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Good afternoon panelists,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our community forum on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ballard High School. The program starts at 7pm and will run until 9pm. We ask that you all arrive at 630, so that we can briefly run through responsibilities and process. Participants are listed below

Peter Philips, (welcoming remarks and housekeeping)  
Ron Paananen, WSDOT (introductory comments)

**Moderator:**

Peter Philips, Philips Publishing Group

**Panelists:**

John Reilly, WSDOT engineering consultant  
Ron Posthuma, KCDOT  
Bob Powers, SDOT  
Jim Hebert, Economist, Hebert Research  
Andy Dempsey PE, Independent Traffic Engineer

The forum will be broken into three parts: Introduction, Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A. Given the tight timeframe we *will* stay on schedule. It's billed as a forum, so we need to give the audience ample time to have their questions answered.

**Introduction (10 minutes)**

I will begin the evening with brief opening comments, an outline of the format and recognition of the sponsors: Ballard District Council, BINMIC and the Queen Anne/Magnolia District Council.

I will then introduce the panelists and turn the floor over to WSDOT's Ron Paananen for a 5 minute overview of the current state of the viaduct. Ron, 5 minutes should be plenty of time to set the stage: The viaduct was built in 1953 to serve the city's traffic needs of the time and the foreseeable future. It has been deemed necessary to replace the aging structure and the current proposal is a bored tunnel. We hope you can bring two PowerPoint images that illustrate the current structure, and the configuration of the bored tunnel/surface hybrid changes proposed.

This forum is specifically intended to examine the bored tunnel and its effects on the neighborhoods north of Denny. That should be the focus of your overview.

**Panel Discussion (50 minutes)**

After Ron's brief overview of the topic of discussion, I will ask each of the panelists to identify himself, and give us a brief description of his role and/or expertise in the subject matter. Once each panelist is identified, I will pose the following questions of you.

- Given that the replacement capacity of the tunnel/surface hybrid is less than current capacity, how will the city, state and county work to move the increasing number of Puget Sound residents expected as our population grows
- How will we access south end destinations as well as downtown Seattle?

- What kind of access will we have to the northern entrance of the tunnel?
- Will trucks be able to use the tunnel or will they use surface streets?
- How will travel times through the corridor be affected?
- What are the green house gas implications of the tunnel vs. the existing structure?
- Why is an economic impact study so important to decisions affecting the Alaskan Way Viaduct?
- What are the funding assumptions for construction of the tunnel and how will your respective agencies adjust if revenues do not come in as expected?

**Audience Q&A (60 minutes)**

During our discussion of the pre-submitted questions listed above we will be collecting written questions from the audience. Volunteers from our sponsor organizations will compile questions not already addressed, and pass them on to me, and I will ask them of the panelist(s) as appropriate. We will budget 45 minutes of the second hour to answer the written questions from the audience, after which we will open it up to comments from the floor. We will adjourn at 9pm promptly.

Thank you all for your participation in what promises to be a valuable and objective look at how future transportation decisions will affect our neighborhoods. If any of you have questions or comments not addressed here, please feel free to contact me over the weekend or on Monday at either of the numbers below, or via email.

I'll look forward to seeing you all on Monday at 630pm!

Peter

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