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**Comment:**

**I-0654-001**

As a bike/bus commuter living near U-village, I am in general most in favor of the Pacific Street Interchange option. Since the Montlake Bridge is already a significant bottleneck, it is the only option that actually improves reliability where currently a bus rider or carpooler cannot even travel down the Montlake Blvd corridor. It is the only option that keeps the neighborhoods north and south of the Cut linked, whereas right now they are totally cut off by a combination of 520 traffic and bridge opening traffic. With the light rail station there it just makes more sense.

Of course my concerns:

**I-0654-002**

- Do not remove the montlake flyer stop! Concerning Buses that run between Downtown Seattle and the Eastside, either preserve a way for a bus to stop at Montlake, or make it practical for it to swing up to the new 'Stadium Transit Center' to make connections. More transit service in the corridor is useless if you cant connect at key transfer points!

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- Design Challenges around the Arboretum. Please allow for sleek and slender designs, that are both visually appealing and artful. While it is beneficial to focus on minimizing the raw footprint over the wetlands, it can also be said that by creating something visually stunning, that it can add rather than detract from the experience in and around the park. I.e. Considering designs of anything at ground level, it may be good to mask the structure with noise walls and lid-like structures. However, any part of the structure that is elevated or arcs into the air (such as the Union Bay Bridge, Marsh Island interchange), accentuate the presence so that it is an artful form to look at. Dont build bulky Noise walls on sections that are elevated! Accentuate silhouettes against the skyline with curves and peaks!

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**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

**I-0654-002**

**Comment Summary:**

Montlake Freeway Transit Station

**Response:**

See Section 2.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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**Comment Summary:**

Context Sensitive Solutions

**Response:**

See Section 10.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.