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As a former member of the Arboretum Foundation Board of Directors I feel that the current proposal to expand the 520 bridge and build the Pacific Interchange highway would have a hugely damaging impact on the sensitive ecosystems that inhabit the Washington Park Arboretum, not to mention the ugly blight on the area with noise, pollution, traffic and destroyed views.

Calling this monstrosity of concrete the "Pacific Interchange" connection does not make it any less ugly or damaging. This is an egregious insult on the area. There surely are options that you have not considered or studied that can improve the traffic flow of Highway 520 that would involve far less damaging impact to the Washington Park Arboretum. How can you accept a DEIS that does not offer other options besides this massive interchange?

I ask that you REJECT this proposal and this option in its current form. This does not merit any further consideration. It is anathema to responsible planning and environmental sensitivity.

You need to identify and study other options that are more feasible and prudent and that will not have such a negative impact on the Washington Park Arboretum.

The Washington Park Arboretum is not just a park. It is a living museum of trees and shrubs that has been used for generations, and should continue to be used for generations to come. You are paving paradise and putting up a traffic interchange!

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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