



Tunneling discussion

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## Current Arup tunneling projects

### North America

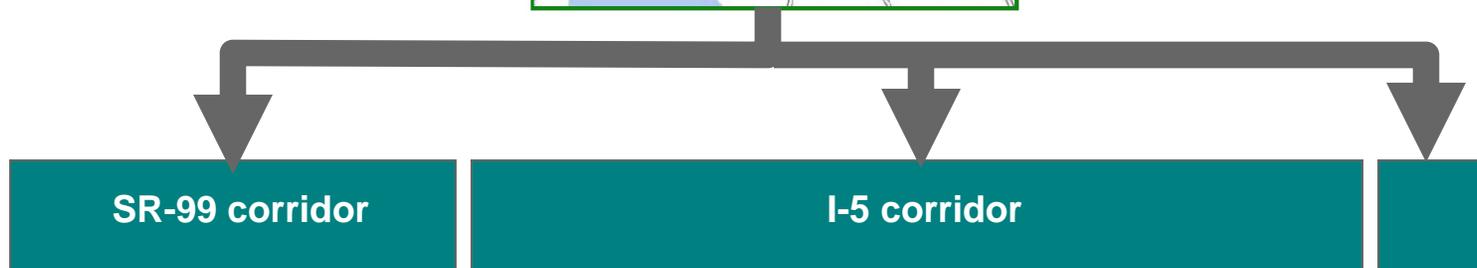
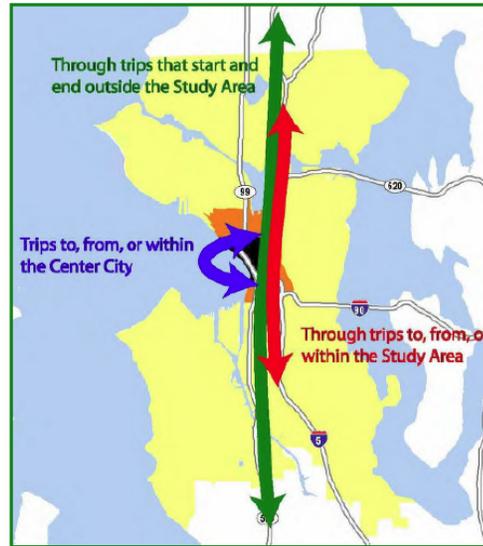
2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Subway  
7 line extension  
Lake Mead intake tunnel  
Port of Miami tunnel  
Trans-Hudson Express

### International

Cross Rail (London, UK)  
Airport Link (Brisbane, Australia)  
Express Rail (Hong Kong)  
Downtown Line Extension (Singapore)

# Corridors for through trips

SR-99 carries a significant proportion of total through trips



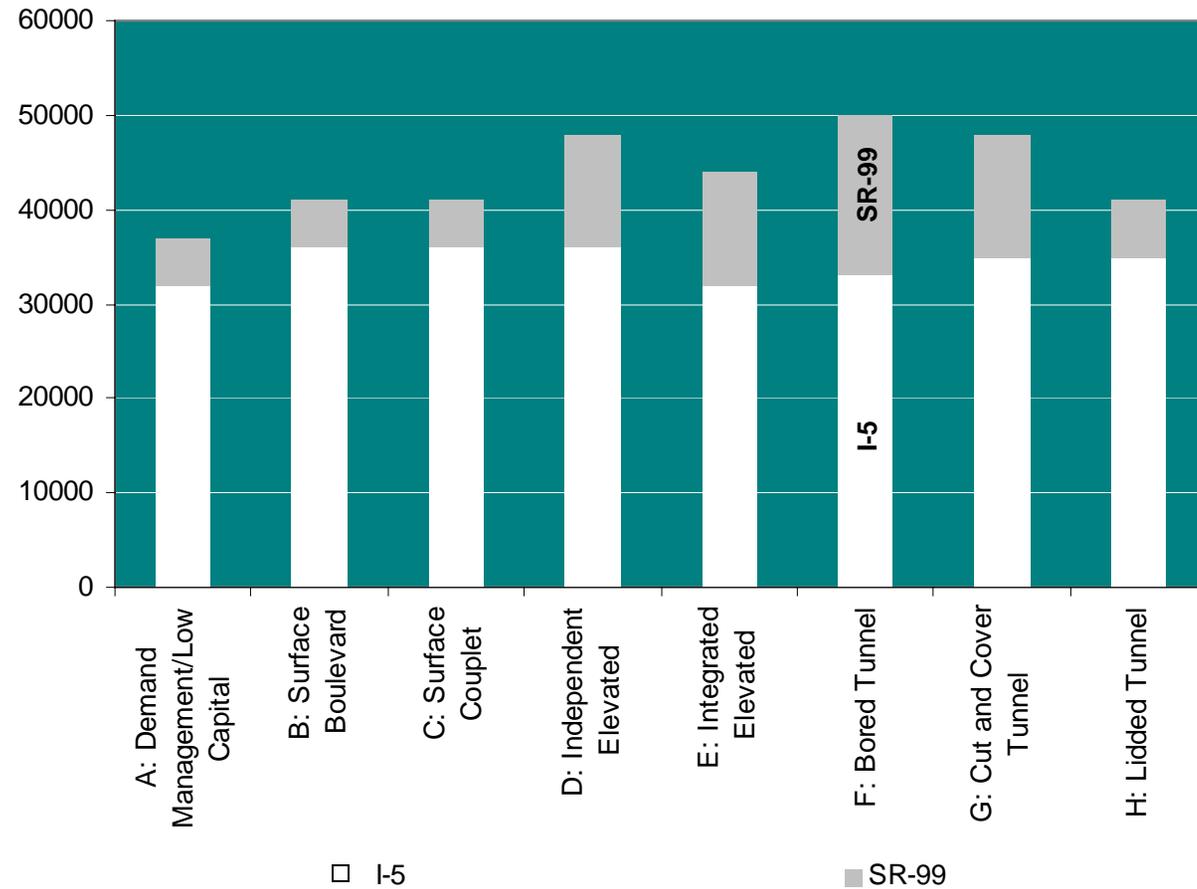
	SR-99	I-5	Surface
PM Peak Period Vehicle Trips	30,000	57,000	26,000
Percent through trips	60%	56%	not reported
Through trips	<b>18,000</b>	<b>32,000</b>	not reported

