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As all or most of you have surmised from the bits and pieces that have leaked over the past few days, this morning Governor Gregoire, Mayor Nickels and KC Exec Sims are making a joint recommendation to replace the existing central waterfront viaduct with a 4-lane single bore tunnel. This announcement comes with a financial plan that includes major financial contributions from the City, County and Port of Seattle, supporting a total package of appr. \$4.25B in improvements. Important to us is the detail that the three agencies now take ownership of their respective projects within the package. Thus the City moves forward on the financing and planning for the seawall replacement, the First Ave streetcar, the waterfront promenade, and utility relocation, while the County moves forward with the financing and programming of supplemental bus service, some park and rides, and a new bus base.

So what is the State's responsibility? Delivering the bored tunnel, the surface connections at the north end, restoring Alaskan Way, and the Moving Forward program. Those of you intimate with the Moving Forward projects will realize that we will need to make a few adjustments to match the north and south end projects up with a single bore tunnel. After some alignment planning this week, we will promptly commence those efforts, as well as the strategy development for delivering the bored tunnel on an accelerated schedule utilizing design-build. All in all we are in for quite a ride...it is important to remember that this is not a done deal until the State legislature has concurred with our plan, our efforts over the next couple weeks will be focused on outlining the plan that we will present to the legislature.

As always, thanks for all of your dedicated efforts in support of this program.

John