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Hon. Ron Sims, King County Executive
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Dear Governor Gregoire, Executive Sims and Mayor Nickels,

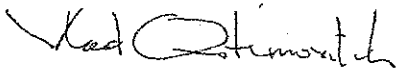
We would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the Alaskan Way Viaduct stakeholder process and to state our support for studying a bored tunnel/surface "P3" option for replacing the existing structure. It represents a unique opportunity to preserve the essential SR 99-509 transportation corridor in the region (which will be even more heavily travelled once 509 is connected to I-5 through Des Moines), while still allowing the waterfront to be reconnected with the downtown.

We understand that the State will contribute \$2.8 billion to the project, and that additional sources of funding (such as a downtown LID and tolling) will need to be evaluated in order to allow this alternative to be implemented. While this is being studied, it may be worthwhile to proceed with improvements to I-5, transit and other surface enhancements, with the stipulation that sufficient State funding be reserved to build an elevated replacement of the Viaduct if such funding (for the preferred P3 option) is not identified.

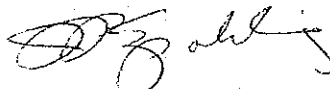
Following twelve months of meetings and extensive review and analysis, we firmly believe that you now have the opportunity to advance a viable and balanced Viaduct replacement plan that is consistent with the six guiding principles established by you and the project team

Thank you for the opportunity to help inform your decision on the appropriate replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. We also wish to thank the project team representing the three transportation agencies. The team brought considerable dedication and expertise to this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you to support a viable and appropriate replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

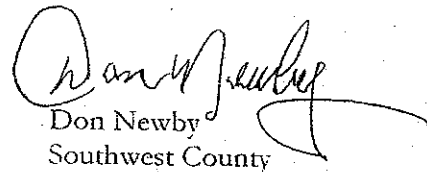
Sincerely,



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Alaskan Way Viaduct

Guiding Principles

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Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct is to be grounded in the city, state and county's recognition of, commitment to and integration across a set of six guiding principles. These guiding principles are as follows:

- **Improve public safety.** Replacing the viaduct is an urgent public safety issue. Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must improve public safety for current viaduct users and along the central waterfront.
- **Provide efficient movement of people and goods now and in the future.** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must optimize the ability to move people and goods today and in the future in and through Seattle in an efficient manner, including access to businesses, port and rail facilities during and after construction.
- **Maintain or improve downtown Seattle, regional, the port and state economies.** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must sustain the city, region, port and state's economic vitality during and after construction.
- **Enhance Seattle's waterfront, downtown and adjacent neighborhoods as a place for people.** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must augment Seattle's reputation as a world-class destination.
- **Create solutions that are fiscally responsible.** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must make wise and efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The state's contribution to the project is not to exceed \$2.8 billion in 2012 dollars.
- **Improve the health of the environment.** Any solution to the Alaskan Way Viaduct must demonstrate environmental leadership, with a particular emphasis on supporting local, regional and state climate change, water quality and Puget Sound recovery initiatives.

Note: This document has been commented on and reviewed by the Project Oversight Committee (which includes the Governor, King County Executive, Mayor, Chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees, and Transportation Chairs from the Seattle and King County Council), the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, the WSDOT Deputy Secretary, the King County DOT Director and the Seattle DOT Director.