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I would like to offer our preference for the 6 lane alternative with a bike lane for students commuting to and from the UW. Additionally we believe that an HOV lane would encourage people to carpool as well as mitigate some of the heavier traffic around the rush hour and during game days or special events.

I have lived on the east side and commuted to Seattle for several years; the traffic across the 520 bridge is getting to the point of being unbearable during the rush hour commute. One used to be able to leave early (7:00) in order to avoid the huge back ups getting to the bridge deck, however one must be at the bridge no later than 6:30 to have a reasonable commute. The reverse commute is absolutely impossible! This is not going to get better and, although the City will continue to build more urban housing, it is unreasonable to think that people will give up their cars or be able to locate to an area which they find not to be affordable to be closer to their jobs. The job market is also not like it was 25 years ago when people stayed with one company for their entire career. People change every 2 - 3 years on the average and they must be able to commute to any location. The City of Seattle takes a back seat to many other cities in the nation who began to address their traffic concerns years ago; it is unconscionable that we are encouraging people to vacation here and send them on various day trips in our traffic jams.

The 520 bridge is a must for the foreseeable future; one bridge across Lake Washington will not be enough and 520 is in dire need of repairs. Before this comes down on us all like a huge nightmare and citizens are hurt or killed, I suggest this alternative. It is the only one that makes sense.

Thank you.

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Response:

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