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I just wanted to provide a short heads up on what is to be presented tonight to the Stakeholder Advisory Group, which you will be hearing much more about over the coming days. The Tri-Agency Transportation Directors/Secretary have mutually agreed on a proposed short list recommendation to the Governor/Mayor/County Exec. The two hybrid proposals, each with a very specific set of projects and costs identified, are the Surface & Transit (Alaskan Way/Western couplet) and Independent Elevated. A detail being presented specific to the Surface & Transit hybrid is that it can be designed and built to not preclude or facilitate a bored tunnel in the future, which is beyond current available funding.

At tonight's SAC meeting, the rationale for screening down to these two hybrids will be presented, along with updated cost information. Keep in mind that this is only a Tri-Agency recommendation to the chief execs for consideration, and that the final options that advance can still change based on direction from the Governor/Mayor/County Exec and the state legislature. As of later today there will be a large amount of information posted to the project web site supporting this recommendation, based on the cumulative analysis to date. Once again, I'd like to thank the many people within this office and the broader team that have worked so very hard to support the effort to get us to the point of this recommendation.

Stay tuned as we head towards a final recommendation, I'll do my best to provide timely information.

John