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**Comment:**

Thanks much for WSDOT's attempts to obtain feedback from interested community members regarding SR520.

Considering the complexity of the matter as well as the range of solutions, although I'm by no means especially knowledgeable on the options, I have a very strong opinion that we mustn't accept a solution that in any way interferes with The Arboretum.

That city park is a national treasure. The relatively short-term, (from a historical perspective), issues facing commuters opting for personal passenger vehicles such as automobiles and SUVs mustn't be allowed to disrupt the livability of the King County's communities.

Rather than catering our transit solutions to single-occupancy vehicle owners, we need to look to the future of mass transit and foot-powered options.

Although I live in Seattle and care a lot about our city's neighborhoods around SR520, I also care about Eastside residents in our county.

We, in my opinion, have to develop options, such as telecommuting, that allow workers and students to attend to their respective responsibilities without the need to travel long distances. In the meantime, SR520, in order to best serve the state's population should, as far as I can tell, simply be repaired and maintained on a regular basis without any substantive changes to its present capacity.

We need to curtail the desire of single occupancy vehicle owners to use their cars on a daily basis. Businesses and educational communities on both sides of Lake Washington need to commit resources to ongoing problem resolution that will work with city, county, and state agencies in a cohesive, goal-oriented manner.

Again, thank you for WSDOT's ongoing effort to gather public feedback.

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**Comment Summary:**

Arboretum (Concerns)

**Response:**

See Section 9.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.