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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the Pacific Interchange alternative, which seems far superior to the Base 6 alternative.

Until recently, I lived north of Children's hospital and worked downtown. I truly enjoyed where I lived, but moved, in part, due to the Montlake mess. The burden of traffic on Montlake getting to and from 520 and I-5 is far above capacity. You could never predict when you would be stuck for 30 minutes to an hour trying to get to the free-ways. I was always late or early to work. The Base 6 alternative does nothing to improve this issue, the bottleneck at Montlake will continue and likely get worse with the higher capacity. The Pacific Interchange alternative is the ONLY option on the table that actually would improve this problem.

I currently live in Madrona, on the other side of the bridge (a relief), but frequent the arboretum. It would be a travesty to ruin much of it with the increased noise level and loss of green space with the Base 6 alternative. It would change the flavor of the community and the beauty of the area. It would do nothing to encourage those of us who live on the other side of the bridge to explore and support other parts of our city north of the cut. Again, the Pacific Interchange alternative is the only viable option.

I've lived in Seattle for 18 years and it seems we continually try to do the right thing transportation-wise, with no real palpable outcome to date (and multiple failures/frustrations). WS DOT and the city should do the right thing and approve a design that will decrease the bottle neck at Montlake, improve transportation across the lake, preserve the Montlake community and history, improve the access to other forms of transportation (light rail), and make us proud about a transportation decision!

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