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Subject: SR 520 Pacific Interchange

Attached are my comments on the proposed Pacific Interchange Judy Foss

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Re: Pacific Interchange Project

I have been hesitant to respond to recent news about the Pacific Interchange Project as I thought the whole idea was someone's pipe dream and would never be taken seriously. I remember when the elected officials in Alaska who attempted to legislate a couple of billion dollars to build a road to Pennock Island underwent a change of heart when faced with the facts that their plan was ludicrous. Why? Because it was way too expensive, and because it benefited few if any of their constituents.

The Pacific Interchange Option to the SR520 project to us is political thinking in a similar vein. Why would anyone want to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to build a road to nowhere to benefit so few? Having said that I would caution you to consider the process of the construction itself. It would serve to isolate even more the Laurelhurst community, **permanently increase traffic congestion** and disrupt a legislated wetlands that were designed to soften the urban setting and restore the land to it's natural state.

I am also more aware of some of the environmental factors that surround Portage Bay and Union Bay. Recent construction of the indoor football field, adjacent to this proposed site required setting the building on pilings that extended 130 feet down into the lake where they finally located solid ground. Also, the location of the proposed interchange is designated as a fault line subject to liquefaction were we to have another earthquake. I understand that the parking lots at the University adjacent to this site have sunk about 14 feet and that the stadium is currently sinking. Why would anyone want to contribute to the disruption of this fragile ecosystem that has already been damaged to the detriment of us all?

Last but not least, as a taxpayer whose property taxes have increased **fifty times** since the purchase of my home, I do not want to spend additional tax dollars on such a grandees plan. It would only serve to disrupt my life and in the long run would provide no benefits to my progeny or to me.

Having written this letter I guess I am now involved and will be watching very closely actions that are taken by those elected to represent me. I will also begin to engage in conversations with associates about this issue. Thank you for your consideration of my feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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