

To: Seattle City Council
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CC: Washington State Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Transportation

Dear Council Members:

We are writing in full support of the Montlake and Central Seattle Greenways group's request to improve the design of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure proposed in the SR-520 project. Specifically, we support the Portage Bay Bridge multi-use trail and recognize this opportunity to promote neighborhood vitality and connectivity by linking Capitol Hill walkers and cyclists on a low grade connection to the University of Washington, the Arboretum Trail, the 520 Bus Station, Husky Stadium, the UW Medical Center, the Burke Gilman Trail, etc. We see the Portage Bay Bridge trail as a critical regional link and important public amenity that would better connect the UW area to Capitol Hill, support healthier and active lifestyles, and contribute to the overall success and sustainability of both neighborhoods.

We also support the redesign of the Montlake area lid to better accommodate North-South pedestrian and bicycling connections, provide safe access to transit and function as a hub for ALL modes of transportation.

We believe that this proposal should be a top priority and urge the City of Seattle and WSDOT to work together with community members, groups and stakeholders to refine the proposed walking and biking infrastructure and facilities to better serve the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Sustainable Capitol Hill

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