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Comment:

Comments regarding "Madison Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection" on page 3-24:

1. This should have been placed closer to the detailed information on Bike/Pedestrian interchanges beginning on page 3-35. I wonder whether most reviewers with an interest in bike/ped access have seen it.
2. Stating that this "...is a way to improve access between the Madison Park Neighborhood and the University of Washington" is an inaccurate description of how this would improve access. This makes it sound like professors who live in Madison Park will have an easier way to get to UW. In fact, this would be the most convenient access point for cyclists and pedestrians who want to cross the lake when coming from many points to the south, e.g. Central, Leschi, Madrona. The access points near Montlake Bridge or a Pacific Interchange require traveling through some high traffic areas and detouring far to the west. Current access to the proposed Arboretum access point has similar issues. The additional benefit of having this access point is that it would facilitate the Madison Park-UW connection that is mentioned, not just as a shortcut for residents of Madison Park, but as a faster, safer route for all bike traffic heading North-South along the shore of Lake Washington. This is a major recreational route, and with a better connection between UW and points south, plus access to the East Side across the new bike lane, it will serve as an important bike commuter route as well. Since the 37th Ave E connection has the least impact, and all of the roads in that area are pleasant, flat, and have low traffic, I favor that option over 43rd Ave E.

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Response:

See Section 24.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.