



South Holgate Street to South King Street Viaduct Replacement Project Comment Form

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) welcome your comments on the environmental assessment for the South Holgate Street to South King Street Viaduct Replacement Project. Please respond to the below questions and drop them in a comment box, or return to the address listed on the other side. To be considered as part of the official hearing period, comments must be postmarked by Aug. 11, 2008.

WSDOT studied a number of factors during the environmental assessment process, such as transportation, land use, visual quality and air quality. Do you have comments on any of our findings?

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WSDOT claims that the views from the southern portion will not be substantially different. This is not true. Clearly, the view is many times better currently when traveling N. Though not as extensive as the views discussed in the April 6, 2008 edition of the "Seattle Times Pacific Northwest Sunday Magazine" for rich condo buyers & businesses, the views that riding on the viaduct provides are DYNAMIC, offering a splendid view of Seattle. Furthermore, this is public, not just for car/bus users but open to anyone who can afford bus fares. Unlike land acquisition problems with the monorail, this right-of-way is already in use; improving the elevated viaduct wouldn't require buying up lots/lands. Rebuild the double-decker structure in place.

Do you have any additional comments on the environmental assessment?

The views from the viaduct traveling northbound are so spectacular that they should be U.N. environmentally protected.

Maintaining the Seattle "quality of life" exhibited by the N-bound Views doesn't appear to have been considered at all after the spring 2006 Show-and-tell.

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In Chapter 3 of the EA (p. 59), under the question "How would the project affect views?," the text states that "views from the new SR 99 roadway would not be substantially different than views from the existing viaduct. Motorists traveling northbound would still experience panoramic views of the downtown skyline." It goes on to state that for southbound SR 99 travelers, the "views of the stadiums and SODO area ... would improve somewhat with the new roadway configuration, because these views would no longer be blocked by the upper roadway."

Your preference for an elevated structure alternative solution continuing north through the downtown area, and the views that an elevated structure would provide, are noted and acknowledged here.