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To Whom it may concern;

It is my understanding that with the 520 floating bridge plan, as it stands, that no impact statements have been taken by the local residents and store owners of Madison Park, Broadmoor, and Washington Park. This makes this project highly suspect to these residents who pay taxes and care for their neighborhood very deeply.

Growing animosity towards this project because of the demolition of the Hunts Point Exit and destruction of the forestation of that area has created deep seeded animosity amongst all of the residents. This project destroys the quiet nature of these neighborhoods-who pay the highest taxes and use the bridge to get to and from their homes and to work. It is as if their feelings and investments to make these neighborhoods what they are is being overlooked by selfish, greedy and poorly informed individuals attempt to take over these places of sanctity and make them public domain-exploiting the resources, making accessibility number one over privacy and devaluing property and family history.

If you were to poll and discuss this issue with the majority of actual home owners and business owners, we are all horrified and saddened that people who have no business or ownership of the area have so much pull and so little foresight into this terrible plan that has been poorly conceived. I-90 was made larger and destroyed the quiet sanctity of the surrounding neighborhoods-creating highly urban crime infested problems. The idea of making the lake more for the whole city-as if it were not already, will further devalue property. People will leave it and it will fall in to ruin.

Madison Park residents chose their neighborhood so they could be quiet residents, safe, clean, and not encumbered by the urban feel of other places in the area. This idealism is shared with all faiths, cultures, and ethnicities, who live in this area. Everyone takes great pride in their lives and has worked so hard-and now, it will be destroyed by a minority of people who have been given too much power and not enough foresight or education on this predicament.

This sentiment is felt amongst all residents and the feeling that the lake will also be damaged by the tools and toxins released during construction-have not been thought out thoroughly. Building a bridge so Microsoft employees can get to work may be imperative, but there are other people and businesses here too, and no one seems to care.

The Arboretum businesses need the flow of traffic to get down to Madison

Park and the residents of this area will be adversely affected-tripling times to get places, and ruining the commutes for many children who go to school in a variety of different parts of the city.

This 14 year plan may be concocted by the same geniuses who destroyed a little town called Bellevue-and those who only look to create an Communist approach to its resoruces-which is good and bad, as history has proven, but the people of these neighborhoods will suffer-and then others will as well-it is basic trickle down theory.

It would be our hope to have the exit kept leading on to 520 through the Arboretum-so that the residents of the area to not clog and bottleneck 23rd and Montlake-which will see a huge spike in crime due to this moronic escapade in poor city planning.

If you want to take a look at good preservationist projects, take a look at the West Side highway in NYC, or the projects in place with the Bay Bridge-it took forever to complete but they did not devalue property or neighborhoods in the process.

Sincerely,

Eliza Flug-Coburn