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From: "Elizabeth and Allen Moses" <moses@nwlink.com>
To: <SR520DEIScomments.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 10:07 PM
Subject: Comments on the DEIS for the east end of the 520 Bridge

Dear City Council Members, Mayor Nichols and The Washington State Department of Transportation:

I wish to comment on the Draft Environment Impact Statement for the East end of the 520 Bridge.

I-1060-001 I believe that the Washington Park Arboretum will be very adversely impacted by all the present proposals for enlarging the traffic capacity of the 520 corridor in the vicinity of the Arboretum and Union Bay. Further study is needed to lessen the impact on these unique areas of the City.

I-1060-002 The Pacific Interchange's huge impact on the Union Bay and Foster Island areas makes it most unacceptable.

I-1060-003 All the bridge sound walls make the visual impact of all alternatives even more massive. I suggest the 8' walls be omitted where the highway reaches residential areas, thereby mitigating the mass of the roadways from the near-water views.

I-1060-004 I request that there be a more detailed study of ALL the impacts on the arboretum.

The heavy traffic already on Lake Washington Boulevard, an Olmstead legacy, I has a very negative impact on the peace and tranquility of visitors to the Arboretum and the Japanese Garden. As a guide in the Japanese Garden I have experienced great difficulty being heard over the present traffic. Any increase could be devastating to this authentic and treasured garden, on the top 10 list of authentic Japanese Gardens outside Japan.

Any increase in traffic threatens ,even more, pedestrians attempting to cross between the Arboretum's East and West sides, especially to the heavily visited Japanese Garden.

Increased pollution as more cars idle longer to turn at the Madison Avenue light will certainly affect the health of the valuable plant collections in that area of the Arboretum.

The Arboretum is a rare central -city oasis for Seattle citizens, and for many from all over the Puget Sound basin. It is a living laboratory for expert and beginning gardeners and horticulture students. It is an invaluable repository of rare and endangered plants, and home for an internationally famous plant collection. Unfortunately, many do not understand the uniqueness of this treasured park.

The Arboretum should be preserved, rather than utilized as part of a traffic solution. Solving the Highway 520 congestion problems should aim to reduce traffic through the Arboretum, rather than increase it.

I also wish to state that I concur will the statements made by the Directors of the Arboretum Foundation

Sincerely yours, Elizabeth Ayrault Moses
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Dear Sirs; as you can see by the above email that I sent, I attempted to send this letter to you at 10:07 PM October 31, before the deadline for comments on the Draft EIS. My machine would not accept the above address as valid, so I must resort to the US mail. I do hope you will consider my comments in your deliberations. Sincerely yours; Elizabeth A. Moses 10/31/2006

I-1060-001
Comment Summary:
Arboretum (Concerns)

Response:
See Section 9.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-1060-002
Comment Summary:
Pacific Street Interchange Option

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

I-1060-003
Comment Summary:
Noise Walls (Aesthetics)

Response:
See Section 12.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-1060-004
Comment Summary:
Arboretum (Concerns)

Response:
See Section 9.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.