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I think it is sick and wrong to attempt to make the bridge larger just for cars. We need dedicated mass transit at every possible route in this city. That would drastically reduce traffic and provide a clear alternative to sitting in traffic.

Thanks,

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WSDOT policy supports the notion that people should be able to easily and efficiently move through congested intercity corridors using many transportation options. Section 2.4 in the Final EIS explains why initial implementation of light rail transit on SR 520 is not planned. The decision to locate Sound Transit's initial east-west light rail transit corridor on I-90 rather than SR 520 has been made through extensive regional deliberation (see Table 2-2 of the Final EIS). However, through coordination with Sound Transit, WSDOT has designed the Preferred Alternative to have enhanced compatibility with potential future light rail compared to the SDEIS design options (see Chapter 2 of the Final EIS).

The SR 520, I-5 to Medina project would complete the HOV lane system in the corridor, improving reliability and efficiency for transit and carpools, but would not add general-purpose lanes. Thus, the project is aligned with improving the overall efficiency of the transportation system by creating incentives for people to choose an alternative to driving alone.