Surface Streets

Figures based on Stakeholder Advisory Committee Nov 13 2008 Guiding Principle #2 Briefing

# SR-99 and I-5 peak period corridor through trips

Of the proposed options the bored tunnel best maintains the % of through traffic

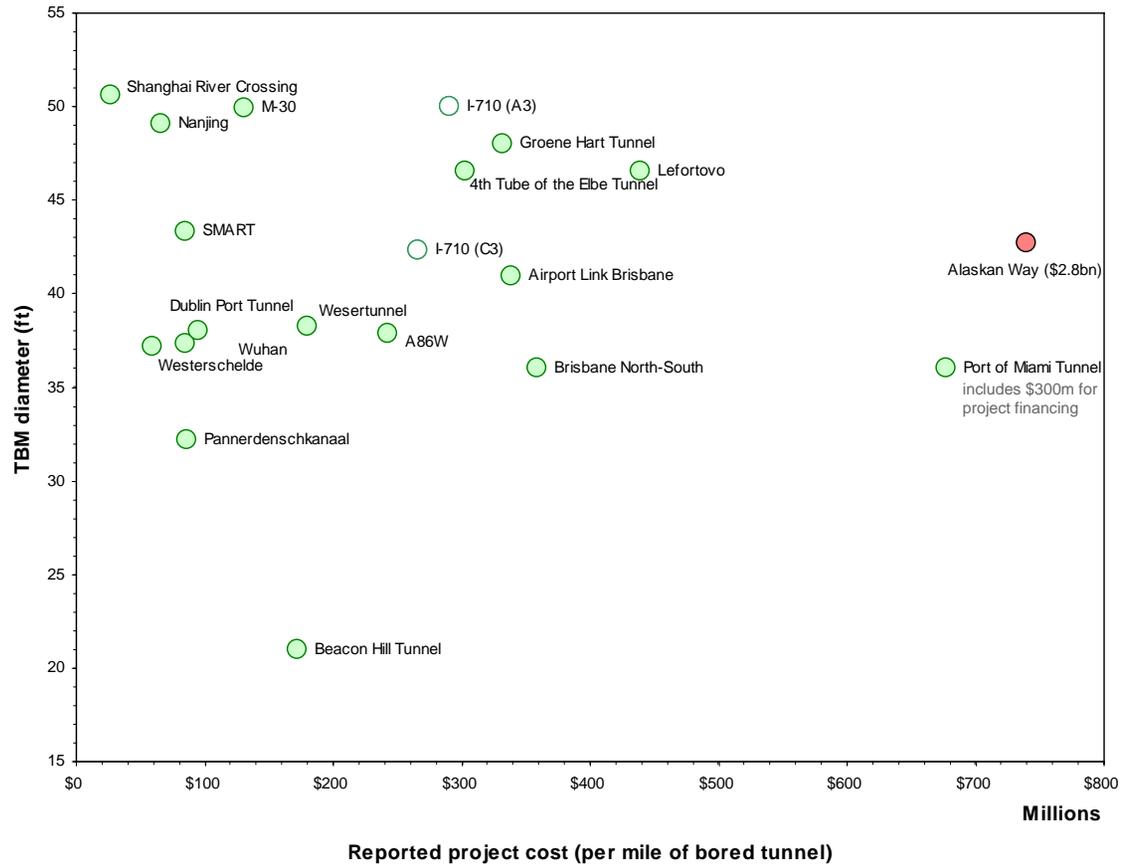


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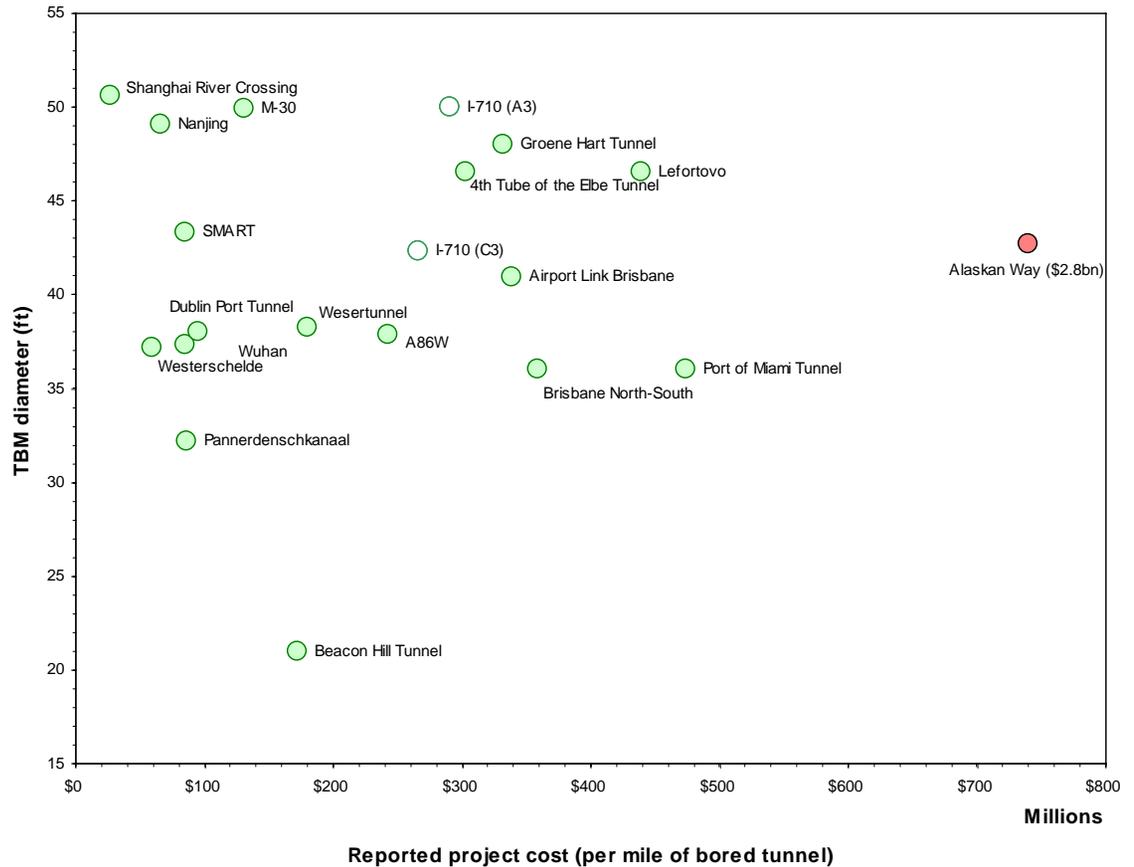
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## Urban construction risks

- **Utility diversions**
- **Unforeseen obstructions**
- **Third-parties**
- **Traffic disruption**
- **Business disruption**
- **Public perception**

# Value / investment

Data from OpEd in Tunnels and Tunneling magazine indicating economic impact of various project alternatives

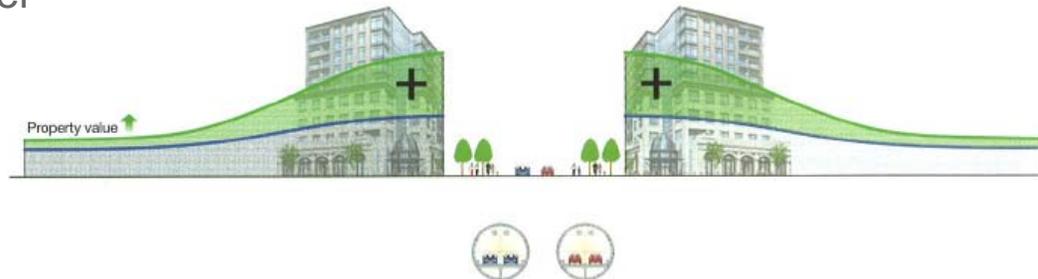
Urban street



Elevated urban highway  
Local access road



Urban street with traffic calming measures  
Urban highway tunnel



## Towards a solution

### **Need**

- Through traffic on the SR-99 is significant. The economic impact of reducing the SR-99 corridor could be significant both during construction and long-term.
- A bored tunnel retains the existing proportion of through traffic.

### **Feasibility**

- Large bore highway tunnels are feasible and common throughout the world
- Likely project risks for a Seattle tunnel are understood and not unusual.

### **Cost / Value**

- Major transportation projects must recognize the wider impact to the community
- Major infrastructure projects are an investment. Cost must be weighed against value against total life-time cost.