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To: [SR 520 DEIS Comments:](#)
CC:
Subject: Strongly oppose expansion at the Arboretum
Date: Wednesday, November 01, 2006 9:00:02 AM
Attachments:

- I-1119-001** | I have strong opposition to the Pacific Street Interchange Alternative. This alternative will dramatically impact the Foster / Marsh Island wetland complex. None of the other alternatives would cause the degree or severity of impact on Marsh Island as the Pacific Street Interchange; **it should NOT be the preferred alternative.**
As a member of audobon and an avid bird watcher and often spend time at the Foster / Marsh Wetlands
- I-1119-002** | Numerous species of birds and other wildlife use the Foster / Marsh Island Wetland Complex. Visitors to this area are able to see many 100's of flocking American Coots, Cormorants or Widgeons in the fall and winter to name of few, or catch a glimpse of a solitary American Bittern, Kingfisher or Great Blue Heron. The diversity of wildlife is extraordinary and while WSDOT certainly identified many of these important species the DEIS does not go far enough to identify impacts to the **habitat** of any of these species nor how the re-vegetation will take into account habitat relationships and needs. If the Pacific Street Interchange alternative is chosen the dramatic impact to Marsh Island will most likely result in the displacement of many species of birds and permanently alter the habitat of the island. A mitigation package focusing on habitat impacts needs to be drafted or at least discussed before a preferred alternative can be chosen since the Pacific Street Interchange Alternative is so dramatically different than either of the other alternatives.
- I-1119-003** |
- I-1119-004** | he impacts to the experience of visitors to the Foster / Marsh Island recreation area (and Arboretum) have not be fully investigated or disclosed. The DEIS focuses of **views** to and from these important areas but never broaches the subject of experience or cultural resource impacts. Seattle Audubon (and many others) requests a thorough Section 106 review be undertaken of the effects of the SR 520 Project on Washington Park and Arboretum, Lake Washington Boulevard and University of Washington Campus , all significant Olmsted cultural landscapes, which are all eligible for National Register of Historic Places and are adversely impacted by all proposed 520 alternatives. Seattle

I-1119-001

Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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

I-1119-002

Comment Summary:

Wildlife Effects

Response:

See Section 16.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-1119-003

Comment Summary:

Fish and Wildlife (Mitigation)

Response:

See Section 16.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-1119-004

Comment Summary:

Olmstead Resources

Response:

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

I-1119-004 | Audubon also requests to be included as a consulting party to the Section 106 review and any related Memorandum or Programmatic Agreement.

I-1119-005 | Wildlife has a hard enough time, lost of habitat cannot be reclaimed. Any improvement in traffic with the Pacific Street Interchange would only be temporary and is not worth the cost to the environment.

Sincerely

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Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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