



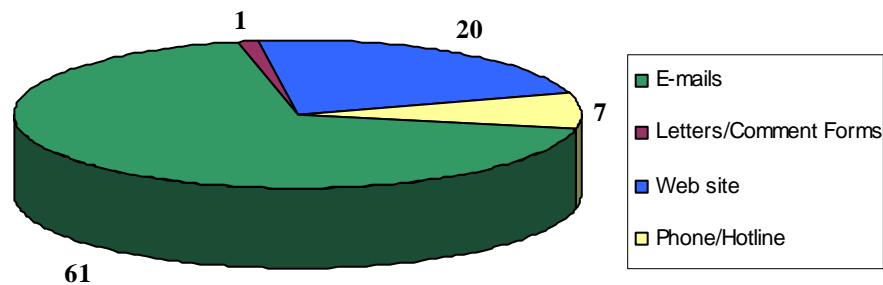
NOVEMBER 2008 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In November, 89 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. No comments were received in November for the structures/locations category. 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 November comments.

Transportation:

This category includes comments related to traffic, connections/circulation, pedestrians, and bicycles. In November, there were 18 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- My daily commute is via the viaduct, and I'm very concerned that the commuter is not fully considered.
- Seattle drivers know the viaduct as a quick and efficient way to travel through downtown Seattle.

- It is dangerous to let pedestrian traffic interrupt auto traffic.
- Second and Fourth avenues are both very busy streets, and I do not feel that sharrows provide adequate safety for bicyclists.

Design/Construction:

This category includes comments related to construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. In November, there were 30 comments in this category. Below is a sampling.

- I think that since we will have to use surface streets during the demolition and construction of the new SR 99, travelers will adapt to the temporary alternatives easily, showing that surface street alternatives do work.
- The covered promenades in Bologna, Italy are so beautiful. This should be a feature that we consider incorporating into any viaduct replacement design.
- The elevated structure with the park and business levels is very good and forward looking.
- A tunnel option would be well worth the cost and effort.

Economic:

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

- Did you model any of the likely tolling scenarios on the floating bridges?
- We should build what is the best solution regardless of cost!
- Is there enough funding to actually pay for these options?

Transit:

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

- I see that most options list a West Seattle ferry, but nothing says if it will be passenger only or auto ferry. I would say it would be best to have an auto carrying ferry.
- Transit improvements must include some form of rapid transit throughout the area.
- Keep surface transit in downtown, not on the waterfront.

Environmental/Public Safety:

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

- What are the differences in tons of pollutants between each scenario?
- I suggest that “quiet pavement” be used on any replacement option.
- Seattle voters know that the viaduct is vulnerable in an earthquake. Please ensure that a decision and replacement is completed sooner rather than later.

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 November included:

Community Briefings

The program team attended nine community briefings in November.

- Nov 3: Building Owners and Managers Association
- Nov 3: International District Forum
- Nov 5: Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
- Nov 10: Port of Seattle
- Nov 14: Western Avenue businesses and residents
- Nov 14: Stadium representatives
- Nov 17: Pike Place Market residents and merchants
- Nov 24: Pioneer Square Community Association
- Nov 25: West Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors

Stakeholder Meetings

The program team attended three stakeholder meetings in November.

- Nov 13: Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Nov 20: Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Nov 24: Stakeholder Advisory Committee briefing