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**Comment:**

I have two major comments for your consideration, tolling 520 today to jump start replacement funding as well as validate the true capacity needs, and not pushing thousands of extra cars a day through the Gem of Seattle Parks the Washington Park Arboretum.

I suggest that since the 520 replacement will be paid for at least partially by Tolls that the tolls be implemented now, this would help travelers feel more fully the costs of their trips and most likely limit the actual traffic. Once the Tolls have been in place of a year or two we should have a better idea of what the true need for capacity is and can plan and build accordingly.

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**I-0165-002**

Attending the 520 Open House at the Museum of History of Industry I was told by a WSDOT employee that the traffic on Lake Washington Blvd would go up 49% under the alternatives under consideration. We already have rush hour backups of over half a mile several times a week through the Arboretum on Lake Washington Blvd. The 520 replacement plan needs to be part of a comprehensive traffic plan for moving people North and South from Madison Park, Madonna and the Central District where there exists an Arterial 23rd/24th which should be used instead of a secondary arterial Lake Washington Blvd which goes through one of the biggest and best in city parks in the U.S.. New York City would not route major commuter traffic through Central Park and neither should Seattle. The ramps to and from SR520 that are in the Arboretum, which would be closed during the years of SR520 reconstruction, should never have been built to start with and should not be rebuilt or reopened. Not rebuilding them would save money, and reduce by about half the unacceptably high traffic on the Arboretum portions of Lake Washington Boulevard.

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**Comment Summary:**

Early Tolling

**Response:**

See Section 3.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

**I-0165-002**

**Comment Summary:**

Arboretum Area (Local Streets)

**Response:**

See Section 5.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.