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I have not thoroughly reviewed the legions of environmental documents prepared. However I have looked over some of the documents pertaining to dealing with traffic during construction. Reference is made to improving traffic operations on City streets. I know that the capacity of the 23rd Ave. S. corridor could be enhanced greatly. See my comment below:

Traffic capacity of the 23rd Ave. S. from Rainier Ave. S. to SR - 520 could be substantially enhanced via peak hour left turn restrictions and the elimination of the associated split phased signals. The left turn traffic could simply use the street and right turns to get to there destination. This is a cost effective improvement that could add capacity during the peak hours.

Thinking bigger acquiring ROW to install left turn pockets?

Please let me know if this is already identified; if not it should be.

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The study area for the project does not extend as far east as 23rd Avenue S. The study area included streets that were expected to be the most affected by project construction. While a small amount additional traffic may travel along 23rd Avenue S., providing additional capacity as part of construction mitigation would not be expected to substantially improve operations along this roadway and was therefore not included in the planned mitigation strategies.