



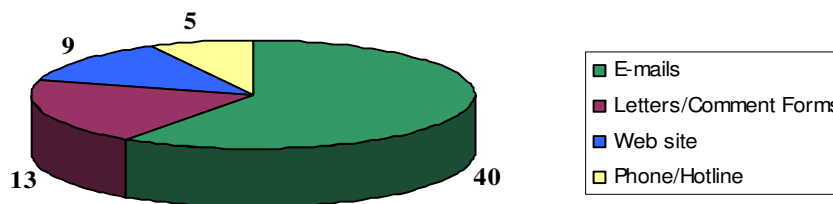
MAY 2008 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In May, 67 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program team.

Comment Format and Origin

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This month's comment totals include four pieces of correspondence to the governor that were referred to the program office for response. Comments and questions received at outreach events are summarized separately.

Comment Categories

There are six comment categories: transportation, design/construction, economic, transit, environmental/public safety and structures/locations. No comments were made in the structures/locations category in May. 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 are quotes that were extracted from the May comments.

Transportation:

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians, and bicycles. In May, there were eleven comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- At grade intersections with Aurora Avenue would cause more congestion, not less.
- The Alaskan Way Viaduct is a regional transportation solution that connects north and south Seattle residents and communities.
- I believe a surface street replacement would isolate West Seattle as the traffic would be interrupted by cross streets.

Design/Construction:

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. In May, there were 21 comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- Automobile oriented infrastructure should be minimized while train, bus lines, light rail, and bike paths should be encouraged and funded.
- My first choice is to resupport the old viaduct in much the same way the portion next to the Battery Street tunnel is going to be resupported.
- Will a seawall/tunnel along the waterfront affect what can be built on top of, or around it without a lot of difficulty?

Economic:

This group includes categories such as cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. In May, there were six comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- It seems that prefabricating tunnel pieces and then sinking them into the bay would cost much less than digging a tunnel along the waterfront.
- The longer we delay replacing the viaduct, the costlier any replacement will become. We need to take action now, rather than later.

Transit:

This group includes categories related to transit, such as light rail and buses. In May, there were two comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- How about “loading islands” in the center of the streets? This could double curb space and increase transit capacity.

Environmental/Public Safety:

This group includes categories like noise issues, public safety, earthquakes, and visual quality. In May, there were nine comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- [I have serious doubts that] a tunnel could survive even the smallest of tremors, let alone an earthquake.
- The view [from an elevated structure] is many times better when traveling on the viaduct, compared to surface, tunnel, or side-by-side surface streets, particularly heading north.
- We are concerned that this area may experience another earthquake before we have even finished repairing or replacing the damage caused in the last earthquake.

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. Outreach events attended in May included:

Community Briefings

The program attended 3 community briefings in May.

- May 5: Downtown Seattle Association, Viaduct Task Force
- May 20: Magnolia Community Club
- May 21: Belltown Business Association

Open Houses

The program team hosted three open houses, held in Downtown, West Seattle, and Ballard. The events were attended by approximately 200 members of the public.

- May 8: Downtown Open House
- May 13: West Seattle Open House
- May 15: Ballard Open House

Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings

The program team attended two Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings in May, each of which was also attended by approximately 30 members of the public.

- May 8: Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 22: Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting

Fairs, Festivals and Farmers Markets

The project attended two events in May, and received approximately 300 visitors. Outreach events are summarized separately; summaries are available upon request.

- May 17-18: University Street Fair
- May 28: Wallingford Farmer's Market