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Your photo of the viaduct at the top of the notice you sent says it all. It is an ugly eyesore. Worse it is too close to surrounding buildings creating a terrible noise where people work and live. I urge you to please keep whatever design that you choose away from our homes. The huge number of us who rent and own homes in multiple dwellings downtown provide a major tax base and income to Seattle's coffers. We are not all rich people in pricey condo's who can insulate themselves from the ugliness and noise of a major highway ripping through our neighborhood. Many of us are students, low income housing dwellers, and service workers. Most of us walk or bike to work - thereby cutting highway congestion and fuel emissions. Please respect our downtown neighborhoods, our lifestyle and the healthy contribution residents in the downtown core make to our city. Choose a design that doesn't insult our eyes, our ears, and our lungs. Choose a design that is livable.
Carole McCarthy
Resident near Battery Street tunnel.

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SR 99 will primarily be located in the existing viaduct footprint and to the west of the existing structure in the S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Viaduct Replacement Project. Alaskan Way S. will be relocated east of SR 99 between S. Atlantic Street and S. King Street. With this project, noise levels are expected to remain the same or decrease by 1 to 2 dBA.

The State of Washington, King County, and the City of Seattle are working together to find a solution for the central waterfront section of the viaduct. However, the Environmental Assessment for the S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Viaduct Replacement Project does not address the scenarios being evaluated for the central waterfront. Comments on the central waterfront project have been shared with the central waterfront team, and any future comments can be submitted to viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov.