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I would just like to remind the designers of the need to consider seriously both ends of this project. Most people are more interested in the tunnel versus the viaduct. I am more interested in seeing that for example in the South end that there is adequate on and off ramps to handle the traffic generated by Safeco Field and Seahawks Stadium as well as the ferry terminal. At least 100 times a year there are events at Seahawks or Safeco and of course the ferry traffic is steady year round. On the other end there is going to be according to the mayor another 25,000 to 30,000 jobs in the South Lake Union area. Those people have to have a way to get to and from work and the viaduct could be one of those ways. Likewise if the workers are going north or east it is imperative although not a part of this project to provide access to I-5 and also direct access to 520 for those 25,000 to 30,000 people who will not live in Seattle.

Those are my comments and I suspect that some of these will have to be set aside for the future but at least provide a way that they can be provided in the future and not hindered by what you do now.

Thank you for listening, my name is Bob Tate and my address is 9406 NE 14th St, Clyde Hill, WA 98004. My phone number is 425.454.8420 and I am on the 520 Advisory Committee. Thank you for listening.

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The ramp and roadway configuration planned in the south end of the project area is expected to provide sufficient capacity near the Port, railroads, and stadiums in this area. Planning efforts for this project have considered the eventual population increases in the South Lake Union area.