

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement SDEIS Comment Form

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Do you have any comments on the Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

I-235-001

From what I have seen of the plans the replacement bridge is too large in all respects. Height 20 to 30 feet makes it visually out of scale and the foot print will damage the arboretum wetlands.

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The SDEIS Visual Quality Discipline Report (Page 70, Option A paragraphs) notes that in the near term, visual quality would be diminished until trees and shrubs are taller and fuller. The bridge included in the Preferred Alternative would be higher than the existing bridge, but this height allows for full connectivity between the north and south islands. The new path under the bridge would be a safer, more comfortable and pleasant experience. All shoreline and wetland impacts will either be restored in-situ or mitigated for off-site.

I-235-002

There would be some effects to wetlands in the Arboretum. WSDOT has coordinated with the Arboretum Foundation through the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee. WSDOT worked with the committee, regulatory agencies, the University of Washington and City of Seattle to develop a plan to address mitigation. Wetland mitigation and mitigation for the arboretum has been developed on a watershed based approach and will meet the goal of no net loss. Please refer to the Arboretum Mitigation Plan and the Wetland Mitigation Plan in Attachment 9 to the Final EIS.

