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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

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Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 9:01 AM
To: Pat McCabe
Subject: SR 520 Replacement

Dear decision-maker,

I-0502-001 Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding the SR 520 replacement options. The League of Women Voters, Laurelhurst Community Club, Broadmoor Homeowners Association, and many other community stakeholders and organizations share my concerns.

The current frontrunner option to replace the aging 520 bridge is the Pacific Interchange option, which in addition to widening the current 520 alignment adds a huge freeway ramping system and interchange adjacent to Union Bay, McCurdy Park and the Washington Park Arboretum.

This is an environmentally significant area, home to nesting eagles, beaver, turtles, and migratory waterfowl. Decades ago the citizens of Seattle voiced their concerns regarding a similar (but smaller scale) project, with the resulting "bridges to nowhere" we now see in the Arboretum. Why now, as a more environmentally aware community, are we so willing to accept the Pacific Interchange as the only viable option to solve our need to get our cars across Lake Washington? Isn't there another way?

I strongly urge you to oppose the Pacific Interchange or any other option that provides any net increase in noise and impervious surfaces in the area from Montlake Park past the mouth of Union Bay (between Webster Point and Madison Park). What options, then, remain?

I-0502-002 There is evidence that a combination of a cut/cover tunnel and a shallow tube tunnel through this critical area is both feasible and economically viable. This option needs further study, and I urge you to endorse this study so all stakeholders can make educated decisions balancing our transportation demand and our natural environment.

I-0502-001

Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-0502-002

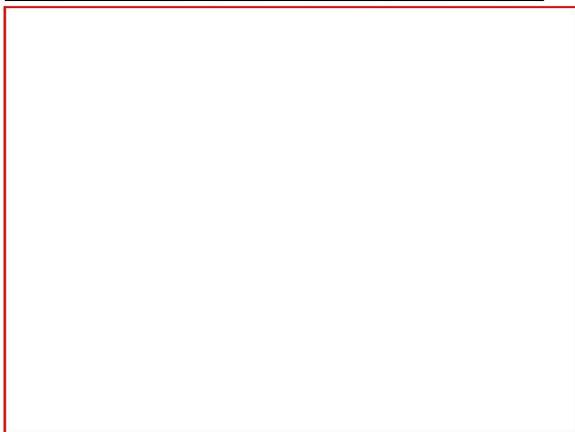
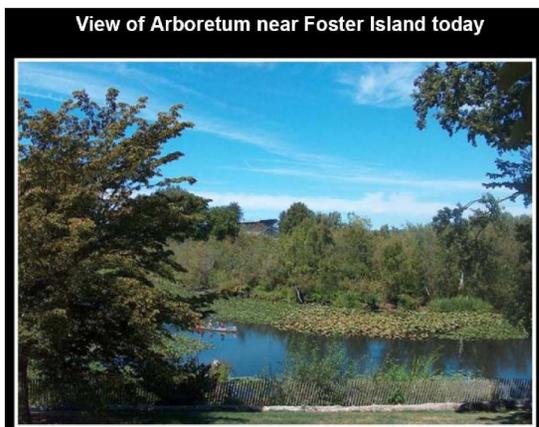
Comment Summary:

Tube/Tunnel Concepts

Response:

See Section 1.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-0502-003 As any long-time Seattle resident knows, sound travels far over water. Therefore the portions of highway that must be located above grade (and regardless of which replacement option is selected), must have sound walls and perhaps also a landscaped sound lid. These components should extend not just through the arboretum, but should begin west of Montlake Park and continue past Webster Point and Madison Park, where eagles and other shore birds live, hunt and breed.



Now imagine Union Bay and Montlake with 520 lidded and tunneled...

I-0502-003

Comment Summary:

Arboretum (Concerns)

Response:

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



Thank you for your time, and for giving this critical project serious consideration.

Best regards,

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