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Whichever model is followed, I believe it is crucial that a bike lane be included. As a recreational cyclist and Microsoft employee, I have discovered that the ride to Microsoft is very tolerable from most areas in Seattle...but for the bridge. Waiting for buses makes the commute very unpredictable, especially (ironically) on days with good weather.

Many of my fellow bike/bus commuters have had the experience--especially on our return trips to Seattle when there are not so many "Back to Base" buses--of being stuck at the Evergreen Point or Yarrow Point bus stop for an hour or more as bus after bus passes with a full bike rack.

People who might not otherwise bike to work try it out when the skies are clear. But they soon discover that all of the bike racks are full and they become anxious, waiting in line for a bus to see if it might have a space on its rack.

I have seen bus drivers and cyclist get into heated arguments about allowing bikes on an otherwise partially full bus that has a loaded (3 bike) rack.

Not surprisingly, all but the hardcore cyclists give up biking to work as a regular practice.

It is probably difficult to gauge the actual bike traffic to and from Microsoft that might occur if not for this problem (especially on sunny days).

I, for one, have given up trying to cycle as a commuting practice. I only bring my bike if I know I don't have a morning meeting or a specific time I need to be home.

I would be happy to help in any efforts to make this project more bike friendly! I think the Netherlands (or even Portland) is a great model.

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