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### Viaduct EIS gets award from feds

The Federal Highway Administration gave its 2007 Environmental Excellence Award to the environmental impact statement prepared for the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Parametrix, Parsons Brinckerhoff, EnviroIssues and other firms worked on the EIS to create a reader-friendly document.

Kate Stenberg, environmental manager for the Washington State Department of Transportation, said the EIS uses photos, simulations, simple language and a question and answer format to help make the information easily understandable to a wide range of readers.

David Mattern, Parametrix EIS manager for the project, said, "Too often we provide good information, but it's incomprehensible except to technical experts and therefore of little use. As a community we can't make good choices if we don't understand the trade-offs and consequences."

The EIS was one of 13 winners selected from among 174 entries.

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