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STATEMENT OF GEORGE SJURSEN

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My name is George Sjurssen. I am a resident of Bellevue, Washington. Go ahead?

I have -- I am opposed to the Pacific Interchange option for the following reasons. I am very concerned that it would destroy the environment that -- and I don't mean the wildlife and those kind of things. What I mean is the environment and the sanctity of the open space that is there in that area. Specifically, the bridge, as I understand it, that is proposed is going to be very tall, very large. And that bridge is going to cut out some of the view that the original planners, when they designed the university, had envisioned.

I understand the need to improve 520. I understand the necessity of making sure that we have solutions to traffic problems. However, I don't think that the Pacific Interchange option will help traffic that much, No. 1. No. 2, I think that the effect on the area, at least the visual effect on the area, would be -- I think it looks hideous, quite frankly.

And it would have a horrible impact on the University of Washington, which is my number one concern: University of Washington athletics, Husky Stadium. Husky Stadium has

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

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

~~I-0358-001~~ 1 been around since 1920 or '21. It has always been part of
2 the area. And I don't think it should be just simply
3 discounted in the interests or what's perceived to be the
4 interests of helping the traffic flow. There are other
5 options.

6 Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to study the
7 entire report or all the options. I just know I'm opposed
8 to the Pacific Interchange option. I thank you for your
9 time.

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