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I-1055-001 Please the WSDOT to amend the DRAFT EIS to include an alternative that does the following :

- Does not increase traffic demand on the adjacent streets (Montlake, Pacific, Lake WA Blvd)
- Provides a non-negotiable requirement to decrease noise levels at all affected neighborhoods (Capital hill, Montlake, Laurelhurst, and Madison Park) through the use of noise walls, landscaped lids, and quiet pavement.
- Does not include Pacific interchange overpass option, which has significant negative impacts to historic structures, views, the UW, navigation, and the environment.
- Allows the addition of rail as a future component, without it becoming the tail that wags the dog.
- Requires a landscaped lid through Montlake.
- Includes consideration for a tube tunnel connection at Pacific (in lieu of a 110' overpass) .
- That allows incremental improvements to non-floating portions rather than wholesale demolition / replacement.
- Includes consideration for a repair/replace scenario (outlined below).

Repair/Replace Alternative (See attached graphic) :

Several unexplored options should be considered, including the repair of the elevated roadway and replacement of the bridge. There is no reason to remove and replace the grade-level and elevated portions of 520. These sections can be seismically reinforced and retrofitted without wholesale demolition. Rail can be added adjacent to the existing roadway on a stand-alone structure when the system expansion to the eastside occurs. The floating bridge can and should be replaced, including future capacity for rail and additional lanes. Rail could be "plug & play", built into the floating bridge and connected to the rail system when it expands east. The repair/replace option allows us to incrementally upgrade the various highway elements and reducing down-time we would experience under a remove/replace scenario.

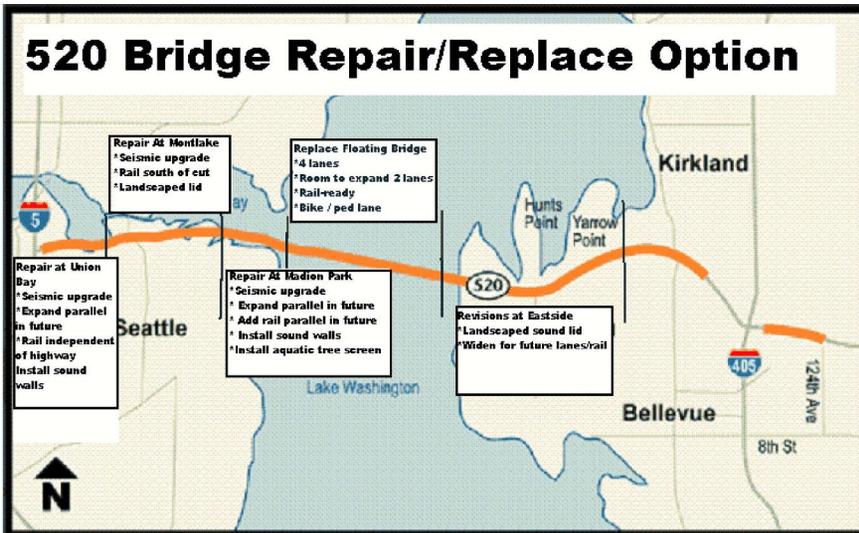
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Comment Summary:

Alternatives Development

Response:

See Section 1.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.



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