

**I-1122-001**

**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

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

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Hello,

**I-1122-001** This is a comment regarding the Pacific Street Interchange option. While I am sympathetic to the desires of the Montlake neighborhood, which is already strongly impacted by SR-520, not to be even further impacted, I think this option would produce much greater widespread detriments than the limited localized benefits it would provide to a few Montlake residents. The impacts to the Arboretum - a regional and international treasure as noted in today's Seattle Post Intelligencer article - would be more severe than with any other alternative. The historic Montlake Bridge would be forever overshadowed. Most compelling from a practical and traffic safety perspective, the traffic volumes that would be dumped into the already busy and imposing Montlake/Pacific intersection would be a disaster waiting to happen when you combine those vehicle volumes with the pedestrian traffic for Husky football games, people coming and going from the future Sound Transit light rail station, and general student access between the athletic facilities and points in south campus. Furthermore, the placement of the bridge touch down near Husky stadium could jeopardize if not preclude potential passenger only ferry service that is under consideration by King County between the UW and Kirkland. As the most expensive option, it is almost guaranteed that the structure would be an imposing architectural eyesore, like the current Alaskan Way Viaduct, that so many Seattle residents are passionately fighting to remove and no longer have blighting our beautiful city.

I urge you to fully detail all of the environment and social costs of the Pacific Interchange option, including consideration of other future plans for the area. I think you will find the benefits do not justify the costs.

Sincerely,

Celeste Gilman  
Ravenna neighborhood resident