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CC:
Subject: SR520 - STOP THE PACIFIC STREET INTERCHANGE...
NOW!!!!
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 2:32:26 PM
Attachments:

Dear Paul,

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I am writing to voice my opinion on the SR520 Bridge situation. It is incredulous to me, that you as a person who prides himself in community welfare and sustainability, as well as in having an interest in the Northwest's leadership in the greening environmental issues, would so thoughtlessly vote for the Pacific Street Exchange proposal.

I will only re-emphasize a few of the multitude of negative impacts that it has.

- a. It begins a total destruction of the Washington Park Arboretum, its important green space, its unique wetlands and associated animal, bird, and water habitats, as well as degenerating and beginning to destroy its internationally renowned collection of woody plants.
- b. It greatly degrades from the usefulness and pleasantness of the historic entrance to the University of Washington campus (the Olmsted string of pearls), the magnificent stadium and its parking and waterfront facilities.
- c. It brings a huge new negative environmental impact upon the usefulness of the University of Washington Hospital, the entrances and roadways around it.
- d. This plan allows so many more automobiles onto Montlake Avenue that soon a major roadway will be needed north, causing further negative impacts.
- d. There is no possible way that Lake Washington Boulevard can even begin to take any increased traffic...your next call will be for a larger highway through the Arboretum south which will render that property totally useless for an arboretum and even as an enjoyable park land.

Statistics all tell you that the bigger one builds a highway, the more cars will come. This structure will blight this entire pristine part of Seattle with multitudes of additional automobiles, exhaust, and people. **Why, for God's sake, are you**

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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

I-1113-001 | **listening to a group of State and City engineers who have NO understanding of the environmental/aesthetic issues; the mayors of east side communities who are only interested in a fast lane to Seattle; as well as a few elitest Montlake residents to so easily convince you of this devastating alternative.**

You must turn down this totally unaffordable alternative. We cannot afford to make such a mistake as to build this huge bridge and interchange. The cost alone is prohibitive.

I have just returned from a trip to Europe. My goodness they are SO far ahead of us in the construction and use of smaller, environmentally friendly bridges as well as underground and underwater tunnels.

Please come to your senses and eliminate the Pacific Street Exchange from this discussion immediately, and let's look at some other alternatives.

Sincerely,

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