Washington Transportation Secretary makes statement regarding Alaskan Way Viaduct project

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SEATTLE – Washington Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond today issued the following statement regarding the Alaskan Way Viaduct project.

"I want to thank the Seattle City Council and Council President Richard Conlin for signing the supplemental draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement along Seattle's central waterfront. His signature allows the environmental analysis of the proposed bored tunnel to be released for public review and comment next month. It also means that the City of Seattle will remain as our partner as we respond to public comments on the environmental analysis, develop mitigation measures, and prepare the final EIS."

"The Federal Highway Administration, the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Seattle Department of Transportation have been working toward today's deadline to sign the supplemental draft EIS for over a year. We cannot delay releasing this document for public review, and still maintain our schedule to take down the seismically vulnerable viaduct. We look forward to continuing our nine-year partnership with the city to ensure this project meets the needs of Washington state and the City of Seattle."

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