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To: City Council Transportation Committee Members Tom Rasmussen, Chair, Jean Godden and Mike O'Brien  
From: City of Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board  
Re: SR520 City Council Resolution Amendments

Dear Council Members Tom Rasmussen, Jean Godden, and Mike O'Brien:

At the request of Transportation Committee Chair, Tom Rasmussen, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board has reviewed the SR520 resolution amendment in Section 4.B. presented by Council Member O'Brien at the Transportation Committee Meeting on September 22, 2015 that specifies Protected Bike Lanes on Montlake Boulevard.

The Bicycle Advisory Board members approve the amendment to include Protected Bike Lane access on Montlake Boulevard to the Montlake Bridge and suggest the following language:

Maximization of safety, functionality and attractiveness of project intersections, pedestrian crossings, undercrossings, and pathways to allow for users of all ages and abilities. Examples of strategies may include, but are not limited to, pedestrian refuges and further widening of the portal edge on the west side of Montlake Boulevard to enhance pedestrian experience. Additional refinements to the current design should align with the City of Seattle Complete Streets policy, and include protected bike lanes providing direct access to and from the Montlake Bridge to East Roanoke Street.

The Bicycle Advisory Board has consistently advised having Protected Bicycle Lanes on Montlake Boulevard from East Roanoke to the Montlake Bridge as a direct access bicycle route in addition to the other proposed bicycle facilities in the SR520 project. Separated, protected bike lanes are an imperative in this location and in other city locations to meet the Bicycle Master Plan Goals of Safety and Connectivity.

The Bicycle Advisory Board has been advising and will continue to advise Protected Bike Lanes throughout the city, including Southeast Seattle, West Seattle and Downtown, to address all high needs of safety improvements for people of all ages and abilities riding bicycles, to achieve the goals of Vision Zero and to insure that the Bicycle Master Plan Goals of Equity, Connectivity and Safety are met.

Sincerely,



Kristi Rennebohm-Franz Chair



Adam Bartz Chair, Vice Chair



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Don Brubeck, Secretary

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planing processes insofar as they relate to bicylcing.

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Resolution 25534