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Gentlemen, I grew up in Chicago where trains are a way of life for commuters. When is Seattle going to "get on board" and follow suit? I can't imagine why we aren't considering a train up the middle of 520 bridge connecting Woodinville/Redmond area to downtown Seattle, Safeco Field and eventually to Seatac! Think BIG, and think AHEAD! Think mass transit!!

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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). Section 2.4 also explains how the SR 520, I-5 to Medina project can accommodate future high capacity transit, such as proposed bus rapid transit or potential future light rail. While WSDOT believed that the design of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina project already accommodated potential future light rail, the agency worked with the City of Seattle and Sound Transit to identify changes that would enhance the corridor's rail compatibility. The Preferred Alternative reflects these design changes and allows for two potential future rail options.