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The option for placing an underground connection between the freeway and the Montlake/Pacific intersection area was not given adequate consideration and should be analyzed as an alternative within the EIS. The text alludes to severe impacts of such an option. However, similar impacts -- possibly even more severe --- are identified in the EIS under the Pacific Interchange bridge option; these should be directly compared to an underground connection that accomplishes roughly the same operational objectives.

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The text also states that such a connection could be expensive, and implies that it could cost upwards of \$8 billion. I don't believe that this is correct; it would be extraordinarily high for such a facility. The reader should not be left with this misconception of cost and a more accurate figure should be provided and compared to the Pacific Interchange bridge option within the Alternatives section.

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Response:

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

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