



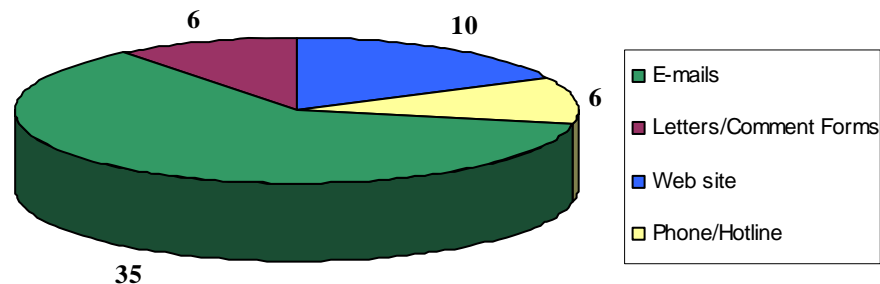
AUGUST 2008 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In August, 57 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program team.

Comment Format and Origin

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The program office did not receive any referred correspondence from the governor this month to respond to. 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. 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 August comments.

Transportation:

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians, and bicycles. In August, there were 13 comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- At least 50% of people who use the viaduct are not garaged in Seattle, please make sure to consider the needs of these users.
- It seems that with current skill and ability, construction wouldn't necessarily have to disrupt anyone's commute on the viaduct.
- Please do not reduce capacity on the viaduct. Replace it quickly with an alternative that addresses capacity needs and seismic safety concerns.

Design/Construction:

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. In August, there were 23 comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- The tunnel seems outrageously and pointlessly expensive.
- I hope that we can find a solution that avoids building a new viaduct right along the most beautiful urban waterfront in the United States.
- We must develop our water resource not with just a foundation system (seawall) to hold up the pier with wood or concrete piling, but develop the water resource under the piers or buildings we construct over water for fish farming.

Economic:

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

- Tolling or gas tax increases should be called upon to fund aspects of each viaduct alternative.
- How can you justify spending billions of tax payer dollars and make traffic and transportation worse?
- Spend all of the money that is needed to get this project done right the first time.

Transit:

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

- Can “synchronized signals” be overridden by streetcar drivers?
- We should plan for light rail lines, of some sort, to run along the waterfront in the future.

Environmental/Public Safety:

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

- The viaduct is a noisy, dirty monster that negatively impacts the waterfront experience.
- I sometimes see very heavily loaded trucks using the viaduct, this cannot be good for the structure and footings.
- The viaduct creates a habitat for drug users, homelessness, and prostitution. This safe haven needs to be recreated into a safer environment for the community’s sake.

Structures/Location:

This group includes categories like historic structures and districts, portals, stadiums and South Lake Union. In August, there was one comment in this category.

- A problem facing the possible remodel of old pier buildings is the Historical Significance issue.

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 August included:

Community Briefings

The program team attended seven community briefings in August.

- August 4: DSA Viaduct Task Force
- August 5: Seattle Planning Commission, Transportation Committee
- August 7: Ballard Kiwanis Club
- August 13: Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- August 14: AIA Seattle
- August 21: Parking and Access Review Committee
- August 21: Seattle Design Commission

Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings

The program team attended one Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings in August, it also attended by approximately 20 members of the public.

- August 28: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Fairs, Festivals and Farmers Markets

The program team attended nine events in July, and received approximately 1000 visitors. Outreach events are summarized separately; summaries are available upon request.

- August 1: Boeing Safety & Wellness Fair
- August 1, 2: Magnolia Summer Festival
- August 8: South Lake Union Block Party
- August 9: U-District Farmers Market
- August 9: Pinehurst Summer Social
- August 10: West Seattle Farmers Market
- August 16, 17: Central Area Community Festival
- August 23: Duwamish River Festival
- August 28: Columbia City Farmers Market