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I can appreciate the tremendous amount of work and intention that went into evaluating the various options for the expansion of 520. As a social worker who works in Seattle and drives to the Monroe penitentiary weekly, I have an active interest in this development in particular and have sat in lines many, many times over the past few years.

It is quite frankly shocking to me, however, that the alternatives which have been proposed all contain some destruction of the wetland of the Arboretum. This is not just a 520 problem, this is an issue for society as a whole. Unfortunately, I expect more of Seattle and feel ashamed by the lack of technology and insight into the long-term effects of catering to automobiles.

Won't we be riding in bullet trains (or something even more exciting) within the next 50 years, particularly since fossil fuels will be extinct and the population will be impossible to move by then, using existing modes of transportation? And if we need to get out of our cars and into trains/buses in order for the planet to survive, why are we building an infrastructure for an obsolete technology? This is such a massive waste of money, and the interim effects of harming plants, waterways and wildlife is unethical and dismal.

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Response:

See Section 6.4 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.