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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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To whom it may concern:

I cannot believe that there is serious consideration of using the Pacific St. Interchange plan as the preferred alternate for the 520 bridge replacement. The Arboretum and surrounding wetlands is a precious jewel in our urbanized city and the rampant destruction of Forster and Marsh Islands will be forever remembered as the **520 rape of nature**.

People know how important it is to preserve the area and have fought for it for over 100 years, including the battle when 520 was first built.

The argument that the bridge will be higher and thus shade less of the wetlands is ridiculous. The structure will be much wider and cast a greater shadow. With this shadowing, the area will not recover to its original stature from the construction devastation that will be wrought upon it.

If this becomes the preferred alternative, you are guaranteeing that the 520 project will be delayed for many years, as this will engage the "Seattle process" and make sure that we can hold on to the little wetlands we have for as long as we can.

It is time to devise an affordable plan that will minimize the environmental impact of this necessary bridge, not to go headstrong on a plan with no merit.

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