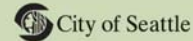
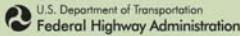


# Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program



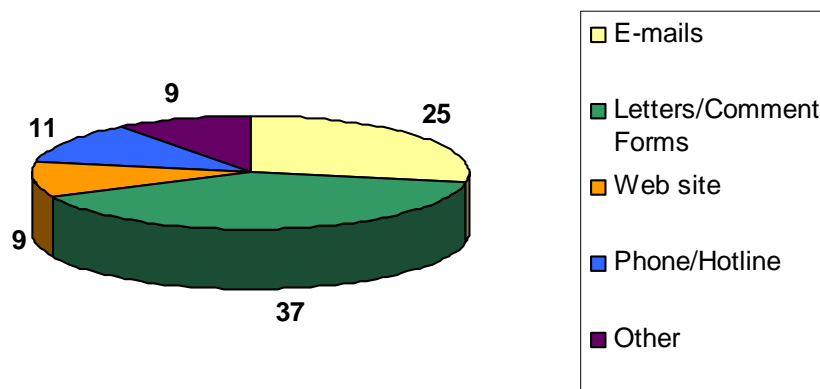
## JUNE 2009 COMMENT SUMMARY

### Introduction

In June 2009, 91 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program.

### Comment format and origin

#### Comment Format



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 June comments.

#### Transportation:

This category includes comments related to traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians and bicycles. In June, there were 15 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- Have you completed an origins and destinations traffic study for the existing viaduct?
- How will you mitigate the increased traffic from the bored tunnel's north portal around the surface streets at the Seattle Center neighborhoods?

- With the bored tunnel, there seems to be less throughput possible – we need more access, not less.

### **Design/Construction:**

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall and engineering. In June, there were 13 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- I would like to know who is doing the geotechnical drillings for the bored tunnel.
- Will the viaduct be closed during construction for its replacement?
- Where will the staging area be for all the construction vehicles, cement trucks, gravel trucks, etc. during the tunnel boring?
- Why is the state moving forward with tearing down the segment of the viaduct from S. Holgate Street to S. King Street before there is a plan for the south portal and complementary street grid?

### **Economic:**

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

- Has this project received any funding from the state’s general fund? Or has the funding come from transportation taxes, such as the gas tax?
- This much money should give us a lot of transportation improvement and better access.
- How will bored tunnel construction affect small businesses and the community on First Avenue, as well as on the waterfront?

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

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

- How will you mitigate the increased noise and pollution from surface traffic during construction?
- How will this project add to, remove, or affect Seattle’s urban forest?
- Please do not vent the bored tunnel near Pioneer Square and the north stadium area, as air quality is already a health issue there.

### **Structures/Location:**

This category includes comments related to historic structures and districts, portals, stadiums and neighborhoods. In June, there were 12 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- How will the bored tunnel’s vent buildings affect the visual quality in the immediate vicinity of their location?
- Which buildings will be claimed by eminent domain for bored tunnel construction?
- We own a building that may be impacted by the bored tunnel’s north portal. How will we be notified?
- What will happen to the Battery Street Tunnel once the bored tunnel is complete?

## **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 seven community briefings in June.

- June 8: Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting
- June 11: Downtown District Council
- June 16: Freight Mobility Advisory Council
- June 17: Belltown Business Association
- June 18: Seattle Design Commission
- June 23: North Seattle Industrial Association
- June 30: S. Holgate Street to S. King Street pre-construction briefing

### **Public meetings**

The program team hosted three public meeting in June, which was attended by approximately 110 people.

- June 8: AWV Replacement Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) public scoping meeting
- June 10: AWV Replacement Project SDEIS public scoping meeting
- June 11: AWV Replacement Project SDEIS public scoping meeting

### **Fairs and festivals**

The program team attended four fairs and festivals in June and received approximately 650 visitors.

- June 7: Broadway Farmers Market
- June 13: Magnolia Farmers Market
- June 20-21: Fremont Fair
- June 25: Cascade Farmers Market