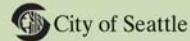
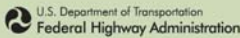


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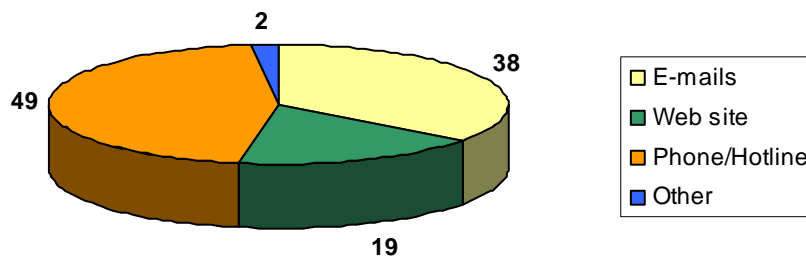
JULY 2009 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In July 2009, 108 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 July comments.

Transportation:

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

- You've closed the center turn lane on Alaskan Way, causing the trucks that pull into the Port of Seattle Terminal 46 to line up on Alaskan Way. This is causing back ups.
- I was very supportive of the tunnel until I realized there are no downtown exits or entrances.
- I don't see how the two lanes of the tunnel will handle the traffic that SR 99 carries with three and, in some places, four lanes.

Design/Construction:

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall and engineering. In July, there were five comments in this category.

- Are there conceptual maps of the bored tunnel's north portal available to the public?
- What is the route of the new tunnel that's replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct?
- No tunnel, please!
- I am concerned about the height, form and massing of the new bored tunnel vent building proposed for Aurora Avenue between Harrison and Thomas Streets.

Economic:

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

- How much of the program's cost needs to be financed?
- How are costs of the program estimated?
- Those who pay real estate taxes would be hard hit unless all the money is available without raising real estate taxes. Is the bored tunnel to be built without raising real estate taxes?

Transit:

This category includes comments related to transit, such as light rail and buses. In July, there was one comment in this category.

- Why is there no light rail planned for the bored tunnel?

Environmental/Public Safety:

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

- I have noticed that northbound drivers on Alaskan Way who get stuck at Atlantic Street due to a train crossing the roadway have started crossing the double yellow line and using the southbound lane as a northbound passing lane – oblivious to the fact that cyclists may be heading southbound.
- Please allow the use of broken concrete from the viaduct to be used as artificial reefs in Puget Sound.

Structures/Location:

This category includes comments related to historic structures and districts, portals, stadiums and neighborhoods. In July, there were three comments in this category.

- Is there any way I could salvage some of the reusable pieces of Pier 48 before it is demolished?
- Why don't the current plans utilize the tunnel we already have, the Battery Street Tunnel?
- The Battery Street Tunnel might serve a very useful purpose once SR 99 bypasses it – an emergency shelter or homeless shelter.

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 five community briefings in July.

- July 1: Regional Access Mobility Partnership
- July 13: Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council
- July 15: Morgan Community Association
- July 28: Amalgamated Transit Union
- July 29: Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee

Fairs and festivals

The program team attended 10 fairs and festivals in July and received approximately 1,600 visitors.

- July 8: King County Transportation Fair
- July 10-12: West Seattle Summer Fest
- July 11-12: Chinatown-International District Festival
- July 15: King County Transportation Fair
- July 18-19: White Center Jubilee Days
- July 25-26: Ballard Seafood Festival
- July 29: Boeing Safety Fair
- July 29: Maple Leaf Summer Social
- July 31: Boeing Safety Fair
- July 31: Magnolia Summer Festival