

(July 8TH - 2011) RE: 520 PROJECT

Dear Paula Hammond, P.E.
Sec. of Transportation - WSDOT:

I am a native of Seattle and our parks are world class. Very few cities in the world host as beautifully natural parks as Montlake or Capital Hill, even the U.W. district bridges and University are very old and beautiful. Accommodating Bellevue's burgeoning traffic issues with the few options that seem quite unimaginative in their designs, is an assault on the beauty of the regions I have mentioned. People in Montlake, like myself, who are homeowners appear to be the big losers in this massive and invasive plan. What happened to engineering ideas from the fine designers of the U.W. educated individuals?

Why are the only engineers from WSDOT?
Bellevue benefits and is enabled to
continue as business as usual while our
antiquated roads, bridges and parks are
about to be disrupted terribly. There
is little or no mention of the real
impact to Montlake. Shunting cars
with one driver through our neighborhoods
at our expense seems to be WSDOT's
preferred plan: (a title most inappropriate).

I think Montlake has been left out of
your Final Impact nonsense and that
better engineers should be consulted to
bring less invasive plans to this project.

Thank you - Renate Pusch

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