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Comment:

The Pacific Interchange alternative is the most palatable option for the bridge through the Montlake area. Two Montlake bridges won't solve any of the existing traffic problems.

I really don't think that a wider bridge is the best solution, as the congestion will continue to create traffic backup on the 520. The only difference is, they will be shorter wider backups, still as time consuming. Having experienced Washington, D.C.'s attempts to solve traffic congestion by widening the feeder routes (I-95N, I-95S, I-66, and I-270) into the D.C. Beltway (I-495), I can say that wider roads did little to decrease commute time, decreased safety, and increased dissatisfaction of the public the road served, all at an enormous cost. Wider roads just do not solve the problems we face!

That said, if we are going to increase the flow capacity of 520, even without changing the capacity of the terminal points, then the Pacific Interchange just makes far more sense from both a neighborhood perspective and a traffic solution perspective.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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