



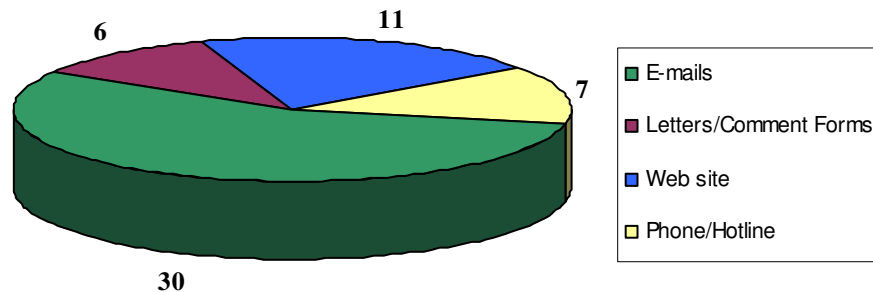
JUNE 2008 COMMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

In June, 54 comments were submitted to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program team.

Comment Format and Origin

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This month's comment totals include two pieces of correspondence to the governor that were referred to the program office for response. 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 June comments.

Transportation:

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

- Reversible express lanes do not help to ease congestion.
- To make traffic really hum, we should remove stoplights in several locations.
- Will bicycle commuting be impacted by South End construction?

Design/Construction:

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. In June, there were 16 comments in this category. Below is a sampling of the comments.

- There should be new entrances and exits on SR 99 at South Atlantic Street by the stadiums.
- When the South Holgate to South King Street construction project is complete, will it be easy to access I-90 eastbound from northbound SR 99?
- I would like to suggest that the viaduct be replaced by a two-level tunnel.

Economic:

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

- Couldn't any bridge design cost less than a tunnel?
- If we replaced part of the viaduct with retail space we could pay for a new structure by lease revenue, not by raising taxes.

Transit:

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

- I support an HOV lane policy of 3 persons or more as long as it helps busses get downtown in a shorter amount of time.
- Our population is car crazy and they will not make the transition to mass transit overnight. Flexibility and transition steps are key.

Environmental/Public Safety:

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

- The recent collapse of the bridge in Minnesota makes me hope that I will see improvements made on the viaduct in the near future.
- Many people enjoy the view of the bay from the downtown waterfront.

Structures/Location:

This group includes categories like historic structures and districts, portals, stadiums and South Lake Union. In June, there were four comments in this category.

- The viaduct should be rerouted to go over the existing historical buildings in Pioneer Square.

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 June included:

Community Briefings

The program team attended three community briefings in June.

- June 2: Lake Union District Council

- June 3: Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce, Tukwila Government and Community Affairs Committee
- June 24: Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce, Des Moines Business Committee

Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings

The program team attended one Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings in June, it also attended by approximately 45 members of the public.

- June 26: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Fairs, Festivals and Farmers Markets

The program team attended six events in June, and received approximately 1200 visitors. Outreach events are summarized separately; summaries are available upon request.

- June 7: Magnolia Farmers Market
- June 8: West Seattle Farmers Market
- June 21-22: Fremont Fair
- June 27: Phinney Farmers Market
- June 28: Georgetown Artopia
- June 28-29: Burien Strawberry Festival