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To: SR 520 DEIS Comments  
Subject: please see attachment

October 2, 2006

Mr. Paul Krueger  
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Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Krueger:

**O-035-001**

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, has learned of proposals being put forth by the Washington State Department of Transportation with regard to the replacement of the SR520 floating bridge. We are concerned about the impact on Washington Park Arboretum, which houses a number of valuable tree collections of international significance.

Having been designed by renowned landscape architecture firm Frederick Law Olmstead at in the early 1900's, the Arboretum's design represents a significant cultural landscape. The Arboretum forms the southern limb of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens, which also include sensitive shoreline wetlands, and the Union Bay Natural Area. With the Arboretum being the largest open green space in the central metropolitan area of Seattle, we felt the need to express our concern.

We urge you to re-assess plans to replace SR520 floating bridge as stated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement made available on [www.SR520DEIScomments.com](http://www.SR520DEIScomments.com).

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Barbara Chamberlin  
Executive Director, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens

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**Comment Summary:**

Arboretum (Concerns)

**Response:**

See Section 9.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.