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We live in the neighborhoods north of the University and am disappointed that Ravenna-Bryant is not included in the EIS. I commuted to Boeing for 32 years from my house here to Renton and Longacres Boeing sites and experienced firsthand the backups on Montlake, 23rd and 45th during those years. My view is that any increase in capacity will displace the current jams and move them north into the University Village vicinity. For that reason, I am opposed to any increase in the capacity of the 520 corridor. Therefore, all of the 6-lane alternatives are bad ideas.

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Any increase in capacity beyond the four lanes existing today would have a negative impact on the green space on either side of the Montlake canal. Everyone understands that the University Arboretum is a valuable asset to the Seattle community. It is an area designed to be recreational and educational in all seasons. Foster and Marsh Islands are a part of that system. Increasing the footprint of 520 would be harmful to the uses of the area and, therefore, all six lane alternatives are bad ideas.

North of the canal is an ecologically sensitive area as well. The marshlands and open space that are behind the stadia and sports fields and which extend to the University Horticulture Center are valuable recreational and environmental lands. A;; six lane alternatives would be bad for this area.

Lastly, also harmful are the proposals which create additional bridges and add significant concrete to this sensitive area. The Montlake community's idea for Pacific Place exchange trades environmentally desirable open space for protection of four city blocks and a yacht club. The flying bridges they envision is just about the dumbest idea I have heard.

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Comment Summary:

6-Lane Alternative

Response:

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