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Hon. Ron Sims, King County Executive
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Hon. Greg Nickels, City of Seattle Mayor
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Dear Governor Gregoire, Executive Sims and Mayor Nickels,

Over one year ago, you requested that we participate in a Stakeholder Advisory Committee to help inform your decision regarding the replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

We commend you for assembling such a diverse citizen committee, which broadly represents labor, environmental, neighborhood and business interests. Together, we have invested hundreds of hours over the course of dozens of meetings to bring our perspectives and critical thinking to this project on behalf of those we represent.

After considerable analysis, input and consultation with our constituencies we recommend & conclude the following:

- Move forward with an Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Plan that includes improvements to I-5, transit, surface streets and potential for construction of a deep bore tunnel.
- These improvements should move forward as soon as possible to mitigate removal of the Viaduct.
- The State's contribution to the project should be capped at \$2.8 billion.
- The region should be responsible for finding additional revenue for the project through variable tolling and other regional means to pay the extra construction costs of the project, including a potential bored tunnel.
- A state-funded Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement should include review of an I-5/surface/transit hybrid, including the proposed building block investments. Sufficient funds should also be included within the SEIS for design and necessary environmental review of construction of a bored tunnel with a commitment to bring it to a record of decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to help inform your decision on the appropriate replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. We would be remiss to not also compliment the project team representing the three transportation agencies. The team has brought immeasurable professionalism, dedication and expertise to this effort.

Sincerely,



Mary McCumber
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Rob Sexton
Downtown Seattle Association



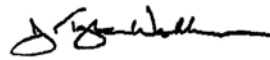
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