

August 3, 2006

Governor Christine Gregoire
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

I submit this letter on behalf of Seattle's North Capitol Hill Neighborhood Association (NCHNA) to express our membership's strong preference for the **Pacific Interchange Alternative** for the SR-520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project.

The selection of a preferred alternative will have significant impacts on mobility, transit access and quality of life in our neighborhood and in those neighborhoods immediately adjacent to us. We are thus closely tracking the details and progress toward a final decision.

Following our organization's latest review of all the alternatives under consideration, the **Pacific Interchange has the unqualified support of 63% of our members**. Coming in a distant second with 22% of the vote is the request for further study of a tunnel option. When the option of a tunnel is not considered, **78% of our members agree the Pacific Interchange is the best alternative on the table**.

In short, the strong majority of our members believe that the Pacific Interchange offers a unique opportunity to eliminate the notorious Montlake Bridge traffic bottleneck, facilitate bus and light rail connections, reduce noise and visual pollution and reconnect our neighborhoods with the green spaces and lids it makes possible in North Capitol Hill/Roanoke Park and Montlake.

We encourage you to move the Pacific Interchange Alternative forward as the preferred alternative for the SR-520 and HOV Replacement Project.

Sincerely,

Pegeen Shean
President, North Capitol Hill Neighborhood Association

cc. Mayor Greg Nickels, City of Seattle
Deputy Mayor, Tim Ceis, City of Seattle
Council member, Richard Conlin, City of Seattle
Council member, Jan Drago, City of Seattle