



# City of Seattle

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Paul Krueger,

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board would be writing this letter to point out a missed opportunity in the current SR 520 DEIS. While the Board approves of the bicycle / pedestrian lane on the proposed bridge in both the 4 and 6 lane alternatives, a significant opportunity is being missed to connect the important employment centers of Microsoft as well as parts of Bellevue and Redmond. While Bellevue and Redmond are not directly the responsibility of the Board, many employees in the Bellevue / Redmond high tech area live in and commute from the City of Seattle meaning the potential for increased non-motorized commuting is of regional importance.

There is currently a great multi use trail running alongside SR 520 from Marymoor Park to the vicinity of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE in Bellevue. The proposed multi use trail begins near Yarrow Bay and continues across Lake Washington. Nowhere in the DEIS does it mention that the feasibility was studied for connecting these two important bikeways. The potential to provide access to one of the largest employment centers in the Puget Sound is great, making this an opportunity that must not be overlooked in this project. You would never plan to create a major facility for cars and trucks without considering what will happen with the vehicles once they reach the end of the new facility. It is equally unacceptable to create a new bicycle facility in this manner as well. Under the current alternatives, cyclists are left with absolutely no idea how to connect between these facilities. The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board strongly recommends that a bicycle / pedestrian connection be studied specifically connecting the new facility across the bridge to Yarrow Point with the existing facility that parallels SR 520 from Marymoor to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

Thank you,

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### Comment Summary:

Eastside Concerns

### Response:

See Section 24.0 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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offices of the City  
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to bicycling, and  
the impact which  
actions by the City  
may have upon  
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