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Dear Project Team:

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I strongly favor the selection of option K for the design of the west end of the 520 corridor. The long-range benefits to all present and future users of the Arboretum and especially Foster Island far outweigh the short term drawbacks such as greater cost, construction period and acreage of disruption.

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Having arrived in Seattle in 1960 and having lived in the Madrona neighborhood ever since, I had the great good fortune to visit Foster Island a number of times before the 520 bridge was built. Since the construction of the highway this experience has never been the same, especially the formerly undisturbed wetlands. Nevertheless my family and I have walked under 520 frequently over the past 47 years.

Easy access to public parks and open space is essential for our city's residents to offset many of the area's urban problems. Undergrounding the highway below Foster Island will restore precious open space along the water even though it will never replace the wetlands of fifty years ago. Please create and preserve whatever green space you can. Option K is our best hope.

Sincerely,


Betsy Darrah

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Comment noted. WSDOT received a number of comments in support of and in opposition to Options A, K, and L and the suboptions to these options. These opinions are summarized in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Summary of Comments (WSDOT, April 2010), available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/SDEIS.htm>.

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Comment noted.

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