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Background:

Montlake resident since 2007

- I remember the construction trucks on the original SR 520 before it was open to the public
- Graduated from Seattle Prep in 1976 and remember the mud bowl of the Montlake Playfield
- Graduated from the University of Washington in 1980 with a BS in Building Construction
- Involved in the construction, development and property management industries in Seattle for almost 37 years
- Three grown children and four grandchildren
- Current Board member of the MCCAC
- Facilities Director at Seattle Prep

I am concerned with and an advocate for the following issues:

1. I believe that SR 520 design is ill-conceived and has been from the start. It fails to provide the needed infrastructure to effectively travel through the Community. The unintended consequences of the design were in fact, predictable. The State and City failed to consider the effects of the project on the entire Community and the City. There are several details that fail to meet City and Federal guidelines at the new crosswalks and the State needs to be held accountable.
2. The added stop light along Montlake has been a huge failure. And there is one more traffic light to go. I continue to discuss with the City as to how they can get this design corrected.
3. The City and the State do not understand the needs of Montlake. They need to be pressured all the time. SDOT has failed us in so many ways.
4. Even the City's consideration of the Dynamic Message Sign was a waste of time. Boyer does not have the ability to handle the increase in traffic that would have been created by the new sign.
5. And in the same breath, Boyer is not a safe place for bikers, particularly Eastbound. The City does not have the funds to properly design and construct a roadway that would provide a safe route while preserving the residential nature of the street.
6. The 23rd CIP is of great concern. Speeds along 23rd need to be reduced, particularly through the school and retail core area. However, the design and construction process cannot negatively affect the financial success and safety of the area during construction as it has from Union to Jackson in the South.
7. I believe that Montlake Elementary, the Montlake Library, The Boyer Children's Clinic, St. Demetrios, the Montlake Community Center and Playfield, Seattle Prep, and Topps are vital aspects of our Community. The same is true of the Arboretum and Interlaken. Speeds in these areas need to be reduced.
8. I think the Greenways projects can be a great asset to the City as a whole. However, I think the Greenways project from 26th to 25th to 24th is a mistake. We would be better served if it went right on 26th, stayed on 26th, under Lake Washington Blvd. and on to the new Land bridge. This new route would take away 9

intersections where cars, bikers and pedestrians meet. As a pedestrian, walking along the alley from 24th, to East University and on to Glenwilde is pretty weird particularly at night.

9. I will always call it the Hop-in.

10. I think the City and the State are missing an opportunity to provide affordable housing on the Lid. There are little changes the City can make with the code, while at the same time, preserve the make-up of the Community.

11. There are tons of ways, tools and locations that the City, County and State can help the homeless.

12. The increase in crime is a huge problem. I hate the thought of how many people have been affected. I dread the thought of when it while happens to us. The City has failed to adequately cover our neighborhood (while promised, they failed to show at the MCCAC meeting last night) . The Roanoke and Portage Bay areas struggle with the lack of support. But the City Council has failed to provide the necessary funds. The \$1.4 million they spent on Pronto would have been better used by the Police. It would help even if they had coffee in the neighborhood.

13. As facilities Director, I have been involved with the North Capitol Hill, Roanoke and Portage Bay Communities. I would like to expand our relationship with these Communities.

14. I think getting rid of bus route #25 was a mistake.

There are tons of other issues that affect our Community. I would like to join the Board and hopefully make a difference.