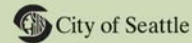
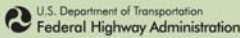


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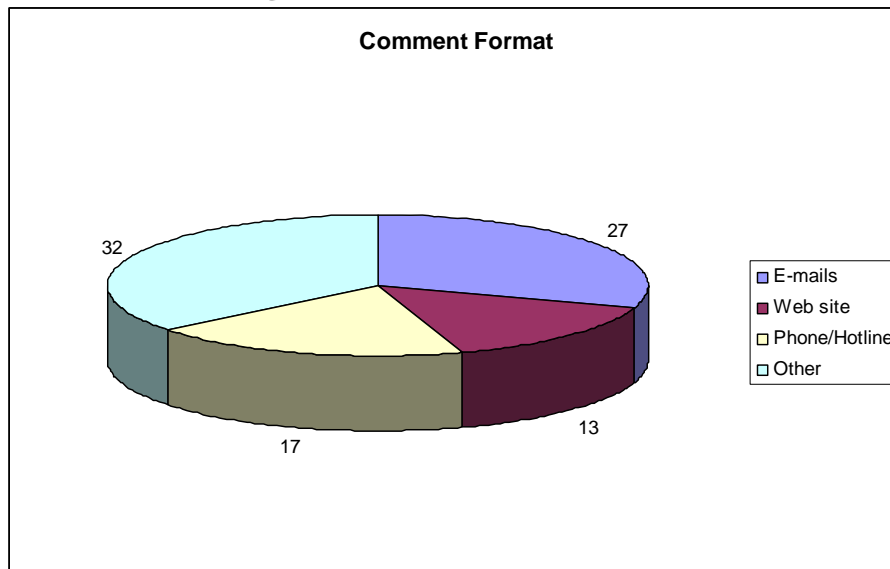


AUGUST 2009 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In August 2009, 89 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program.

Comment format and origin



Comments and questions received at outreach events are summarized separately. The other category this month includes comments received by crews and outreach personnel in the field.

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 extracted from the August comments.

Transportation:

This category includes comments related to traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians and bicycles. In August, there were three comments in this category.

- The bored tunnel's north portal configuration is a terrible plan. Mercer Street is already heavily used and adding more cars will bring gridlock to this neighborhood.

- How will construction affect my commute on Alaskan Way?
- How will construction affect my commute to West Seattle from downtown?

Design/Construction:

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall and engineering. In August, there were 14 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- What is the status of the bored tunnel’s north portal design?
- What will the alignment for Sixth Avenue look like?
- How will the bored tunnel be designed to accommodate movement on the Seattle fault, as it will pass through the fault zone?
- If you are driving south in the bored tunnel, how will you access the stadiums?
- What is the timeline for this project?

Economic:

This category includes comments related to cost, funding, property value/acquisition and tolls. In August, there were three comments in this category.

- How much money has been spent on the “virtual” tour of the bored tunnel, and was this necessary because the vast majority of people are opposed to this expensive, less than adequate project?
- What is the most recent construction cost estimate for the S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Stage 2 project?
- What is the breakdown of the \$1.9 billion cost of the bored tunnel?

Environmental/Public Safety:

This category includes comments related to noise issues, public safety, earthquakes and visual quality. In August, there were two comments in this category.

- Due to viaduct-related construction, a temporary crosswalk has been created for pedestrians, but there are too many trucks on Alaskan Way and they won’t stop for pedestrians. This is very dangerous.
- Where can I get a copy of the environmental impact statement for this program?

Structures/Location:

This category includes comments related to historic structures and districts, portals, stadiums and neighborhoods. In August, there were four comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- Could one lane of the Battery Street Tunnel remain open in order to decrease the cost of keeping it operational after the bored tunnel is complete?
- Will the parking lot between Alaskan Way and Western Avenue and the lot between Seneca and Spring streets become a construction staging yard?

Fieldwork:

This category includes comments related to geotechnical drilling, utility surveying and building surveys for the proposed bored tunnel. In August, there were 43 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- What impact will the geotechnical drilling have on my parking?
- When will the drilling be complete?

- How were the consultants selected to perform the building surveys?
- How are you using information from the building surveys?
- How many buildings are being inspected?

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 three community briefings in August.

- Aug. 4: South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors, Board of Directors
- Aug. 5: Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
- Aug. 20: SODO/Duwamish Trip Reduction group

Fairs and festivals

The program team attended six fairs and festivals in August and received approximately 550 visitors.

- Aug. 6: Pioneer Square Art Walk
- Aug. 7: South Lake Union Block Party
- Aug. 8: Duwamish River Festival
- Aug. 13: Burien Farmers Market
- Aug. 20: Queen Anne Farmers Market
- Aug. 22: Central Area Community Festival