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I am writing to oppose the current expansion proposal for SR520. I don't believe it has given full consideration to the impacts it would impose on the local and greater community, the true long-range benefits to transportation flow, or the irreparable environmental loss from its intersect with the Washington Park Arboretum, Union Bay wetlands, and University of Washington campus areas. The environmental impacts to the Arboretum areas have not been fully reviewed and viewed...after the recent master plan efforts for this local resource with international reputation, this is a great insult to this local treasure.

While traffic back-ups along the Montlake Cut are notorious and getting thicker, I am not convinced by the expansive 6-lane proposal and Pacific Interchange. The I-90 expansion was to take up much of the flow from SR520. Now here we are again, looking to build another highway of immense scale.

A more full investigation of the values and contributions to the region of the natural resources that would be impaired by this construction is called for. Broader range of options for the functions and capacity of SR520 against other transit options and routes.

As a long-time Seattle resident who travels this area, and has worked at and around the UW, I am not only opposed to what has been presented, but would feel a huge insult to the quality of life I have enjoyed and sought from this area. I do not wish to see more of my beloved City consumed by massive highway expansion.

The current plan is short-sighted, and needs to look more fully at the traffic implications for the broader reaches of the University to Madison to the south.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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