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Seattle Times

Mike Lindblom, Seattle Times, met with Ron Paananen, John White, and Theresa Greco about the information on past expenditures to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct that was provided to him as the result of a public disclosure request filed by the newspaper. Mike asked what has been accomplished with the funds spent to date and whether any of the money spent will not be used for the bored tunnel, which is the preferred option. It was emphasized that much of the work completed will be useful -- utility relocation, seawall, fire/life safety systems for the tunnel, south mile of the viaduct (under construction later this year), base mapping, etc. All of the right-of-way purchases are needed for the bored tunnel; there are tenants on some of the property paying rent to the state. WSDOT will be closely managing the scope and budget of the bored tunnel to ensure the project is completed on time and on budget. Mike asked questions about the Port of Seattle's contribution to the project. If the Port does not contribute \$300 million, there would be a funding gap; we don't need their funding right away; and we can't speculate what would happen if the contribution did not happen. Mike will be out of town next week and will work on the story when he returns.