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Address: 2231 E Lake Washington Blvd, , 98112

**Comment:**

All intersections are not equal!!

The lake washington blvd interchange is in the Arboretum. The heavy traffic the freeway currently creates reduces citizens' ability to safely and quietly enjoy the precious resource of the arboretum. The narrow, curvey, two lane road was clearly not intended to carry speeding commuter traffic. This is another reason the pacific interchange option is so essential.

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Regarding the effect of the Pacific interchange option on the University.

The University generates a large portion of the traffic that uses our local streets because of the current, poorly designed freeway interchange. They need to work with local residents to solve the community's transportation issues. It is unfair to sacrifice community good for parking spaces.

It seems likely that less parking at the University would be required under a plan such as the pacific interchange that effectively moves more commuters by mass transit.

University employees can feel safer walking/biking to work without the types of volumes and behaviors of traffic that occur from backed up interchanges.

University traffic will also be more directly deposited at the university rather than routed through residential streets.

This is another reason I support the Pacific Interchange option and Beg the state to insist on the University's cooperation.

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I support this option because I believe it is essential to have a plan for handling the increased congestion on the local streets that simply moving more people over the bridge will create. I also believe it is shortsighted if we do not do everything possible to encourage mass transit and allow for its growth. This option allows buses less congestion on portage bay, encourages use of HOV lanes, allows links to light rail, and if properly done, allows continuous bike trails N/S and E/W.

This makes our local streets SAFER (my toddler has several times almost been hit by a car pulling out of LakeWashington Blvd traffic and speeding down our alley to find a shortcut). And more efficient - a freeway should not depend on traffic over a narrow drawbridge- and

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**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

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

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local residents could return to using local streets for short trips even during peak periods.  
(for example, montlake to university village)