

**I-1153-001**

**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

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

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RE: SR 520 DEIS comments

**I-1153-001** | I am writing in support of the Pacific Interchange for the 520 rebuild.

I live in Port Angeles. My husband and I are often in the area around the University of Washington for cultural and educational events; for medical care at the UW hospital and clinics; and for sports events at Husky Stadium. This huge project is a matter of statewide significance and will be paid for by all citizens of our state; I think it is important that you hear from those of us outside of the Seattle metropolitan area.

**The presenting problem: Congestion in the Montlake / UW area** has made access more and more difficult over the years, to the point where arriving on time for a medical appointment or a performance on campus has become almost impossible to plan accurately. I don't know how ambulances make it through the horde of **single-occupant vehicles**. Our eyes and respiratory systems are alarmingly aware of the decline in air quality in the area.

**The solution must emphasize multi-modal transportation**, and the Pacific Interchange presents a great opportunity along those lines of planning. People will use mass transit if it is time-efficient as well as cost-efficient. The state has made major investments in bus and light rail systems. The light rail terminal near Husky Stadium and bus terminal that will be part of the Pacific Interchange will link passengers to these investments and encourage their use. It would be a great relief to leave my car in Kingston or Winslow, walk onto the ferry, and take mass transit to the UW area and beyond.

The jewel of Seattle's multimodal transportation network is the Burke Gilman Trail. The Pacific Interchange will have a direct link from the Burke Gilman Trail across the lake. Bike commuting and recreation are growing increasingly. Biking

**I-1153-001** | enhances the health of the public through exercise and improved air quality.  
Making it easy and safe to commute to and from the Eastside will encourage more bikers and fewer cars.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the Pacific Interchange. It's a good idea for Seattle and Washington State. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

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