdowntown.org

December 13, 2010

Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project

999 Third Ave., Suite 2424

Seattle, WA 98104

Attn: Angela Freudenstein

RE: 2010 Supplemental Draft EIS Comments

The Pioneer Square – International District Community Preservation and Development Authority, informally known as Historic South Downtown, was created by the Washington State legislature in 2008 to support community development and historic preservation in Seattle's most historic neighborhoods. Part of our mission is to help obtain mitigation for significant public works projects that are located in or have major impacts on these communities.

C-016-001 We are writing to request a complete and thorough analysis of the impacts of the viaduct replacement project, bored tunnel alternative, on traffic, parking, and pedestrians in Pioneer Square and Chinatown-International District.

The Supplemental Draft EIS is almost silent on the impacts of the projected 40,000 additional vehicle trips daily through the south end of downtown, resulting from tolling and lack of downtown exits.

Impacts and mitigation must be identified, planned and funded, not simply ignored.

We wrote to SDOT officials over a year ago about our concerns about traffic impacts and mitigation, and received no reply. We ask that you address this serious concern of Pioneer Square and International District residents, businesses, and property owners.

Thank you

Mark Blatter, President

Historic South Downtown

C-016-001

Detailed transportation analyses have been conducted for the entire project area, including the Pioneer Square District and can be found in Final EIS Appendix C, Transportation Discipline Report. This discipline report addresses a variety of transportation related topics including, pedestrians, parking, traffic operations, transit operations, event traffic, safety, etc. A detailed tolling analysis has been conducted for all alternatives and is described in this Final EIS. Please refer to Chapter 7 of Appendix C, Transportation Discipline Report, for additional detailed analysis of tolling impacts to transportation elements.