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Comment:

Dear Madam or Sir,

I cannot think of a worse way to spend several billion dollars we do not have than to increase the size and impact of the 520 bridge. Especially horrible is the Pacific Interchange option which places the desires of the few above the needs of the many by valuing the demands of the Montlake neighborhood over the public spaces of the Arboretum and Union Bay. The other expansion options are not much better. All add to the shameful legacy of sacrificing precious open space and habitat to road projects. This hideous structure should never have been built, but since there is no Remove alternative I am forced to lend my support to the no-build plan. The \$500 million currently available should be sufficient to repair the existing bridge and remove the Lake Washington Blvd. ramps and the long abandoned ramps to nowhere that blight the Arboretum. If any additional funds are available they should be used to mitigate the deleterious effects of this highway on Foster Island.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Geoff Briggs
Seattle

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Comment Summary:

No Build Alternative

Response:

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