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RE: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Environmental Manager:

In a telephone survey, our membership recommended that I send in our earlier letter to the Legislative Work Group (enclosed) as our comment on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement on this project. Our review of the Executive Summary indicates that the full statement fleshes out in more detail the information supplied to the Legislative Workgroup and our comments still apply.

Yours truly



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SR 520 Legislative Work Group
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About: SR 520 designs

Dear Legislators:

B-004-001 The North 'Ave Merchants Association supports your recommendation endorsing A+ as the design for State Route 520 through Seattle. It's the best design for motorists and transportation, our business district, the UW Campus, and the environment. We did not discuss the issue of keeping or cutting the Arboretum ramps to SR 520.

B-004-002 The North 'Ave Merchants Association is a loose affiliation of businesses and property owners on University Way N.E. We confer from time to time when a major issue arises of common concern. In this case, the leadership told me to make a survey of the merchants and, if wanted, call a meeting. The survey showed strong support for a parallel Montlake bridge rather than a tunnel design and for keeping project costs to an affordable level. There were also comments that the State should heed the advice of the federal agencies and get on with the Project before a disaster closes the floating bridge. Our consensus coincides with the stand taken by the Greater University Chamber of Commerce.

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Comment noted. WSDOT received a number of comments in support of and in opposition to Options A, K, and L and the associated suboptions. These opinions are summarized in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Summary of Comments (WSDOT, April 2010), available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/SDEIS.htm>.

Since publication of the SDEIS, WSDOT has identified a Preferred Alternative, which is similar to Option A but with a number of design refinements that would improve mobility and safety while reducing negative effects. Chapter 2 of the Final EIS describes the Preferred Alternative and Chapters 5 and 6 describe its environmental effects.

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The Preferred Alternative includes a new bascule bridge parallel to the existing Montlake bridge, similar to SDEIS Option A. Please see Chapter 2 of the Final EIS for a description of the Preferred Alternative.