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Comment Category: Comment on all alternatives

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I-0090-001

Comment:

I can't fathom why a four lane replace bridge is even on the table. The state's inability to improve traffic flow across the lake has a direct impact on the affordability of housing in our region. Your failure to increase capacity has resulted in such unbearable commutes that people are unable to afford to live in neighborhoods where you can raise children.

Please don't let the wealthy few dictate what tens of thousands of people who use the bridge every day clearly need. This is a no brainer. Build six lanes and build it as fast as possible.. Do you have any idea how stressful it is to sit in traffic night after night trying to get home to our families? There is no advantage in trying to take the bus since there aren't any bus lanes on the routes going from Seattle to Bellevue in the morning.

The bike lanes will only benefit a tiny tiny tiny percentage of people and they don't make sense to include. Why not build a mini rail that would let people drive tiny electric cars (the size of say a mini cooper) instead? Come on you have spent millions on this and the best you can come up with is a 4 or 6 lane bridge? I am as liberal as they come but these type of process oriented projects make the government look silly and waste our time and money. Build it and build it NOW.

Comment Category: Aesthetics and Visual Quality

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I-0090-002

Comment:

Although the online version of the EIS is impressive what a huge waste of money and time. As far as I can tell not one person has made a single comment this way? No one who is working and driving across the bridge has the time to read this document nor does it give the information we want.

Even though I have a background in construction engineering we really don't need to explain the various types of footings or retaining walls do we? Break this project down into pieces with short little bullets of information. Why can't you build it in less than five years? Do you honestly think we want to commute on a construction project for seven years?

I-0090-003

Do you honestly think people think it is a good use of taxpayer money to hold public meetings on what texture to use on the walls? This is a urgent and very necessary project but your attempt to build community support is over the top. Use every means necessary and build it as fast as you can. Leave the art for later.

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Comment Summary:

6-Lane Alternative

Response:

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

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Comment Summary:

Format and Content

Response:

See Section 23.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-0090-003

Comment Summary:

Coordination with Other Transportation Projects

Response:

See Section 1.0 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.