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The six-lane option is not appealing due to the adverse impacts on the UW Arboretum, the wetlands, lake, and immediate environment. Traffic and population growth will continue to increase. We can no longer build our way out of our transportation problems as was done in the 1950's. We need behavior modification techniques like those employed in European capital cities and elsewhere. We need, I believe, congestion-based pricing solutions during peak commute times and reward structures which better motivate car-sharing and transit use. Rather than build the six-lane option, I would encourage a four-lane rebuild with pedestrian and bike access, an HOV-only dedicated lane, congestion pricing via toll booth station collections or transponder devices, and permanent protection for the UW Arboretum and its immediate environment. I've lived and worked around the world and can say without reservation that the Arboretum is a place of nearly unparalleled quality. Please do not disrupt this unique place for the sake of more cars, noise, and an added tax burden.

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Comment Summary:

6-Lane Alternative

Response:

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