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The proposed widening and rebuilding of the SR520 highway and corridor is entirely unnecessary, because the current configuration is underutilized.

Certainly the road jams up with single-occupant vehicles, but they are the most inefficient means of moving people through the corridor. Just imagine a traffic jam, then mentally subtract the cars. How many people do you have now? Not a very dense crowd -- everyone is at least 30 feet from the next person.

Consider also that the road corridor is much more than the road. It is wider and much higher than any portion used by traffic. This corridor has a very large volume, of which just a fraction is actually used to carry vehicles, let alone people.

Why make it wider? That would grossly increase corridor volume for a small gain in vehicle capacity, which equates to an overall decrease in efficiency. Even worse, the added capacity would be useful only during peakhours.

The answer is to improve the people-carrying capacity of the existing corridor. How about limits on SOV access during peak hours? Or elevated rail/monorail on a new four-lane bridge? Put your thinking caps on!

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See Section 6.4 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.