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I am writing to express my support of the Pacific Interchange Option for 520 and my opposition to the other options under consideration for replacing the 520 bridge.

The Pacific Interchange Option is a visionary solution to traffic congestion through the Montlake area. Growing up in the '70s, the only traffic problems that I ever experienced were on Montlake Boulevard -- even when our destination was not the 520 bridge. To this day, the bottleneck created by freeway backups stored in the Arboretum, along Pacific Avenue and Montlake itself hamper travel in this city.

The Pacific Interchange Option proposes solutions that will improve the driving experience for those of us who frequently use the 520, visit the Montlake neighborhood, and need to travel through Montlake to get to a destination on the Seattle side of the lake.

The Pacific Interchange option solves current traffic problems by eliminating backups on Montlake Boulevard from University Village to 520.

The Pacific Interchange option solves historic problems by reconnecting some of the divisions created when the original 520 bridge was constructed.

The Pacific Interchange option looks to the future by accommodating more than cars. The plan calls for a direct bike connection to the east side of Lake Washington and it enables a direct connection between 520 and the Sound Transit light rail station planned for the UW.

I hope that you give the Pacific Interchange Option favorable consideration as you review the build alternatives presented in the Draft EIS.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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