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I am a lifelong resident of Seattle and a 1973 graduate of the University of Washington. I write to express my concern about the Pacific Avenue alternative to SR520 replacement. I believe that this alternative would be a blight on the landscape of the University and severely damage the beauty of our city. Further, it will limit or eliminate activities on Lake Washington that are part of the rich fabric and history of Seattle. The elevated roadway to Pacific would increase the freeway footprint and dwarf everything beneath it. It will eliminate crew races and opening day. It will scar the view from Rainier Vista. It will introduce traffic noise into the University. I cannot imagine a more destructive design than this. I would rank this proposal right up there with the efforts in 1972 to demolish and develop the Pike Place Market. I am sure Professor Steinbreuck would be turning over in his grave could he see this design. Were he alive he would be leading the movement against it. If this proposal is approved some of the beauty and purpose of Seattle and the University of Washington will be destroyed. I ask that you reject this alternative and avoid this damage to Seattle and the University of Washington.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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