

# **Laurelhurst Community Club**

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Randolf L. Everett  
Seattle Major Projects Oversight Manager  
Federal Highways Administration  
915 Second Ave, Room 3142  
Seattle WA 98174

RE: Supplemental Draft EIS (SR520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program)

Dear Mr. Everett:

The Laurelhurst Community Club Board of Trustees requests a 45 day extension for the official comment period on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact in order to fully read, and address our neighborhood's key concerns.

The purpose of the SDEIS is to identify and evaluate probable significant environmental impacts of the project and to identify measures to mitigate those impacts. The initial problem is performing these analyses for the SR520 Bridge Replacement is the sheer volume and breadth of the project in its scope, and to analyze three different options and further sub-options in enough detail to comment.

Our neighborhood is adjacent to the borders of SR520 and has been actively participating in the public processes to develop solutions that will enable a new bridge to be constructed while maintaining the livability of our local citizens.

This project is extremely complex, and the comments which our Community Club is developing will take many hours to do accurately. The Laurelhurst Community Club has just finished a set of DEIS comments for the expansion of University Village Shopping Center and QFC which are located .7 mile from the entrance to SR520. In addition, LCC has entered into a land use agreement with Seattle Children's Hospital on February 9, 2010 which has significant bearing on the traffic, transit and mobility issues for residents.

Because of the magnitude and importance of affected stakeholders input into this NEPA and SEPA process, we ask that you grant an extension of 45 more days to fully allow for time for the Laurelhurst Community Club to submit comments.

Thank you for your work on SR520, and we appreciate your consideration of our request,

Colleen McAleer  
Mediation Representative  
SR520, Laurelhurst Community Club Board

Jeannie Hale  
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Laurelhurst Community Club