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Comment:

The Pacific Interchange option is substantially better than the other alternatives. It will reduce the major traffic delays on Montlake Boulevard rather than make them worse. Further, it will allow more timely commuter connections to the transit hub near the UW stadium which will encourage greater use of public transportation. Proximity of the exit ramp and transit hub to the UW campus is a major strength as the campus is a primary destination. The base-six option with or without the additional Montlake drawbridge is simply too large to empty into a residential neighborhood. The existing Montlake bottleneck from 520 is terrible and causes huge delays and is a problem that needs to be fixed not exacerbated. In contrast, the Pacific Interchange will strengthen the neighborhood while providing optimal traffic flow. The Pacific Interchange is the best option based on all objective criteria. The cost of the Pacific Interchange may be the only legitimate concern, yet Seattle cannot afford to be "penny-wise and dollar foolish" when it comes to making this major decision about one of our critical transportation links. We need to make this investment in Seattle and its future. The benefits far outweigh any added costs.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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