



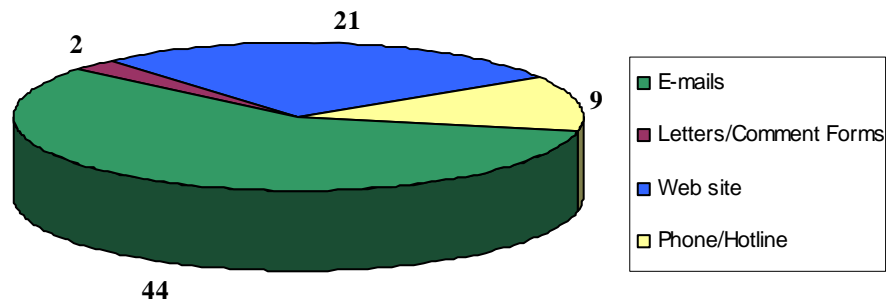
FEBRUARY 2009 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In February, 76 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 February comments.

Transportation:

This category includes comments related to traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians, and bicycles. In February, there were 8 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- We need at least three lanes each way along the waterfront.
- Although access to SR-99 from Ballard and Magnolia will be somewhat negatively affected by the deep bored tunnel plan, I believe it is the right move for Seattle's future mobility.
- There should be more on- and off-ramps.

Design/Construction:

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. In February, there were 33 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- Does the new ramp at Elliott and Western avenues create a new opportunity to remove or reshape the curb bulb?
- Will the viaduct be closed during bored tunnel construction?
- Whoever wins the contract to build the tunnel should also be responsible for its maintenance for the next 30 years.
- I am relieved that the final decision was to build the deep bored tunnel. This will open up the waterfront and make Seattle a more beautiful city.

Economic:

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

- How will the bored tunnel hybrid project affect the economic vitality of in-city industrial areas, such as Interbay and the Duwamish Industrial Area?
- The entire state shouldn't have to pay for one tunnel in Seattle.

Transit:

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

- Develop the light rail and railroad systems to reduce the need for further highway expenditure.
- We need more rapid transit lines.

Environmental/Public Safety:

This category includes comments related to noise issues, public safety, earthquakes, and visual quality. In February, there were 12 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- The constant roar of overhead traffic by the current viaduct disturbs what should be a tranquil Seattle "entrance."
- Please make sure that the direction of traffic flow at tunnel entrances is very prominent. A wrong-way driver could wreck havoc to tunnel travelers.

Structures/Location:

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

- I am concerned about the city's historic buildings that run along the viaduct in close proximity.

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 February included:

Community Briefings

The program team attended 25 community briefings in February.

- Feb. 2: Downtown Seattle Association, Transportation Committee
- Feb. 4: Interbay Neighborhood Association
- Feb. 6: Transportation Choices Friday Forum
- Feb. 6: SeaShore Transportation Forum
- Feb. 9: Horizon House
- Feb. 10: Aurora Avenue Merchants Association
- Feb. 10: Admiral Neighborhood Association
- Feb. 10: Senate Transportation Committee Public Hearing
- Feb. 11: West Seattle Kiwanis Club
- Feb. 12: Magnolia Community Club
- Feb. 12: WTS Luncheon
- Feb. 17: Freight Mobility Advisory Committee
- Feb. 17: South County Area Transportation Board
- Feb. 18: Fauntleroy Community Association
- Feb. 12: Delridge District Council
- Feb. 19: Alki Community Council
- Feb. 20: Eastside Transportation Partnership
- Feb. 23: Burien City Council
- Feb. 24: American Institute of Architects - Seattle
- Feb. 25: Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee
- Feb. 25: Pioneer Square Community Association
- Feb. 25: Fremont Chamber of Commerce
- Feb. 25: Queen Anne Community Council - Transportation Committee
- Feb. 25: Municipal League of King County
- Feb. 26: Ballard Kiwanis Club

Open Houses

The program team hosted open houses in Ballard and West Seattle. The events were attended by approximately 220 members of the public.

- Feb. 23: Central waterfront public scoping open house in Ballard
- Feb. 24: Central waterfront public scoping open house in West Seattle