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**Comment:**

I support the Pacific Interchange Option!

My husband and I reviewed the plan in the mailing we received from Better Bridge.org. We also reviewed it again at their display in University Village. We are so impressed with this plan, as well as not! impressed with the alternative, that we went online to review the Pacific Interchange option online. Seattle is a beautiful city that is always worth improving. We rarely drive, using buses and walking to get places. When we do drive we are always careful to use the online camera cams, as Montlake and 520 are so often a parking lot rather than roadway. Our tax dollars will be well spent on the PIP plan. We have also walked from our home to the Arboretum several times this summer, and think the PIP would improve Montlake and the Arboretum, and agree with the comments below provided by the BetterBridge Group.

- No more backups between University Village to Montlake. Finally, a solution to the "Montlake mess"! Pacific Interchange dramatically improves local traffic circulation on arterials in Seattle. Compared with the other options for SR 520, Pacific Interchange does not differ substantially in the number of vehicles coming into any Seattle neighborhoods.
- A continuous green belt reconnecting the playfield on Portage Bay to the Arboretum - a great new park for the whole city!
- A direct transit connection between express bus service on SR 520 (which will quadruple to 47,000+ riders/day by 2030) and the planned Sound Transit light rail station at UW, which will be the most heavily used stop outside downtown Seattle (about 21,000 boardings/day.)
- A direct bicycle link from the Burke-Gilman trail to the Eastside.

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**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

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