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Hello,

**I-1100-001** | I just spent a couple of hours reading and browsing the EIS for the SR520 bridge. I first want to remark on the superb quality of the EIS. It is very complete and easy to follow. An outstanding job!

As for my specific comments:

I am in favor of the four-lane alternative. I understand that this will not alleviate congestion as the six-lane alternative would supposedly do, but the smaller size of the bridge is more in-line with what currently exists, and I cannot fathom the size of the six-lane alternative cutting through Montlake and the Arboretum.

It seems to me that having a larger bridge doesn't solve the problem of the sheer number of cars in our region, it just treats the symptoms of the problem. From reading the background in the EIS, I think I understand that a larger bridge would offset some of the congestion in the area in the short-term, but as the region's population (and number of cars) increases, even the six-lane alternative would not sufficiently handle future congestion. Because of this, it seems to me that the solution does not lie a wider bridge or more roadways, but in changing how we live and travel in the area--more mass transit, more biking, living closer to work, etc. Therefore, I cannot support building a larger bridge if it only addresses the symptoms and does not address the larger problem.

**I-1100-002** | I especially dislike the Pacific Street interchange option. One of my favorite locations at UW is the Waterfront activities center. It is quietly tucked away in the corner of campus, nicely removed from the highway, and gets lots of sun. It's a beautiful place to learn to sail, kayak, canoe, or just go for a stroll on the open water of the

**I-1100-001**  
**Comment Summary:**  
4-Lane Alternative

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

**I-1100-002**  
**Comment Summary:**  
Pacific Street Interchange Option

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

**I-1100-002** lake. Having an overpass right overhead would be blasphemous. I am strongly against this option. I cannot imagine standing on Montlake bridge watching the windermere cup with an overpass blocking the wonderful view (and possibly blocking the crew races and judging boats). Also, how would this overpass affect the seaplanes that use Union Bay and occasionally the cut as well?

**I-1100-003** I am strongly for the bike lane option, as well. I plan on using that significantly, and expect many people will commute to the UW using it as well.

Thank you for producing the Draft EIS.

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### **I-1100-003**

#### **Comment Summary:**

Bicycle/Pedestrian Path

#### **Response:**

See Section 2.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.