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To: SR 520 Bridge SDEIS

Subject: sundays should be free

I hope those in charge of the project will seriously consider having Sundays be complimentary pass days (no toll) on the 520. I strongly feel that kids going to SPU and the UW should be able to go home and visit their families for a Sunday dinner or go to church on the Eastside without being penalized. Speaking as a parent, while I may have enough money to pay for my kid to cross the bridge, it is in nobody's best interest to have to consistently teach these kids that mom and dad can pay for everything. We are encouraging and preparing our sons to be their own men, pay for their own way, and learn to do things on their own. I know, however, that a financial charge every Sunday to go home and visit would make that a difficult decision.

Also, there are churches on the Eastside that many college students visit on Sundays. A financial burden is not an asset to encouraging this behavior and improving their moral compass which is very important in this time of their life.

I propose that allowing Sunday to be a "free pass" day will be seen as a "gift" to the citizens of this area, possibly easing the financial and mental burden that the new toll will bring with its resurrection.

Thanks for your consideration!

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In Washington State, the tolling authority is the Washington State Transportation Commission, who sets the toll rates, fees, and exemptions. The SR 520 Bridge Toll Proposal was released in November 2010, and the Transportation Commission solicited comments on the proposal through January 5, 2011. For a full review of the SR 520 Bridge Toll Proposal, see <http://www.wstc.wa.gov/HighwayTolling/SR520Bridge.htm>. Your comment about a toll exemptions on Sundays is noted.