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October 31, 2006

**I-1240-001**

**Comment Summary:**

Environmental Justice

**Response:**

Please see Section 8.1 of the Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

RE. SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project Draft EIS

Mr. Paul Kruger  
Environmental Manger  
SR 520 Project Office  
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Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Kruger

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recently released SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project's ("The Project") Draft Environment Impact Statement.

This Project remains a grave concern to my family and me. We expect WSDOT to make every effort to present a project alignment and design that essentially constructs the new facility in the footprint of the old facility in order to minimize the disturbance of property owners in the neighborhoods on either end of the project.

I have conducted a review of the draft EIS ("The Report") and hereby submit the following comment on that report. Our primary concern remains to be the possible imposition of crossing tolls on the project.

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Comment: My son and his family live on Capital Hill. My daughter and her family live in the Greenwood District. I live in Bellevue. The project is an important transportation link to our family. The Report on pages 3-46 and 3-47 identifies the imposition of crossing tolls. I object to the use of crossing tolls as a means of financing the project. These tolls will present a financial burden to me that creates a gulf between our families. My only alternatives are to travel around the north end of the lake (a one hour trip) or to avoid participating in the family network and support group.

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Recommendation: Upon my review of the Draft EIS, I find the Six Lane Alternative with the Pacific Street Interchange Option to have the least cumulative impacts and the greatest benefit to the surrounding neighborhoods.

I look forward to the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project to be a safe, quickly built facility that is successful in reducing traffic congestion for the motoring public.

Sincerely,  
  
Jack A. Austin P.E. (Retired)

I-1240-002

**Comment Summary:**

Pacific Street Interchange Option

**Response:**

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