



SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Supplemental Draft EIS Comment Form

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You can provide comments using one of the following methods:

- Complete this form.
- Mail your comments to Jenifer Young, SDEIS Environmental Manager, Washington State Department of Transportation, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 520, Seattle, WA 98101.
- E-mail your comments to SR520Bridge_SDEIS@wsdot.wa.gov.
- Speak to a court reporter at an environmental hearing scheduled for 5 – 7 p.m., Feb. 23, at Lake Union Park Naval Reserve Building, 860 Terry Ave. N., Seattle.

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7. Do you have any comments on the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

I-333-001

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

I find it disturbing that there is no map showing the permanent destruction of wetlands around Foster Island. Only a number--7 acres and 1.3 buffer acres--with no baseline numbers.

It wouldn't have been hard to come up with a graphic of the current 520 and the current marsh, in color, that showed exactly how much will be lost permanently when the current project is overlaid upon it. It's no secret that the DoT prefers a big project, and I think the reason this graphic isn't presented is it would create a strong argument for scaling the whole thing back.

These wetlands are Seattle's last and best, and I personally will be saddened that they will be so degenerated for the rest of my lifetime.

I-333-002

The reality that species displaced are "common" is legalistic. It's interesting that many species that were formally named "Common" in the 1800s are now beginning battles with extinction: the Common Nighthawk, Common Tern and the Common Eider among them. Great Blue Herons, which use the Union Bay marsh would have been considered common in Seattle just 6 years ago. Now there is a real question whether they will survive in the city. Similarly, the Pacific Tree Frog is suddenly embattled. Causes of decline are numerous, but the belief by every jurisdiction that the little best marsh they own is not important enough to save could be a factor.

I-333-003

I don't make the argument that because this project will be ugly,--for that reason alone--that we shouldn't do it. But as a professional artist for the last 27 years, who has painted and issued a limited edition print of Union Bay Marsh, I have a strong feeling about aesthetics--I believe that what aesthetics can do is provide a clue. As I see it this project will degenerate perhaps the most beautiful

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Please see the response to Comment I-300-001.

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Comment noted.



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place in Seattle and replace it with the most mind-numbingly ugly substrate in our arsenal --a vast expanse of concrete. And this is the not-so-subtle clue that it's the wrong thing to do.

For me, it would be ashamed to go ahead with this project, as it would cost a lot of money and it would make Seattle, in general, a worse place to live. We should do a reasonably-priced safety retrofit over just the in-danger portion of 520 that crosses the lake, and postpone any big project until the Viaduct situation and the finances are resolved. Again, I appreciate the chance to comment.

Sincerely,
Ed Newbold Seattle Wildlife Artist since 1983 at the Pike Place Market

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