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Viaduct decision put off until January

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OLYMPIA — Gov. Chris Gregoire has postponed her decision on how to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct, a decision she had promised to make this week.

“[T]here continues to be extraordinary stakeholder response to the list of potential viaduct replacement options,” Gregoire said in a joint statement with Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels and King County Executive Ron Sims issued from her office yesterday. “As a result ... we have asked our respective transportation teams to continue their review.”

“[A] final recommendation will be made to the state Legislature in January,” the statement said.

The Legislature convenes on Jan. 12.

Earlier this month, the viaduct project team narrowed its choices to two: a surface option or a new double viaduct.