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Take the first look at the bored tunnel hybrid plan to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct; open houses on Feb. 23 and 24

SEATTLE – WSDOT, King County, and the City of Seattle will share information about the plan to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall at two open houses next week.

Last month, Gov. Chris Gregoire, King County Executive Ron Sims, and Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels announced their recommendation to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The recommendation includes a 1.7 mile, deep-bored tunnel under downtown, transit investments, and improvements to the waterfront and downtown surface streets. This is the public's first chance since the executives' recommendation to learn more about the bored tunnel hybrid plan, ask questions, and provide comments.

Ballard

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 23, 2009

Adams Elementary School

6110 28th Ave. NW, Seattle

Served by King County Metro bus routes 17, 18, 44, 75

West Seattle

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009

Madison Middle School

3429 45th Ave. SW, Seattle

Served by King County Metro bus routes 51, 55, 56, 57, 128

Project engineers will be on hand to answer questions about the bored tunnel and other improvements as well as how to access the tunnel from West Seattle and Northwest neighborhoods such as Ballard and Magnolia.

For those who cannot attend the open house, the materials will be posted on the project Web site at www.alaskanwayviaduct.org. Comments can also be sent by e-mail at viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov or by mail to: Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program 999 Third Ave., Suite 2424, Seattle, WA 98104.

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