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COMMENTS OF DONALD JOHN CONEY RE/RTID AND SOUND TRANSIT II

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RTID:

- The list of King County items to be funded by RTID on the '07 ballot should include The Two-way Mercer/Narrow Valley St. project and the Lowered Aurora elements of the SR99 Project north of the Battery St. tunnel mouth.
- The Pacific St. interchange is the appropriate one to ensure smooth connections between Link Light Rail at the Husky Stadium Station and Metro BRT service on the SR520 Bridge.
- Mass transit lanes are important on the SR520 Bridge. Additional general purpose lanes are not appropriate.

SOUND TRANSIT II:

- The streetcar route offered by Sound Transit in mitigation for the deletion of the Beacon Hill Link Light Rail Station should be funded from Sound Transit I funds. The Beacon Hill Station was part of the package of Sound Transit I transit development which the voters approved eight years ago. To fund the streetcar route from Beacon Hill to Broadway/John St. in Sound Transit II dollars would ensure that the streetcar would lag behind Link Light Rail service in Seattle by seven or eight years. Access to the hospital complexes on the hills is too important to wait for that period for service. Please meet the Sound Transit I commitments, before asking for Sound Transit II dollars.

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Comment Summary:

Light Rail Transit

Response:

See Section 2.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.