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**Comment Summary:**

Eastside Concerns

**Response:**

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**Comment:**

Regarding the environmental impact statement for the expanded 520 bridge, please note my following objections/ comments.

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It appears that very little information and research have been done in regards to the area around the Bellevue Way exit. This area, is where eastbound 520 exits onto Bellevue Way, and is the area that will have the largest impact from the expansion. Have photos been taken on how this will affect the residents around this area, nor are there any concrete reliable data available as to the additional noise and how it will affect the residents in this region, who are currently putting up with a huge amount of noise from the traffic already.

I am referring to the 40 or so residents who live in and around 103rd PL. N.E. and 103rd Ave. N.E., (known as Spring Hill) who will have the MOST impact from this entire project. I don't see much interest or time given to this neighborhood in your impact statement.

Your environmental impact statement hardly mentions this area of 40 or so residents, yet I couldn't help but note how you continuously go on and on about Yarrow Point, Medina, bicycles and park and rides.

My Concerns:

1) Reduce the amount and size of the lanes called for in the exit area around Bellevue, after living here for 20 years I can tell you that exit is not a source of problem traffic or ever gets backed up - maybe in the snow.

2) Find alternatives to the expansion (widening) of the highway in 1 direction, (south towards Bellevue), take a better look at the traffic flow. The widening of 520 south, towards Bellevue needs to be reduced and consideration made to widening the road northward in addition to southward. Specifically, there needs to be less widening of the highway in the area before the Bellevue Way exit as well as at the Bellevue Way exit. This area is currently a habitat for a very large and vibrant wildlife community. It is very important to preserve this area. The rest of the Bellevue community is probably not aware of this wonderful habitat of wildlife.

3) Has any research been done on how the highway traffic will affect traffic on Bellevue Way? This needs to be done.

4) We need reliable analysis on the noise pollution, air pollution and the noise affect at peak times as well as in different weather conditions. The noise models you have made do not reflect the actual sound experience in different locations and at different times of day and year. You do a Noise measurement at 3 pm in this area, it will

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not reflect anything what the residences deal with at high traffic times. I can open my sliding door facing Bellevue Way and it is deafening.

5) The exit ramps onto the highway westbound, need to be designed and set up so the late night exhaust noise of "racers", cars trying to race onto the highway, will be reduced.

6) Research into late night car noise needs to be done and how the current project will affect residences around the Bellevue Way exit.

It does not seem you have given this community of residents enough consideration and the impact this will have on them. This is a nice community of residents that have been here a long time, many have been here since before Microsoft. We would like you to take more time for studies to really see the impact on us directly.

This community of residents deserves the same considerations you seem to be giving Yarrow Point and Medina, although I don't see the impact will be their problem at all.

We are also concerned at what impact this will have on our property values along with quality of life, it could become a nightmare just trying to merge onto Bellevue Way. Have you done that study yet? There have been several accidents over the years, residents trying to pull out onto Bellevue Way. It appears you have more work to do on this impact study. The impact will be Huge on our neighborhood.