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Hi I am writing about something that I feel was not covered in the eis.

I-1160-001 Improving the access to the bridge (particularly the overpass from the UW) is intended to make it easier to get across the lake by car. This, however is something that will encourage people to drive. One of the biggest environmental impact of the bridge is its positive function, that is encouraging car owners to drive. This has huge environmental impacts as more streets need more repair due to use, more driveways and parking garages are created, people have to walk across more traffic and are thus discouraged from walking, children can not play in neighborhoods with commuters furiously driving through (as I witnessed this morning in residential arboretum neighborhood) and more city space and materials are used up in the car ownership economy. Thus the act of replacing the bridge has huge environmental impact on our region. Better to fill the hollow columns with concrete and rebar, and make the bridge bus only. This is a realistic solution. Unrealistic is to think that our automobile society is sustainable (think of the billions of dollars a year King County residents spend on gasoline, car repair, car ownership, as well as the costs at Harborview) or good.

Thank you,
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Response:

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