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I-033-001

I think one thing that would help is rerouting the I-5 south bound exit #168 so it leaves on the west side of I-5 instead of the center lane. Every afternoon people get on I-5 at 45th and slowly creep across to exit on 520. I can't remember a day that I-5 isn't clogged here.

My feelings are that if you corrected this by tunneling under I-5 there would be such a ground swell of support your project would be unstoppable.

I-033-002

Of course living along the water of Portage bay, I would give anything for sound walls built on that portion of the project.

Thanks for reading

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I-033-001

Improvements on I-5 are not included as part of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV project. However, to help improve the connection between SR 520 and I-5, the SR 520, I-5 to Medina project includes a new reversible HOV ramp that will connect to the existing I-5 reversible express lanes south of SR 520. The project will not preclude future modifications to the SR 520/I-5 interchange.

I-033-002

Noise walls were recommended for specific locations with Options A, K, and L. However, based on concerns about the effect of noise walls on visual quality and aesthetics in the area, WSDOT has identified a number of noise reduction strategies in the Preferred Alternative. These noise reduction strategies would reduce noise to the point that noise walls would not be recommended with the Preferred Alternative in Seattle, except potentially along I-5 in the North Capitol Hill area where the reasonableness and feasibility of a noise wall is still being evaluated. The proposed noise reduction strategies include 4-foot concrete traffic barriers with noise-absorptive coating, reducing the speed limit through the Portage Bay area to 45 mph, encapsulating expansion joints, and using noise-absorptive materials around the Montlake and 10th Avenue East/Delmar Drive East lid portals. Information on noise modeling results for the Preferred Alternative can be found in Section 5.7 of the Final EIS and the Noise Discipline Report Addendum (Attachment 7 to the Final EIS).