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I have lived in Montlake for 44 years on the Montlake Cut. When we moved in we enjoyed a view of the UW Golf Course. As you know, now we see the huge hospital complex that has been allowed to build right on top of the sidewalk on Pacific Street. They are not only overbuilt but extremely noisy due to all the air condition units. Our neighborhood has been greatly impacted by the UW students, more UW buildings, athletic events (often changed at the last minute for more money to the UW) and more traffic.

I try to leave my house on East Shelby Street every morning at 7:15 AM but it can take 5 minutes to bull doze my way through the traffic. It seems to be the place where everyone decides to enter to beat all those who have been forming the lines to enter 520. They block the streets, won't let us enter and often run the lights. The Montlake Blvd and Shelby/Hamlin street corners are probably some of the most dangerous in the city.

The noise level from the current bridge is very apparent through our double paneled windows that we are forced to keep closed. I can't imagine what the new plan of 6 lanes (in reality about 12) will do to Montlake, Ravenna and Capital Hill.

For over 10 years I have attended DOT meetings and have heard plans that would not solve the problem because of the insistence of using the existing exits. It appalls me how much money has been spent for those plans. Currently you have a plan that can work: the Pacific Street Interchange. Unfortunately once again the UW is crying NO Way!! They are the ones who have caused the problems, been allowed to build too close to the streets, park busses for football games on a State Road and now they say they want to enlarge the enrollment by 30,000.

It is time to choose an option that can work for all of Seattle and have the University cooperate. It is time to give the general public, Seattle neighborhoods a decent option without once again building the cheapest model that will ruin our neighborhood more and probably be incorrectly designed and worthless in 50 years. It is appalling to think that we are even forced to rebuild something that lasted such a short time. The sad

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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

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Please consider the only option that is feasible: The Pacific Street which will hopefully connect with the light rail system and or a better bus system at the UW campus.

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