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Comment:

I have lived above University Village for over 20 years. Daily I commute to Pioneer Square by car or bike. On the weekends I travel downtown to the YMCA. My biggest headache is crossing the Montlake Bridge. Because you do not know if it is backed up until you have passed the Viaduct, I often choose to go up through the UW Campus and out by Campus Parkway and onto the express lanes. It makes no sense that the quickest way is usually to go through the University. It is time that the bridge be bypassed and commuters could directly get onto 520. I would not mind higher traffic density if that meant I could depend on a more reliable commute time. I see this from the Pacific Interchange Plan. Even on weekends a common argument between my wife and I is whether to try Montlake or to go up 45th to the freeway. I always choose to go 45th because if the bridge goes up, you will probably be late to what your trying to get to. This last Saturday around 6:00pm, we had a wedding reception at Broadmoor County Club. The traffic was back up all the way to the University Village. The only way we got there on time was to cut through the UW student parking by the stadium and cut back onto 25th by the bridge. This is silly and needs to change. Now especially with the University Village becoming so popular, we must by pass that bridge. Finally I would really appreciate an easier way to bike through that area. I would rather have a bike lane that it go right along the water through Broadmoor, but I do not have say in that. a

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Response:

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