



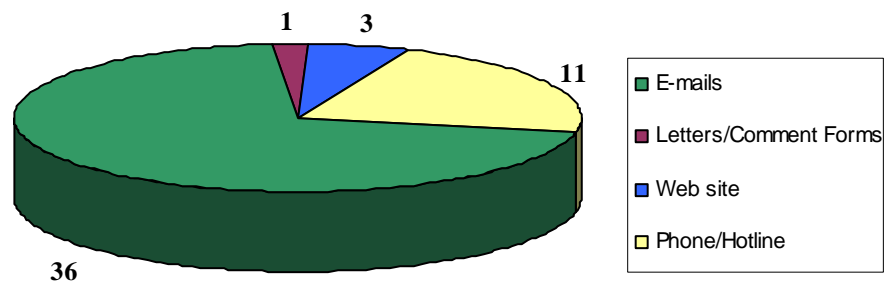
## OCTOBER 2008 COMMENT SUMMARY

### Introduction

In October, 51 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program team.

### Comment Format and Origin

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Comments and questions received at outreach events, such as the public walking tour, 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 October. 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 September comments.

#### Transportation:

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians, and bicycles. In October, there were 12 comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- Traffic in West Seattle during the morning commute is already poor. I live within 6 blocks of The Junction and it took me 1 ½ hours to get the Swedish Hospital on First Hill.
- Be it hybrid, electric, natural gas, or fuel cell powered, cars and trucks will be with us as essential modes of transport for the foreseeable future.

- There should be hanging bike lanes off the replacement structure on the waterfront side, with ramps to and from downtown.
- Many people from Fremont/Ballard use the viaduct as a way to bypass downtown.

### **Design/Construction:**

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

- Scenario E, 4-lane Integrated Elevated, is a completely walled off building snaking along the entire waterfront. Clearly, this is no solution whatsoever.
- A group of us park under the viaduct at Royal Brougham to catch a vanpool to Everett for work. Will we have to relocate to accommodate construction?
- I strongly urge you to reconsider closing the on- and off-ramps near Battery Street Tunnel.
- I really like the depressed/lidded roadway for the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement.

### **Economic:**

This group includes categories such as cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. In October, there was one comment in this category. Below is an extraction from this comment.

- The financial cost of closing the Alaskan Way Viaduct for an entire weekend for inspections and gutter clearing is many thousands of times more than would be the case should this work be done at night. Please consider changing this wasteful policy.

### **Transit:**

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

- It is important to recognize that the recent FTA ruling makes enhanced/expanded transit services no longer available to any public event facility or any other events.
- On the rare instances that I drive, it is because I need to be in my car, and public transit isn't often an option during these trips.

### **Environmental/Public Safety:**

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

- Please make sure that lighting improvements are made near the Battery Street Tunnel. Current lighting is inadequate and a danger to drivers.
- Views of Elliott Bay from the central waterfront area are very important to me.

## **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 October included:

### **Community Briefings**

The program team attended 11 community briefings in October.

- Oct 7: South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors (SLUFAN)
- Oct 9: Washington Trucking Association
- Oct 14: South Park Neighborhood Association

- Oct 14: Waterfront Neighborhood Marketing Committee
- Oct 14: Seattle Planning Commission
- Oct 16: Seattle Design Commission
- Oct 16: Seattle Design Commission
- Oct 21: Seattle Freight Mobility Advisory Committee
- Oct 23: Pioneer Square Community Association
- Oct 28: North Seattle Industrial Association (NSIA)
- Oct 28: Structural Engineers Association of Washington

### **Open Houses**

The program team hosted one open house, held in north Downtown. The event was attended by approximately 12 members of the public.

- Oct 16: North End Projects Preview

### **Stakeholder meetings**

The program team attended three stakeholder meetings in October.

- Oct 1: King County Metro
- Oct 3: Coast Guard
- Oct 28: Port of Seattle

### **Fairs, Festivals and Farmers Markets**

The program team attended one event in October, and received approximately 60 visitors. Outreach events are summarized separately; summaries are available upon request.

- Oct 15: Starbucks Transportation Fair

### **Site Tours**

The program team held one viaduct tour in October, which was attended by approximately 140 visitors.

- Oct 18: Alaskan Way Viaduct Site Tour