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Dear Mr. Krueger:

**C-034-001** | In addition to our previous comments, the Eastlake Community Council offers the following regarding the SR520 draft EIS. The EIS has made a serious error in largely omitting analysis of the impacts of SR520 expansion on Seattle's Eastlake neighborhood. Eastlake's SR520-related impacts from noise, impairment of the landmark Seward School, air pollution, long-term traffic, and construction traffic are all virtually ignored.

The Eastlake neighborhood is located along the west edge of I-5 and is centered on the portion of I-5 that gives and receives SR520 traffic via various ramps, including flyover ramps which are as little as 100 feet from our streets and buildings, and which currently broadcast noise, vibration, dust, and air pollution into our neighborhood--all impacts that will increase as these ramps are expanded in the various alternatives.

The Eastlake neighborhood is one of the state's densest neighborhoods, and it also has the state's best balance of jobs and residents, with equal numbers of each. Since its founding in 1971, the Eastlake Community Council has closely followed discussions about SR520, and has had representatives on a series of governmental committees that have examined the SR520 project. This neighborhood deserves more equitable treatment from the EIS, which largely ignores its SR520 impacts.

**C-034-002** | The entire technical report on noise is seriously deficient in failing to address noise impacts on the Eastlake neighborhood. In important instances, noise analysis areas were not included in the Eastlake neighborhood, and they should be. SR520 expansion will cause increases in noise in this neighborhood, but these impacts are not modeled or even mentioned.

**C-034-003** | Emblematic of this neighborhood's neglect in the EIS is that the "valuable historic

### **C-034-001**

#### **Comment Summary:**

Neighborhood Issues

#### **Response:**

See Section 7.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

### **C-034-002**

#### **Comment Summary:**

Noise (Methodology)

#### **Response:**

See Section 12.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

### **C-034-003**

#### **Comment Summary:**

Section 106 Process

#### **Response:**

See Section 11.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

**c-034-003** | resources" listed entirely ignore Seward School, the City's oldest continuously operated school, and which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and also has been designated as a Seattle landmark under the City's landmarks ordinance. Seward School is located very close to SR520 traffic that emerges from the flyover ramps that move traffic between SR520 and I-5. Seward School already has serious visual, noise, vibration, and pollution impacts from SR520 that would be worsened by all of the proposed alternatives, but less so by the four-lane alternative.

**c-034-004** | The EIS analysis of construction traffic impacts is also particularly neglectful of impacts on the Eastlake neighborhood. Boylston Avenue East, Lynn Street, and Eastlake Avenue are already severely hurt by southbound traffic on its way to the I-5 on-ramp at Newton. It seems likely that a large proportion of the southbound truck traffic will access I-5 at this ramp. The EIS fails to provide any serious data or analysis regarding the magnitude of this truck traffic and its impacts on streets, residences, and businesses that already face unacceptable impacts. These impacts bear particularly on the choice between the four and six lane alternatives, but the EIS fails to provide any quantitative data or analysis of their meaning for our neighborhood

**c-034-005** | We urge that the EIS data and analysis be redone, if necessary via a supplemental EIS, so that the Eastlake neighborhood's impacts from SR520 expansion are fairly and fully assessed.

Sincerely,

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#### **C-034-004**

##### **Comment Summary:**

Schedule

##### **Response:**

See Section 4.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

#### **C-034-005**

##### **Comment Summary:**

Format and Content

##### **Response:**

See Section 23.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.