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Open houses on bored tunnel plans

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SEATTLE — The Washington State Department of Transportation is hosting three open houses next week to talk about how it plans to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct with a bored tunnel and surface street improvements.

Last month, Gov. Chris Gregoire, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels and King County Executive Ron Sims announced their decision to replace the viaduct with a 1.7-mile bored tunnel. The decision overruled the community stakeholders who met for over a year about the viaduct and who said that the tunnel was too expensive.

WSDOT will hold an open house Feb. 23 in Ballard at Adams Elementary School, 6110 28th Ave. N.W., and on Feb. 24 in West Seattle at Madison Middle School, 3429 45th Ave. S.W. Both open houses will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

On Feb. 25, WSDOT will hold a meeting for the Pioneer Square Community Association from noon to 1 p.m. at 201 Yesler Way, Suite B.