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Comment Summary:

Madison Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection

Response:

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

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Subject: FW: Proposed Options for bike ramps from Madison Park to SR 520
Date: Friday, October 27, 2006 2:57:43 PM
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To DOT Officials:

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> It wasn't until late September that I learned of plans to build an access ramp to the proposed 520 bridge off the end of 43rd Avenue E., in Madison Park. I went to the Montlake library, reviewed the EIS and Appendix W pertaining to this issue. I also attended a community input meeting on Oct.4 at Seattle Prep.

> I have lived at Lakeshore West on the corner of 43rd Ave E. and McGilvra St. for 33 years. It is an extremely busy corner. With all the additional condos built in that area, and the continued parking needs of Edgewater, this is a very congested neighborhood. Add at least 3 No. 11 buses per hour (depending on time of day) and it isn't a safe place for bicycles.

After listening to opponents of the 37th St. access ramp, I walked up and investigated this area - a park I didn't even know existed. It would provide perfect access and egress for bicycles heading to or from 520. It's also much closer to the bridge which would mean a shorter, less expensive ramp. Only two or three homes would be nearby vs. dozens of apartments and condominiums at the 43rd Ave E. site. It would be much safer for bikes to go from McGilvra Blvd. to 37th, than from 43rd to McGilvra Blvd.

And although 37th opponents were very vocal about the sacred wetlands and bird sanctuaries adjacent to the Broadmoor Golf Course, there are also wetlands, birdnests and raccoons at the end of 43rd Ave. E.

I sincerely believe if you walked through these sites, or simply observed the traffic in the two areas for a few hours, you would understand why the 37th St. Access makes the most sense. 43rd Avenue East is simply not a safe place for bicyclists.

Sincerely,

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