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I attended the meeting at the Naval Station on Feb 23rd. Several comments were made by folks representing the Arboretum foundation basically speaking against on-ramps to the new 520 bridge because of possible increased traffic on Lake Washington Blvd. I am a resident of Madison Park. Since the 1970's population has increased in all the lakeside communities (Madison Park, Leschi, Madronna) as well as the Madison Valley. Residents of these communities are dependent (primarily to reach their eastside employment) on access to the arboretum on-ramps. It would be logistically a mess to expect all of the traffic from the above mentioned areas to reach 520 via 23rd. Please keep the current plan for the revised on-ramps and exit ramps directly into Lake Wash Blvd. Thank- you. Elinor Kriegsmann 98112

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The Preferred Alternative would not include construction of any new ramps in the Arboretum. The Preferred Alternative would reduce effects on the Arboretum, compared to No Build Alternative, by physically removing the existing Lake Washington Boulevard eastbound on-ramp and westbound off-ramp and the R.H. Thomson Expressway ramps. Access to Lake Washington Boulevard by westbound SR 520 traffic would be moved to a new intersection located on the Montlake Boulevard lid at 24th Avenue East. See Chapter 2 of the Final EIS for additional information. The result of this and other features of the Preferred Alternative is a reduction in trip volumes on Lake Washington Boulevard in the Arboretum compared the No Build Alternative. Under the Preferred Alternative in 2030, a.m. peak hour volumes on Lake Washington Boulevard through the Arboretum would be 1,330 vehicles per hour with the Preferred Alternative, compared to 1,950 vehicles per hour with the No Build Alternative. P.m. peak hour volumes would be 1,410 vehicles per hour compared to 1,730 with the No Build Alternative.