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I was able to attend a presentation this week at the Hard residence on the Pacific Interchange alternative to SR520. I was impressed with the fact that it will above all other plans: 1. Reduce the bottleneck thru the cut 2. Dovetail with proposed transportations developments to make a successful and quick East- West and maybe Northwest commute thru the light rail at the UW. Additionally, that Metro would add more busing along Montlake. 3. That parks will be minimally impacted and most likely enhanced. 4. That a ton of concrete is not poured over Montlake and surrounds 5. A bridge of incredible beauty could be built to enhance the beauty of our city at the same time being functional.

It is also wonderful that there will be a shoulder (especially for aid cars) and a bike path.

The concerns are for view and bike path: 1. the height of the bridge- 110 feet is double what is there now and seems excessive being both hard for bikers and a very serious view impediment. I understand the coast guard ultimately decides this and that there is to be no drawbridge and also thoughts to what the future of shipping will bring to the lake. 2.to reduce the noise as much as possible.

We don't have a panoramic view to be blocked by a bridge but rather peeking views. However, a bridge of stunning beauty while addressing the mountain and lake views of those who have them seems a stunning result in addition to all the other benefits this plan provides. We support it as the best and most productive on the table. Thank you, Louise Luthy

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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