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Ms. Jennifer Young SDEIS ENV. Manager and other interested parties,

I am a 58 year old native of the Seattle area. I was born and raised in South Seattle, graduated from Franklin High and later the University of Washington. My wife and I and our three children have been residents of Bellevue for 35 years. We live approximately one half mile north of 520 on 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

I am flabbergasted that the proposed 520 program has been extended again and that another study is being conducted for over \$250,000. *It is time for government to get with the program. I have watched for decades as our ineffective government officials accomplish very little in the way of actual results. The proposed plan with 3 lanes in each direction on the new 520 is a good start and has been studied and restudied.*

*The new Seattle mayor's idea to stop this plan in favor of some rapid transit or Sound Transit plan is truly obstructionist. We do need a rail option but it should be added to the existing plan. Sound Transit is a joke for those of us who live on the Eastside. Billions were spend before the first shovel was put in the ground. As far as its benefit people in Seattle especially along Martin Luther King Way are very disappointed that they cannot be serviced as there are no parking options for those that may live more than a half mile from the rail line. Tell the new mayor he should fix the inadequacies of the existing Seattle lines before he proposes rail for the Eastside. Seattle's new mayor would have probably been opposed to the wheel thousands of years ago.*

*I don't mean to denigrate Seattle's new mayor. He is probably a well meaning but misguided idealist.*

*Please get the proposed 520 plan back on track so my grandchildren will not have to waste their time stuck in traffic. By the way you should have an economist or accountant that can value the lost time by eastside employees of approximately 10,00+ to inefficient commuting time each day. The value of this waste would go a long way to paying for the cost of the proposed six lane bridge and related enhancements. Please, get it done.*

*Sincerely,*

*H. Thomas Wick  
Bellevue*

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Comment noted.

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Section 2.4 in the Final EIS explains why initial implementation of light rail transit on SR 520 is not planned. The decision to locate Sound Transit's initial east-west light rail transit corridor on I-90 rather than SR 520 has been made through extensive regional deliberation (see Table 2-2 of the Final EIS). However, while WSDOT believed that the design of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina project already accommodated potential future light rail, the agency worked with the City of Seattle and Sound Transit to identify changes that would enhance the corridor's rail compatibility. The Preferred Alternative reflects these design changes and allows for two potential future rail options as discussed in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS. WSDOT is not the agency responsible for implementing light rail in the Puget Sound region; however, WSDOT will continue to work with Sound Transit as ST studies the potential for long-term implementation of rail in the SR 520 corridor.

### I-079-003

Comment noted.