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Comment Summary:

4-Lane Alternative

Response:

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

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I-1253-001 | There are many reasons to keep the lanes on the new 520 bridge to only four:

1. There are 4 & 6 lane options on the table, of which the Pacific Interchange is one of the 6-lane options.
2. **in "acres affected" the Pacific Interchange option leads at 26.8,** the next highest is a different 6-lane option at 14.1. The 4 lane option is 12.6.
3. **the Pacific Interchange option "acquires" 2.34 acres of the Arboretum, the next highest 6 lane alternative acquires 0.7, the 4-lane alternative = no Arboretum acquisition**
4. The Pacific Interchange is the only plan that acquires land from the Burke-Gilman trail (albeit small, at 0.08 acre)
5. the Pacific Interchange has the highest price tag at 4.38 billion, the next highest = 3.9 billion.

also check out the Arboretum & Botanical Garden Committee's site:
<http://depts.washington.edu/wpa/abgc/>

some other info about the Pacific Interchange Alternative:

1. it has no dedicated transit/HOV lanes on the proposed Union Bay Bridge
2. **of the seven lanes of traffic that would exit the 520 at the Pacific**

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**Interchange, 3 lanes plus one HOV lane exit onto Lake Washington
Boulevard/Arboretum**

3. counting ramps, the Pacific Interchange places 16 lanes abreast over the wetlands portion of the Arboretum, including the Wetlands Trail enjoyed by many.

A lot of nature is riding on this decision.

Please do not destroy the arb. Please make people get out of their cars and into mass transit!

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