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For what it's worth, here are my thoughts:

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Wouldn't it be more practical for a better public transit set up to be on the agenda for the area? I take the bus from Renton to Overlake, but I get stuck in the 520 bottleneck and the parking lot on 405 trying to head south after work.

Has the committee for the bridge project truly and reasonably investigated an elevated system for the bridges as well as for commuters along the I-405 corridor and the I-5 corridor that would link up with buses going east/west or north/south?

I would think that this area's focus would be on alleviating traffic congestion and pollution issues rather than exacerbating them both by providing more areas for cars to bottleneck.

Soon, the city ought to consider a system that is in place in Mexico City which imposes a mandatory driving day off on vehicles during the work week to encourage drivers to 1) take public transportation, 2) carpool, or 3) buy another car which ultimately has a different day off but which the city can tax. If a driver is found to be driving said vehicle on its mandated day off, the fine is very hefty which could give the area more tax dollars via ticketing. Sweet!

Thanks for the opportunity to opine.

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**Comment Summary:**

Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning

**Response:**

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