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My apologies in being a few days late on this, planning for this week's tunnel expert panel has been a bit of a distraction.

3/5/09 - Christie Parker, House Trans, phone discussion

Spoke to Christie last Thursday primarily about Elliott/Western connections to the bored tunnel. She had heard that we might still be considering options for spur connections from the tunnel to Elliott/Western. I informed her that we had assessed the cost and constructability/risk issues related to making a of mined and cut/cover tunnel connection to the single bore tunnel. I informed her that due to the complexity of making that type of connection, as well as the scope required to make the connection at reasonable grades, the estimated $700 - $800 million cost comes close to the cost of the bored tunnel itself. I informed her that we had also looked at other alternates for NW tunnel connections, such as a Mercer Place tunnel that emerges in Mercer near the Seattle Center. This was also found to be cost prohibitive. I also mentioned our efforts in preparing graphics that illustrate people's options in connecting to the tunnel and getting to or through downtown. We also discussed changes to the BST program with the bored tunnel. I described that BST would not be part SR 99 (and thus not under State responsibility), and that it most likely would end up closed. With that, our current plans call for us to maintain and repair the current tunnel as necessary to keep it safe until the bored tunnel is open, along with carrying the cost to decommission it later.

Christie asked if I could follow up with some back-up info on the Elliott/Western connection idea, in case members asked further questions, my thought had been to send her the two attachments included here.

John