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After being briefly excited by the 6 lane Pacific Interchange option (anything to help Montlake bridge congestion!) and thinking maybe it would work with expensive noise mitigation and expensive artistic bridge design, I have decided that the 4 lane replacement option should be chosen because the most important consideration on the design of the bridge should be to protect the open space and endangered urban wildlife of the present Arboretum. In one hundred years, other and better transportation options than the car will have presented themselves but it will be too late to replace the valuable Arboretum. It seems to me that much of the Montlake congestion could be solved by simply eliminating the access to 520E (while maintaining the exits and access to 520W) at that location, a much less expensive option than the \$450+ million Pacific Interchange option.

To facilitate traffic and encourage ride sharing, I would make 1 lane each way, during peak hours, dedicated to car pools, mass transit and those willing to pay a premium (2x or 3x the toll). Carol Curtis

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Comment Summary:

4-Lane Alternative

Response:

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