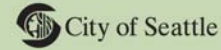
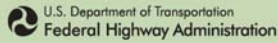


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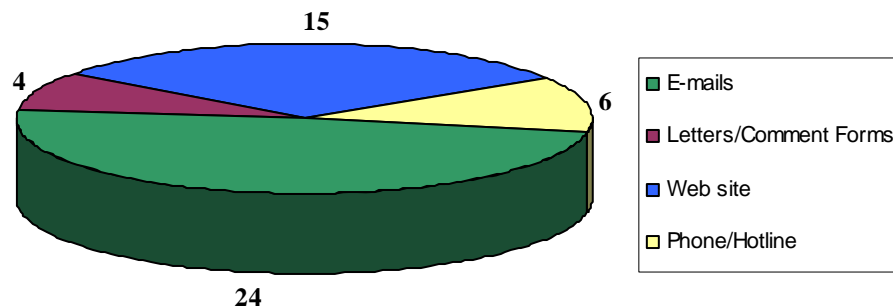
MAY 2009 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In May 2009, 49 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 May comments.

Transportation:

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

- I live in West Seattle and was interested in information on what the impact will be during construction. Does the deep bore option allow the viaduct to stay open during construction?

- How, exactly, are people from Ballard, Magnolia and parts of Queen Anne supposed to get into this new tunnel?
- What are the impacts to parking by the waterfront?

Design/Construction:

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

- Who will get the contract for the tunnel boring machine?
- What is the alignment for the tunnel?
- Are there any renderings of the proposed streetscape between Denny Way and Republican Street?
- A side tunnel with two lanes should be built to give the northwest area of the city access to the main two-level deep bored tunnel.

Economic:

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

- I'm trying to find out more detail about the \$937 million the city will pay and the \$300 million the port will pay. What specific projects are they responsible for and how do these costs break down?
- Think about the taxpayers first and then get the job done – this should have the vote of the public.
- Where can a concerned citizen find the amount of taxpayer money that has been totally spent and where can a taxpayer view the accounting?

Transit:

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

- This is crazy to build a new tunnel and not build it for future needs, such as light rail.

Environmental/Public Safety:

This category includes comments related to noise issues, public safety, earthquakes and visual quality. In May, there was one comment in this category.

- What environmental document requirements remain for the recently adopted bored tunnel under First Avenue: a new environmental impact statement (EIS), a supplemental EIS or an environmental assessment?

Structures/Location:

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

- What will happen to the “tailgater’s heaven” parking lot near the stadiums during viaduct construction?
- Is it possible to get a date when you will start the geotechnical drilling by my house, so I can make other arrangements to get around?

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 May included:

Community briefings

The program team attended nine community briefings in May.

- May 1: Puget Sound Regional Council, Regional Freight Mobility Roundtable
- May 4: University of Washington, Transportation and Construction Seminar
- May 7: Port of Seattle SODO Regional Construction Update
- May 12: Seattle Center Resident Director's Group
- May 13: Edmonds Community College Construction Class
- May 20: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Quarterly Trucker's Meeting
- May 21: Seattle Design Commission
- May 26: Manufacturing Industrial Council, Executive Committee
- May 28: Commute Trip Reduction Program

Public meetings

The program team hosted one public meeting in May, which was attended by approximately 170 people.

- May 5: Bored Tunnel Contracting Forum

Fairs and festivals

The program team attended four fairs and festivals in May and received approximately 800 visitors.

- May 14: Burien Farmers Market
- May 15: Bike to Work Day
- May 16-17: University District Street Fair
- May 20: Wallingford Farmers Market