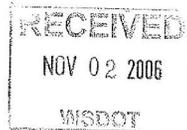




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The City Of Kenmore

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Mr. Paul Krueger
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414 Olive Way, Suite 400
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: SR520 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Krueger:

The City of Kenmore is very concerned about the impacts to SR 522 during construction of a new SR 520 bridge and the proposed tolls after construction.

The City of Kenmore has been working very hard, since incorporation, to improve operations of SR 522 through our community and secure the funding necessary to implement those plans. To date, we have amassed nearly \$50 million dollars; a significant effort for a relatively new, small city to accomplish, especially to correct a problem not of our making, on a WSDOT route of State Wide Significance.

Even with our investment, our traffic model shows that all Kenmore intersections with SR 522 will fail (83rd Place NE, 80th Avenue NE, 73rd Avenue NE, 68th Avenue NE, and 61st Avenue NE). If the tolling study is correct and we experience an additional 3% - 15% growth in traffic as a result of the toll on SR 520, the current and growing problem will only be exacerbated.

To date, Kenmore has worked in partnership with WSDOT, Sound Transit, King County, PSRC and TIB to develop a working plan to help address the operational and safety issues on this important corridor. We feel like we have taken a leadership role and have accomplished much for such a new community. The draft EIS fails to properly address the impacts of the additional traffic on SR 522 during both construction and implementation of tolls on the SR 520 bridge. The City is requesting that the State propose mitigation for these traffic impacts to SR 522.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment on the draft EIS and we look forward to continuing our partnership toward solving this mutual problem.

Sincerely,

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Comment Summary:

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Response:

See Section 3.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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