

**I-1115-001**

**Comment Summary:**

Olmstead Resources

**Response:**

See Section 11.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Dear Mr. Krueger,

**I-1115-001** | I strongly request that a thorough Section 106 review be made to examine the full effect of the SR 520 Project on the Washington Park Arboretum and Lake Washington Boulevard. Both are significant Olmsted cultural landscapes, are eligible for National Register of Historic Places, and would be adversely impacted by the proposed 520 alternatives.

It makes much more sense to divert traffic onto 24th/23rd Street, a main arterial, rather than through the Arboretum, which has so much congestion during certain times of the day that it is dangerous for pedestrians, especially children. While there are no homes on Lake Washington Blvd. in the Arboretum, and thus no large lobbying group, the entire city would be affected by marring the landscape of this precious park, including Foster Island where one can spot Bald Eagles regularly. Additionally, the intersection at Madison and Lake Washington Blvd., and the Madison Valley business district, cannot handle any more traffic without suffering from enormous backups. I live in Madison Valley, and do not want my neighborhood further polluted by car and truck emissions as I raise my young children here.

We all know that as our urban areas become denser, the need for open space increases. This is why projects receiving federal funds require Section 106 compliance; compliance prevents us from paving our parks. However, the 520 draft EIS strategically limits its scope so as to not trigger a compliance review.

One example: the draft EIS looks at street traffic impacts north of Montlake, but does not analyze south-bound traffic along Lake Washington Boulevard through the Arboretum to Madison. It is our responsibility to fully evaluate the impact of this large project and not limit the scope of the EIS in any way.

**I-1115-001** | I love the Arboretum and treasure it as a natural classroom, a living museum and a special community place. I will not vote for any SR 520 Project that does not protect this regional treasure and I urge you not to make irreversible short-cuts in evaluating our options.

Thank you,

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