



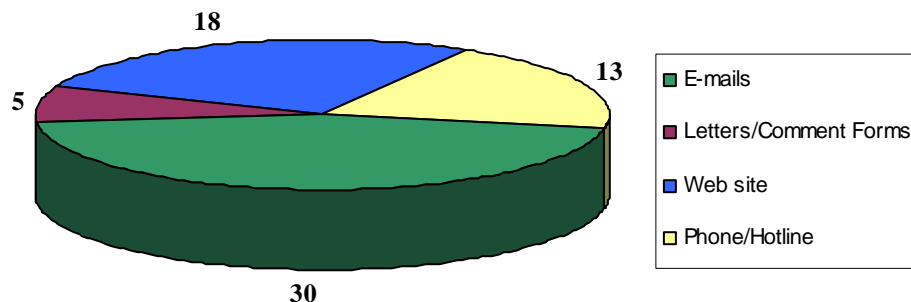
MARCH 2009 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In March 2009, 66 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program.

Comment format and origin

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Comments and questions received at outreach events are summarized separately.

Comment categories

We have six comment categories: transportation, design/construction, economic, transit, environmental/public safety and structures/locations. 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 March comments.

Transportation:

This category includes comments related to traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians and bicycles. In March, there were 10 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- How will traffic from Ballard flow effectively without access to the SR 99 bored tunnel from Elliott Avenue?
- I believe that an arterial for the west side of Seattle, other than I-5, is essential to be able to keep people moving.

- Please ensure that trucks will be able to use the SR 99 bored tunnel.
- How many cars will the bored tunnel be able to handle each day?

Design/Construction:

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall and engineering. In March, there were 18 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- I am excited about the bored tunnel being recommended; it keeps cars moving during construction!
- I am concerned about the design for the bored tunnel.
- How will construction of the bored tunnel affect traffic and properties?
- Are improvements to Interstate 5 still part of the bored tunnel alternative?
- I am disappointed that the bored tunnel only has two lanes in each direction.
- I like the bored tunnel option because it gives Seattle a chance to have a beautiful waterfront that will attract visitors!

Economic:

This category includes comments related to cost, funding, property value/acquisition and tolls. In March, there were 11 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- Are any businesses being displaced or closed for this project?
- Are federal recovery funds being sought to pay for the bored tunnel?
- Have you conducted a Cost Estimate Validation Process analysis for the bored tunnel costs?
- Will the bored tunnel be tolled?

Transit:

This category includes comments related to transit, such as light rail and buses. In March, there were five comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- I believe that surface light rail would be more cost effective and serve the city much better than building a bored tunnel.
- After the viaduct is gone, it would be great to connect the Seattle waterfront streetcar through the Battery Street Tunnel.

Environmental/Public Safety:

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

- I am concerned about soils sliding downhill in the event of an earthquake.
- I have not heard any planning for the sea level rising in the next 50–100 years.

Structures/Location:

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

- How many properties will be affected by this work?

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 March included:

Community briefings

The program team attended 17 community briefings in March.

- March 3: North end freight group
- March 3: Waterfront Landings Condo Association
- March 4: Southwest District Council
- March 10: South Park Neighborhood Association
- March 11: Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- March 11: Mountains to Sound Greenway
- March 12: Uptown Alliance
- March 12: Wedgwood Community Council
- March 16: Georgetown Community Council
- March 17: Associated General Contractors (AGC)
- March 17: South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce
- March 23: Ballard Public Forum
- March 25: Belltown Business Association and Belltown Community Council
- March 26: SR 99 Corridor Coalition
- March 30: Florida High School Engineering Class
- March 31: Skyline Rotary Club
- March 31: Manufacturing Industrial Council, Executive Committee

Stakeholder meetings

The program team attended one stakeholder meetings in March.

- March 18: 1531 Utah development

Site tours

The program team held one viaduct tour in March, which was attended by approximately 110 visitors.

- March 21: Alaskan Way Viaduct site tour