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SR 99: ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT & SEAWALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Submitted pursuant to
the National Enviornmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4322(2)(c))
and the State Enviornmental Policy Act (SEPA)(Ch. 43.21 C RCW)

by the
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Abstract

The existing Alaskan Way Viaduct (SR 99) and Alaskan Way Seawall are at the end of their useful life and must be replaced. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and City of Seattle (in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers (Seattle District), Federal Transit Administration, King County, and Port of Seattle) plan to replace the existing facilities in order to provide structures capable of withstanding earthquakes and to maintain or improve mobility and accessibility for people and goods along the corridor. The SR 99 corridor provides vital transportation connections in to and through downtown Seattle, as well as between various other regional destinations. The seawall supports Seattle's central waterfront, the Alaskan Way surface street, and numerous utilities serving the city's urban core. The seawall also supports soil surrounding the foundations of the viaduct. Failure of either structure would create severe hardships for the city and region, and could possibly cause injury or death. For these reasons, the draft environmental impact statement analyzes five build alternatives for their potential effects on the human and natural environment. The analysis also considers construction and cumulative effects. A preferred alternative is not identified.

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