

Seattle Planning Commission / Seattle Design Commission Recommended Principles on the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Abbreviated Version - June 01, 2004

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PRINCIPLES

Plan within a Broad Context and Address the Diversity of Users

1. **Principle:** *Retain current capacity provided by the Viaduct to move people and goods, but within the broader context of the transportation system that serves and provides access to and through downtown.*
2. **Principle:** *Design the Viaduct project to meet each of the various users' needs, but look broadly at a variety of transportation modes and corridors serving and going through downtown to meet these different needs.*

Provide Improved Connections

3. **Principle:** *Plan and design the new Viaduct to improve at grade connections to the waterfront and other downtown neighborhoods so that it is part of knitting together downtown.*

LAND USE RELATED PRINCIPLES

Support a Broad Vision for the Waterfront and its Connections to Downtown

4. **Principle:** *The final Viaduct design alternative should contribute to the City's long term goals of enhancing access to the waterfront and connections between the waterfront and adjacent downtown neighborhoods.*
5. **Principle:** *Recognize that downtown and the waterfront have increasingly become destinations unto themselves, which represents a significant shift in function and intent since the Viaduct was first constructed as a bypass route to circumvent the City.*

Acknowledge the Viaduct as prominent element of the Waterfront and Downtown

6. **Principle:** *Ensure that the final design selected for the Viaduct replacement has a positive influence on the character of the area between the waterfront and adjacent neighborhoods/buildings.*

COLLABORATION

Work Collaboratively

7. **Principle:** *The WSDOT and the City of Seattle agreement to collaborate on this project will include a number of related projects and transportation modes, and must result in a multi-faceted approach to meeting the various transportation needs and functions served by the current Viaduct.*