

To: Central and Eastern Washington Legislators  
From: Charles Pomianek  
Re: SR 99 Corridor

The members of Wenatchee Valley Traffic Association, an organization representing tree fruit grower/shippers and marketers in North Central Washington, export to foreign markets in excess of 15 million packs of fresh fruit each year. The majority of this fruit is shipped out of the port of Seattle. With this in mind we are extremely concerned about keeping our traffic moving efficiently through the Ports facilities. This mobility is essential not only to our members but to our region's economy.

In this regard, the SR 99 corridor in Seattle represents a critical link in our shipping route to the port. Recognizing the need to replace the earthquake-damaged Alaskan Way Viaduct, we have studied the various proposed alternatives and have come to the conclusion that the deep bore tunnel option is the best one for our members and our economy.

The deep bore option avoids most of the disruption that would be caused by either a replacement elevated structure or a surface-only option. That disruption, of up to six years or more, would damage our area's agricultural economy, not to mention other freight-driven industries. Therefore, we support the deep bore hybrid alternative and encourage our House representatives to vote for it.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles T. Pomianek".

Charles Pomianek  
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Wenatchee Valley Traffic Association