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Subject: Resolution Regarding Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program Updates

Dear Council President Conlin and Viaduct Committee Co-Chairs Rasmussen, Bagshaw and Clark:

I am writing you today to support the proposed resolution you will be considering Monday, February 7, 2011. The resolution calls for continued coordination and regular updates to the City Council regarding progress on the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement. We believe it will ensure a continued open and transparent reporting process between the Washington State Department of Transportation, City of Seattle departments and the City Council.

Information that the City Council will receive on a quarterly basis includes cost and revenue updates, and a summary of the design and/or construction progress of program elements.

Please know that the intent of this resolution is consistent with our public commitment to transparency and open dialogue regarding this project.

Thank you for your continued support to move forward with the replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

Sincerely,

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