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I strongly support the Pacific Interchange Option. It is clearly the best option for the city and the region, and I urge you to select it. I live in Montlake and have lived here for many years. I know from years of personal experience that the Montlake Boulevard bottleneck is a major transportation issue in this part of Seattle. The Pacific Interchange Option is the only alternative that will address this problem. In addition, the Pacific Interchange Option will help the overall transportation network by connecting to the transit hub at UW. It makes no sense for the UW transit hub not to connect to the transportation corridor between Seattle and the East Side, yet that is what would happen if any of the other options were selected. The Pacific Interchange Option will also create additional green space and connect the Montlake Playfield with the Arboretum, which will be a terrific addition to our greenbelt and park system. I believe that the decisionmakers need to take a long view and choose the option that will be the best for the neighborhoods, the city and the region for the next 100 years or more, and that is clearly the Pacific Interchange Option. The Base Six alternatives (even with a new Montlake bridge next to the existing bridge) would simply add to the congestion and would not have any of the huge advantages of the Pacific Interchange Option listed above. Please do the right thing and select the Pacific Interchange Option.

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**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

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