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Subject: SR 520 Bridge meeting

I-0489-001 | Went to the SR520 bridge meeting in Bellevue last week.

I like mostly what I saw. Appreciate the focus on the environment, but on the other hand, a huge project like this will HAVE massive impact in any case, at least during the construction phase.

A few comments: Great that the bike lanes actually get some decent size. Lanes across I-90 are way too narrow to house bikers. Let alone bikers, pedestrians, strollers, bladders, boarders, etc. Add a little "platform" half-way across the lake that allows bikers/pedestrians to stop and enjoy the view/lake, w/o being in the middle of the bike lane.

Also like the fact that the bike lane seems to be protected by higher concrete "shoulders" that slant upwards, in order to keep the railing a bit away from the actual flow of traffic. The design on I-90 with vertical railing on a narrow bike path is dangerous. I have seen far too many gotten their handle bars caught in the railing.

Make the bike lanes as "flat" as possible and as straight as possible. I had a hard time understanding why it needs to weave back-and-forth between north and south side of the highway. Although I think it is a good idea to separate the "through bikers" from the local traffic on Points Loop, even though I must say that there is no or very little local traffic on that one, at least not for now.

I-0489-002 | Even though I strongly support a six-lane bridge, I have a hard time to understand why the four-lane bridge does not get to be "over-decked".

I-0489-003 | The idea of routing traffic via the Pacific Interchange is great. I understand that UW does not like it, but they will likely be less impacted by a better traffic flow over this (smarter) way instead of having congestion over Montlake Bridges.

Finally, there are MANY bikers on the Eastside that would bike to Seattle if one did not have to go down over I-90. That is just too much of a detour. I believe it is likely the same the other way, lots of bikers inside the Seattle city limits that'd bike to the Eastside.

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I-0489-001

Comment Summary:

Bicycle/Pedestrian Path

Response:

See Section 2.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Comment Summary:

Alternatives Development

Response:

See Section 1.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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