



September 17, 2006

Mr. Paul Kruger
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RE: SR 520

Dear Mr. Kruger:

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I am writing urgently to ask that you choose the Pacific Interchange Plan for the the situation we residents of Montlake and Portage Bay are now facing. The "Base Six" option, with a second Montlake drawbridge and and nine lanes over Portage Bay will change our entire area from a relatively quiet and desirable part of the city to a loud, congested, ugly area which will end up as a completely different neighborhood. With the "Base Six" option, the Montlake/Portage Bay area part of town will become a "get through the driving" area of hurried and hassled traffic, no longer at all like this part of Seattle is now. Houses will have to go and concrete will grow substantially. The thought of nine lanes over Portage Bay is sickening.

I ask instead that you opt for the Pacific Interchange Plan. It does the job and maintains the grace of the environment. It will reconnect our neighborhood with a public park from the Montlake Playfield to the Arboretum, create a new transit hub at the UW and new bus service on our local streets to reduce backups on Montlake Avenue. It is also the only option that really works for all concerned.

I have had my house in Montlake for over 30 years and a houseboat on Portage Bay for even longer. Like many, many others, I love the neighborhood. I cannot see how anyone with any vision of quality of life or love for Seattle could vote for the "Base Six" option. Please, please choose the Pacific Interchange Plan for the future of Montlake and Portage Bay.

Respectfully,

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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