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INPUT ON ALTERNATIVES:

1) 4-lane vs. 6-lane vs. do-nothing: There's no question that the 6-lane alternative is the only logical option, given our state's ongoing desire for economic growth, and the limits we have already placed upon ourselves in terms of growth because of the Growth Management Act. Any decision to select the 4-lane option is simply naive and misguided. (By the way, I sincerely question the conclusion that under the "do nothing" option, over 1/3 of commuters will migrate to some form of transit. I therefore believe the relative benefits of "do-nothing" vs. either the 4-lane or 6-lane options are understated.)

2) Pacific Interchange vs. Montlake Bridge vs. do-nothing: Despite modest reservations about building a concrete structure over a very picturesque section of Union Bay, there's also no question that something needs to be done to improve the safety of the merge onto 520 from the U-district before the I-5 interchange. The Pacific Interchange seems to be the most effective.

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This is a difficult document to read in the current format, where each page change requires a new load. Even on a cable modem, the load delays are annoying. It's also *extremely* difficult to refer back to diagrams/exhibits that help illustrate whatever points are being made. I don't pretend to understand the tradeoffs that have to be made to make the document more accessible for readers, but this was very, very difficult to review in a meaningful way. I would hope that before you present the next round of documentation, you'll review alternatives. (Is it so difficult to load a chapter as just one .pdf as opposed to 49 different pages, for example??)

Thanks

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Comment Summary:

6-Lane Alternative

Response:

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

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Comment Summary:

Public and Agency Outreach

Response:

See Section 1.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.