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I think the seattle mayor has a point about designing the bridge for transit. cars will choke the city physically and respiratory , please realign your premises. thank you

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WSDOT policy supports the notion that people should be able to easily and efficiently move through congested intercity corridors using many transportation options. Section 2.4 in the Final EIS explains why initial implementation of light rail transit on SR 520 is not planned. The decision to locate Sound Transit's initial east-west light rail transit corridor on I-90 rather than SR 520 has been made through extensive regional deliberation (see Table 2-2 of the Final EIS). However, through coordination with Sound Transit, WSDOT has designed the Preferred Alternative to have enhanced compatibility with potential future light rail compared to the SDEIS design options (see Chapter 2 of the Final EIS). Please also see the responses to comments from the City of Seattle Mayor's Office, in Item L-007, regarding high capacity transit.

The SR 520, I-5 to Medina project would complete the HOV lane system in the corridor, improving reliability and efficiency for transit and carpools, but would not add general purpose lanes. Thus the project is aligned with improving the overall efficiency of the transportation system by creating incentives for people to choose an alternative to driving alone.