

October 17, 2006

Mr. Paul Krueger
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RE: SR 520 DEIS
Support for 6-lane alternative with Pacific Interchange

Dear Mr. Krueger:

I-0994-001

I wish to extend my support for the 6-lane alternative for the replacement of the 520 Bridge with the Pacific Interchange, east and west side mitigations outlined in the study and sufficient pontoon capacity to accept two additional lanes that may be required in the future.

I am a Seattle resident with business interests throughout the greater Puget Sound region and base my support on the many years working with and on various committees and groups studying solutions for replacement of the 520 Bridge. It is critical to our economy to replace the bridge before it fails and to meet the capacity needs of our region. This requires leadership and a replacement schedule beginning as soon as possible.

I arrived at this position through use, study and process involvement. I have been and am a member of various transportation committees. (currently a member of the Seattle and Bellevue's Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committees, Downtown Seattle Association, PSRC Transportation Policy Board, Building Owners and Managers Association and NAIOP and notably in the past an active member of the 520 Translake Advisory Committee). I recently chaired the Greater Seattle Chamber's task force that recommended the 6-lane Pacific Interchange alternative. I also live in one of the neighborhoods directly affected by this decision using the Bridge and 520 corridors on a regular basis for more than 30 years.

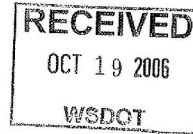
In my opinion the 6-lane alternative with the Pacific Interchange provides the needed capacity for vehicles, dedicated lanes for transit, the best overall footprint, and the best mix of traffic mitigation for Lake Washington Boulevard and Montlake on the west side and Points neighborhoods and connections to transit and I-405 on the east side. With the extra pontoon capacity it also anticipates future.

Puget Sound area requires dependable, functioning infrastructure. The replacement of the 520 bridge is one of the keys to this critical need assuring our Region's long-term economic viability.

Sincerely,



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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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