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Mr. Paul Krueger
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Dear Mr. Krueger:

I-0513-001 I have been a resident of Montlake for twenty years and my family has owned the same home since 1941. The Evergreen Point Bridge (SR520) was built when I was in junior high school. The bridge made a tremendous change in the Montlake neighborhood which I had resigned myself to enduring.

The Pacific Interchange option is the only plan that will address the mess in Montlake that exists because of the 520 bridge. It would create a new greenbelt that would reconnect the playfield on Portage Bay to the Arboretum, which would make the bike ride from the Burke Gilman trail a feasibility. As it now exists, riders take their lives in their hands with the heavy traffic queuing up for the bridge. Moreover, it is the only plan that will create a direct transit connection between bus service on SR 520 and the Sound Transit light rail station at the UW.

The traffic gridlock from the University Village and University Washington backing up to the Montlake Bridge is out of control. I support the Pacific Interchange plan because it is the only one that will significantly change this impossible stack up.

Sincerely yours,

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.