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Comments:

**I-1036-001** I would like to strongly argue against a 6-lane bridge across 520. The Arboretum and Union Bay and their wetlands and fish and wildlife must not be damaged further by SR-520, especially by the Pacific Street Interchange, which more accurately should be called the Union Bay and Marsh Island Interchange. \* The Pacific Street Interchange is not community-generated, It was proposed by WSDOT in the 1960s and emphatically rejected by Seattle voters and the City Council in the 1970s, but resurrected by a neighborhood that, in order to push SR520 traffic into other neighborhoods and natural areas, is willing to expand that traffic further. \* The ramps to and from SR520 that are in the Arboretum, which would be closed during the years of SR520 reconstruction, should never have been built to start with and should not be rebuilt or reopened. Not rebuilding them would save money, and reduce by about half the unacceptably high traffic on the Arboretum portions of Lake Washington Boulevard. \* Adding more lanes encourages more driving, energy use, pollution, and global warming. \* I-5, I-405, and local streets cannot accommodate the additional traffic caused by the six-lane alternatives. The construction will take longer for a 6 lane bridge than a 4 lane bridge, making the impacts of construction that much more intense on people and wildlife

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**Comment Summary:**  
6-Lane Alternative

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