

**The American Institute of Architects Seattle Chapter urges Seattle voters to vote “No” on elevated viaduct replacement, citing the following reasons:**

**Environment:** The new viaduct would increase greenhouse gas emissions, add to toxic runoff, and expend precious resources on car-based transportation solutions rather than promote sustainable development.

**Scale:** The new viaduct would be much larger and noisier, eliminate views for drivers, and extend almost to the waterfront in historic Pioneer Square

**Civic space:** The new viaduct would forever divide the city from its waterfront, forfeiting this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a downtown civic space for all Seattle's citizens.

**AIA Seattle advocates the following actions:**

**Immediately remove the viaduct:** Eliminate the human safety risk by immediately removing the existing viaduct.

**Invest in mitigation and improvements:** Expend available resources to complete surface improvements to port and traffic access which will be required for any eventual solution

**Study all available solutions:** Take the time to fully study and analyze all available alternatives to an elevated structure.