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It is apparent from the Draft EIS that the broader Transportation Goals of the region can best be met by the "no build alternative". The "no build alternative" is identified as the only alternative that will encourage alternate modes of transportation. The years of disruption to the Seattle neighborhoods involved would only lead to a greater degree of congestion adding to the need for an automobile replacement to meet the economic and public safety transit needs.

Not requiring that I-5 and I-405 be expanded to accommodate the affects of a SR520 follows no supported path of logic for any scenario other than the "no build alternative".

I-0958-002

The Pacific Street Interchange is particularly insulting to the structure of the Montlake and University Communities and represents the same shortsightedness that originally divided Seattle (I-5) and Bellevue (I-405). Both of which are generally recognized as having been deterrents to the fabric of their respective cities.

I-0958-003

Do any of the alternatives address the potential of no on/off ramps between I-405 and I-5, if not why not? If this were accomplished within the existing ROW, the "saved" costs could be allocated to the expansion of the mass transit alternatives, the neighborhoods would be less impacted, the system would be viable longer, the through route would be less impacted by on-off traffic, and the inevitable need for expansion could be more readily funded in the future.

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Why is there no specific request category to comment on the "no build" alternative? Is this not being considered with the same vigor as the others?

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Comment Summary:

No Build Alternative

Response:

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

I-0958-002

Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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I-0958-003

Comment Summary:

Alternatives Development

Response:

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

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Comment Summary:

Public and Agency Outreach

Response:

See Section 1.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.