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Comments:

- I-1108-001** 1. I believe that although the pedestrian bicycle space is a nice thing to have, it is completely impractical to include at this time. Highways are for cars and that should be the main purpose for dollar expenditures. Using the amount in the budget for those purposes better serves the public by putting it into vehicle lanes. Use the space for lanes. Get a variance for the lane width. Use the ped/bike space plus very little more and the same allocated pavement will serve more lanes.
- I-1108-002** 2. HOV lanes on the outside right lane have not ever worked. In slow volume times, the HOV lane slows down with vehicles exiting and entering. In high volume the HOV lane gets entirely stopped with the same activity. RESULT: it never works. See attempt to put HOV lanes on the outside of 405 through the Bellevue area ended in failure and the State DOT returned the HOV lane to inside lanes. If that was before your time, I'm sure that there is documentation to support my comments in your DOT archives.
- I-1108-003** 3. I can't believe that the DOT is not doing an 8 lane improvement. Can't the DOT see that the Lake Washington Bridge traffic is increasing? (I love the 4 lane proposal with 13% less volume. Whose dream is that?) This is to be completed in 2017. Won't it be completely over-crowded and outdated by then? You're argument against the 8 lane proposal is so lame - I-5 can't handle the traffic. So you expect I-5 NEVER to be expanded - even if the traffic requires it? Won't it be a lot cheaper to build the 8 lane model now and cone off the extra lanes as opposed to waiting for I-5 to expand and then rebuild the 520 bridge again? But then I am talking to the DOT, that after years and years of a the bottle neck one lane per direction bridge on 520 at Marymoor park and finally replaced it with two lanes over the slough, and the DOT added a ONE LANE bridge over 202. Guess what folks? Where do you think that the bottle neck is now? What a surprise!- the one lane bridge does it ! again. Come out and see it some time. What's the learning curve? I see the lack of learning again with the HOV on the outside of 520 where it doesn't belong.
- I-1108-004** 4. The lids have to be very expensive. They are to reunite neighborhoods that have been divided too long. How many home owners that live there now lived there when 520 originally built? My bet is less than 1%. So those home owners bought those houses knowing they would be living in a community divided by 520, and accepted that. If they couldn't live with that then they didn't buy the home. But they did. Mercer Island had the pull to get great benefits for I-90, but that doesn't mean that it set the standard for all of the state highways. Washington residents can't afford it. Spend the money on car lanes not extravagant facilities that we cannot afford. Put the money into highway lanes and get the traffic moving

### I-1108-001

#### Comment Summary:

Bicycle/Pedestrian Path

#### Response:

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

### I-1108-002

#### Comment Summary:

Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning

#### Response:

See Section 2.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

### I-1108-003

#### Comment Summary:

8-Lane Alternative

#### Response:

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

### I-1108-004

#### Comment Summary:

Bicycle/Pedestrian Path

#### Response:

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

**I-1108-004** | safely. That is the first priority for the DOT and if we have extra money, then do things like lids and bikes and pedestrian lanes. From the outcry by the State, I have the feeling that there isn't EXTRA MONEY, so don't do those things and put the dollar! s into highway lanes. 520 isn't the only project. If you save a few bucks, other project can easily use them. I have real trouble not understanding why these seemingly common sense ideas would not be used to construct the new 520 project. Thank you. Bob Williamson