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Comment:

I am concerned that traffic problems north of the Montlake Bridge have not been adequately addressed. On many days, not peak traffic times, not Husky game days, heading south from the University Village to the 520 bridge is a nightmare. Any kind of problem on 520 causes severe backups along Montlake Boulevard and a trip that should take 10 minutes takes 30-45 minutes. Will building the Pacific Interchange address these issues? The 6 lane plan will definitely bring more traffic both north and south of the existing 520 bridge. Possible issues south of the bridge seem to have been addressed, but I find nothing addressing the problems that will result north of the Interchange. In fact, none of the plans seems to be concerned with the areas north of Montlake; in fact, they will only create more traffic problems in that area. I personally consider this to be a flaw in any of the scenarios presented thus far. Those of us who live in 98105 and 98115 zipcodes and travel frequently to the Eastside should not be negatively impacted by a new 520 bridge.

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Response:

See Section 5.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.