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Dear Mr. Krueger,

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We are writing on behalf of the Roosevelt Neighbors' Alliance (RNA), an organization representing a community bounded by I-5 on the west, 45th St on the south, Ravenna Boulevard to the north and 11th Ave NE on the east. We have reviewed the DEIS on the SR 520 Replacement project and would like to offer the following comments.

First, our organization strongly opposes the Pacific Street Interchange option. This option would have a host of adverse effects on the University of Washington, Union Bay, and the Arboretum and surrounding wetlands. In particular the Arboretum is a vital sanctuary in our city that must be preserved. Additionally traffic in and around our neighborhood, as well as neighborhoods surrounding the University will become worse, as drivers use already clogged neighborhood streets to enter and exit 520 via any Pacific Street Interchange. We strongly urge you to remove this option from consideration.

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Second, we wish to express our support for a four-lane replacement for the SR 520 Bridge. It is also our position that the design should include lids to mitigate the higher levels of noise and adverse environmental effects of a rebuilt SR 520. Lids should be required regardless of whether or not a four or six lane alternative is ultimately adopted. A six-lane alternative (but NOT the Pacific Interchange) might be more attractive to our group if there were a strong commitment to future addition of high capacity transit in the SR 520 corridor. As things stand now, the design alternatives do not support such an addition, and we are convinced that the six-lane alternative will only encourage more single occupant vehicles and create more, rather than less, congestion on SR 520 and in our community.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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

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Comment Summary:

4-Lane Alternative

Response:

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