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Mr. Krueger,

We are writing on behalf of the City-University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC) to offer our comments on the proposed draft Environmental Impact Statement for the SR 520 Bridge Replacement Project. We would also like to express our appreciation that an extension of the initial comment deadline was granted to help encourage greater public comment and involvement in this process.

The members of CUCAC voted overwhelmingly at our October 10, 2006 meeting to take a position in support of a 4-lane approach to replacing the SR 520 Evergreen Point Floating Bridge. Our members are also greatly concerned that the current designs for SR 520 do not allow for the future addition of high-capacity transit to this corridor, and are likely to actually increase the number of single-occupant vehicles using this roadway. It is also the position of CUCAC that lids for a reconstructed SR 520 are mitigation for the increased noise and other environmental impacts of this project rather than simple project enhancements, and that lids are necessary to ameliorate the impacts SR 520 has on the neighborhoods it passes through.

In addition, at our previous meeting on September 12, 2006, the membership of CUCAC voted nearly unanimously to oppose the proposed Pacific Street Interchange now under consideration, in large part due to the impacts on the Arboretum and its wetlands, Union Bay, the University of Washington, and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Matt Fox, Co-Chair
 CUCAC

Danny Kraus, Co-Chair

cc: Mayor Greg Nickels
 Seattle Councilmembers



C-010-001

Comment Summary:

4-Lane Alternative

Response:

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

C-010-002

Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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