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Comment Summary:

Tube/Tunnel Concepts

Response:

See Section 1.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Are we about to trash our heritage?

I am a horticulturist living on the eastside (following 25 years in Montlake) who uses both the bridge and the arboretum frequently plus we boat occasionally in the wetlands around Foster and Marsh Islands.

I have recently been made aware of the gigantic footprint the favored new 520 bridge will make in the midst of the fragile and irreplaceable in-city wetlands. I AM HORRIFIED. Not just by the monstrous size but by the damage that will be made during construction and the noisy disruption to the peaceful enjoyment of that wetland by recreationalists and wildlife.

I am also greatly distressed by the photo montage I have just seen showing the much higher profile the new bridge will have from this gem of a wild place--so rare in the city. A blight on the land it will be.

I would like the City Council to insist international tunnel consultants are hired to give proper consideration to a tunnel as a way of solving the above problems. WSDOT has a bias towards bridges and a distinct lack of knowledge regarding tunnels as compared to Japan, The Netherlands and Australia who have all solved similarly tricky situations (including seismic) using tunnels.

Let's think of our grandchildren and leave them legacy we can all be proud of.

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