

I-1025-001

Comment Summary:

Madison Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection

Response:

See Section 24.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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CC:
Subject: Bike Trail to SR 520
Date: Monday, October 23, 2006 10:07:26 AM
Attachments:

Dear Mr. Conlin and WSDOT,

I-1025-001 As a homeowner in LakeShore West Condos on 43rd Ave E in Madison Park, I am writing to you to voice my strong and heavy concern regarding the city's proposal to run a bike trail from 43rd Ave E onto the proposed, new 520 Bridge. There are many reasons for this concern but my primary concern is the following:

43rd Ave E which runs along Lake Washington is home to many seniors and it is also a stretch that is frequented by many families with young kids, including kids in strollers and newly walking. This is a very popular stretch for such persons to take quiet, leisurely strolls to enjoy the beauty of the lake, a small park and play area with sand lots and swings that is off of and aside from the busier area of the Madison Park village and main area of Madison Avenue, including the larger park and beach/swim and playground areas. I am very concerned that if a bike trail is built along 43rd Ave E, it will not only destroy the charm and quiet of that area, it will also place the seniors (some with assisted strollers) and kids who walk and play the area in harms way.

Seattle has many avid and overly enthusiastic cyclists. Everyone who is familiar with Arboretum Drive frequently encounters cyclists who ride very fast (though slow to a car) and recklessly and as if the drive was made for bikes and not cars. Putting a bike path along 43rd Ave E will create dangerous bike race course through what is currently a rare, safe walking area for seniors, families, kids, and all along Lake Washington in Seattle.

Please, please reconsider the proposal for the bike trail to SR 520 on 43rd Ave E and eliminate it as an option.

Thank you for your urgent attention.

Sincerely,

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