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To: Stephanie Brown, Regional Project Coordinator

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Subject: DPD Comments on SR 520 Final FEIS

Visual Quality

DPD encourages WSDOT to work with the University of Washington, which manages the arboreal collection in the Arboretum and on Foster Island, to consider replacement plantings that will grow with sufficient vigor to reduce the visual impact of the highway structure as a result of the increased height or other dimensions of the project.