

**I-1047-001**

**Comment Summary:**

Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning

**Response:**

See Section 6.4 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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**I-1047-001** | I currently commute from the Eastside to Seattle. It appears to me that the number of commuters going from Seattle to the Eastside is greater than vice versa. With Microsoft and other employers planning to expand, this trend is only going to grow. I don't see how it is possible to think that any alternative other than a 6 lane bridge should be the replacement. The size of the population is projected to increase substantially. The majority of the growth is going to occur in the current urban centers that are already seeing increased zoning uses. However, the idea that people are going to be able to walk to work is a farce only a politician could believe. Anyone who works outside of public service knows that jobs change, companies move divisions, and companies move. So you might be able to walk to work at one point, but unless you move your residence every time your job changes, sooner or later ever worker in Seattle is going to have to commute from somewhere. With the increase in global competition, there is no such thing as lifetime employment anymore. The companies in Seattle and the people of Seattle rely on transportation corridors to get their employees to work. By choosing a 4 lane option, the leaders of the state are effectively saying they are not interested or committed to the growth of Seattle. You are saying that we are so good we don't need any new jobs or people in this city. The "problems" of a growing city are not nearly as bad as the problems of a city in decline. A 6 lane bridge is a small price to pay to insure that Seattle remains a competitive city on the world stage. A 4 lane bridge is a penny wise decision, but much more than a pound foolish when it will be obsolete before it is finished.

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