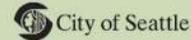
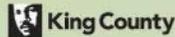
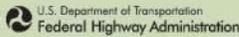


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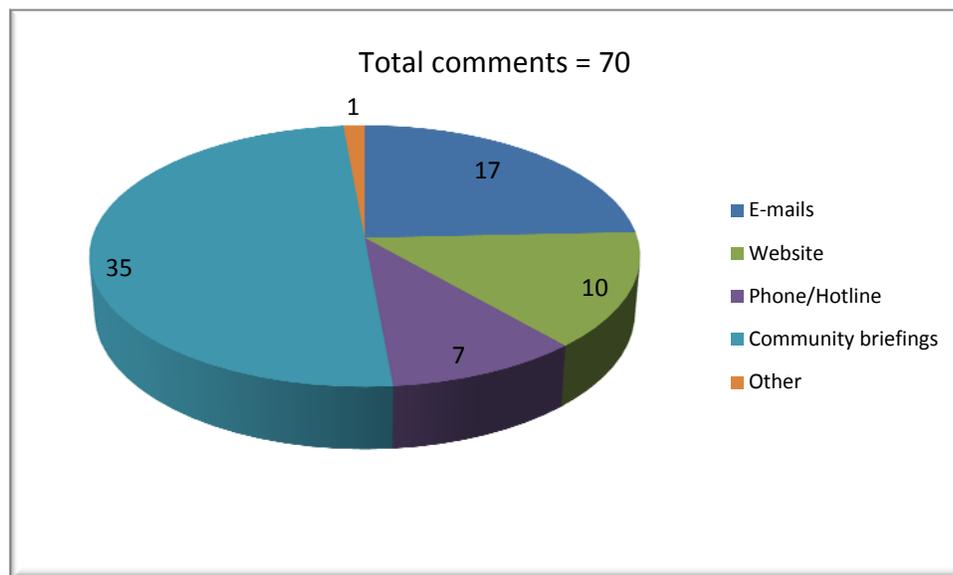


SEPTEMBER 2010 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In September 2010, 70 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program.

Comment format and origin



Comment categories

We have seven comment categories: transportation, design/construction, economic, transit, environmental/public safety, structures/locations and fieldwork. Each comment submitted is categorized by the content of the message. Please note that some comments fit into more than one category, while others do not fit into any of the categories. The bullet points below were taken from the September comments.

Transportation:

This category includes comments related to traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians and bicycles. In September, there were 14 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- Where would we be able to get into the proposed bored tunnel on the north end?

- Are you studying the effectiveness of the newly installed Active Traffic Management system on I-5?
- Occidental Avenue S. and Third Avenue S. are both good alternate north/south routes that could be used by commuters.
- I would like to see sidewalks and bike pathways in the area of the bored tunnel's south portal.
- Will the bike trail from South Park/Georgetown to downtown change?

Design/Construction:

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall and engineering. In September, there were 23 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- The "south end" is being heavily impacted by all of the road projects happening in the city.
- Could you please give me the timeline for lane closures on Mercer Street?
- Could you tell me how much material would be removed during bored tunnel excavation?
- The bored tunnel would be under the water table. How would you keep water out?
- What is the diameter of the proposed bored tunnel?

Economic:

This category includes comments related to cost, funding, property value/acquisition and tolls. In September, there were 10 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- Do you know if the SR 99 Bored Tunnel Design-Build Project has received federal funding?
- I am interested in seeing a more detailed breakdown of the \$350 million tunnel boring estimate.
- If the bored tunnel ever gets built, it will cost \$15 billion. It will bankrupt the city.
- What is the job development potential associated with replacing the viaduct?
- Has all necessary right of way for this project been acquired?

Transit:

This category includes comments related to transit, such as light rail and buses. In September, there was one comment in this category.

- How would buses access Third Avenue from SR 99?

Environmental/Public Safety:

This category includes comments related to noise issues, public safety, earthquakes and visual quality. In September, there were 10 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- What about the accumulated concentration level of air born particle pollution in the bored tunnel? Is there an estimate for this?
- Can you tell me when the viaduct's next scheduled earthquake inspection will be?
- How would you prevent sinkholes while digging the bored tunnel?

- Is it possible to get the soil properties (in quantitative numbers) along the bored tunnel route, such as the range of grain size, plastic and liquid indices, or the density of soil?
- Please consider retaining portions of the viaduct for use as public viewpoints.

Structures/Location:

This category includes comments related to historic structures and districts, portals, stadiums and neighborhoods. In September, there was one comment in this category.

- Is the seawall still part of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program?

Fieldwork:

This category includes comments related to geotechnical drilling, utility surveying and building surveys for the proposed bored tunnel. In September, there were no comments in this category.

Outreach events

Outreach events provide another way to gather feedback about the program. The feedback from these events is summarized separately, and summaries are available upon request.

Community briefings

The program team attended five community briefings in September.

- Sept. 14: Downtown Seattle Association, Policy Committee
- Sept. 14: Admiral Neighborhood Association
- Sept. 15: West Seattle Kiwanis Club
- Sept. 22: Greater Duwamish District Council
- Sept. 28: Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, working session

Public meetings and hearings

The program team held one public meeting in September.

- Sept. 16: Pioneer Square neighborhood meeting

Fairs and festivals

The program team attended four fairs and festivals in September.

- Sept. 9: Days in the Park, Pioneer Square
- Sept. 18: Georgetown Farmers Market
- Sept. 25: Fishermen's Fall Festival
- Sept. 25-26: Burien Oktoberfest