Reinventing Older Communities

Highway Teardowns

Seattle’s Alaskan Way Viaduct
- Removing Urban Blight

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SEATTLE – HEART OF THE PACIFIC NW
Seattle's History of Rejecting Urban Freeways

SEATTLE CITIZENS AGAINST FREEWAYS, 1968-1980

FIGHTING FIERCELY and WINNING SOMETIMES

PART 1, TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS IN SEATTLE, 1968-1972
PART 3, I-90, THE MERCER ISLAND PLAN, 1971-1979

MARGARET CARY TUNKS
with drawings by DAVID LEFEBVRE

NO, NO, NO!
2001 Nisqually Quake...

The Rattle in Seattle!

....Damages Viaduct & Seawall
Remember Loma Prieta...
Other Cities that have Torn Down or not Built Urban Freeways
Voices against another elevated Viaduct

Seattle Community Leaders Speak Out Against Measure 2

Liberate the Waterfront
Don’t rebuild the Viaduct
Seattle’s Urban Mobility Plan

The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program

Central Waterfront
Alaskan Way Viaduct
Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Surface Street Building Block Elements

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A NEW TRANSPORTATION PARADIGM

A Streetcar in Portland, Oregon.

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Seattle’s AWV & Central Waterfront

Today

An Urban Blight - Unsafe at Any Speed
WSDOT’s AWV Aerial Rebuild Plan

“The Big Ugly”
The No-rebuild Surface + Transit Plan
New Vision for Urban Transportation

Sustainable Solutions that integrate Land Use & Transportation with Good Urban Planning
THANK YOU - ATTENDEES!

“We can’t solve our problems with the same kind of thinking that created them.” - Einstein

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