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Re: SR 520 Corridor Bridge Replacement
Improvements

cc: SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV
Project Exec. Committee
Sally Jewell, UW Board of Regents

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Comments:

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Comment Summary:
6-Lane Alternative

Response:
See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Dear Governor Gregoire and Secretary MacDonald:

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As Mayors of the communities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point and Hunts Point, we are pleased to provide you with the enclosed Joint Policy Interest Statement for the SR 520 Corridor and Bridge Replacement Improvements.

Our communities all support a comprehensive system of multi-modal transportation improvements for the Eastside. In summary, the interest statement lists the following options that we jointly support for the SR 520 Bridge and Corridor:

- A six-lane SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV option (two general purpose lanes and one new HOV lane in each direction);
- A system of freeway-to-freeway HOV connections at SR 520/I-5 and SR 520/I-405;
- Direct transit access at 108th Avenue NE, provided that existing regional bus service levels are not impaired;
- A SR 520 Bridge and Corridor designed and sized to incorporate high capacity transit (HCT), with adequate right-of-way to accommodate the required footprint of HCT and a re-constructed east high-rise that can structurally accommodate HCT;
- Retaining bus transit flyer stops between the SR 520 Bridge and I-405, as long as HCT can be accommodated in the future; and
- A bicycle/pedestrian path across the SR 520 Bridge and throughout the Corridor from I-5 to SR-202, providing a continuous, seamless bicycle/pedestrian path.

The 520 corridor is a critical component of the Puget Sound regional transportation network and it is time to move forward with the preferred alternative decision so that the State and Region can work in tandem to resolve the question of funding.

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We applaud WSDOT for conducting a thorough and exhaustive analysis of the corridor over many years of study. In doing so, they have fulfilled their promise to listen to the issues and concerns of all interested parties.

In addition, we would like to thank you personally for your support for this project. Our communities on the Eastside are united in our vision for the new bridge and corridor, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to make this vision a reality in the near future.

Sincerely,



Rosemarie Ives
Mayor of Redmond



James L. Lauinger
Mayor of Kirkland



Grant Degginger
Mayor of Bellevue



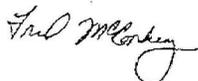
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Enclosure: Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point and Hunts Point
SR 520 Corridor and Bridge Replacement Improvements Joint Policy Interest
Statement

cc: SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Executive Committee
Sally Jewell, Chair, University of Washington Board of Regents

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SR 520 Corridor and Bridge Replacement Improvements
CITIES OF REDMOND, KIRKLAND, BELLEVUE, CLYDE HILL, MEDINA, YARROW POINT, & HUNTS
POINT
POLICY INTEREST STATEMENT
October 2006

- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point support multi-modal transportation solutions for the SR 520 Bridge and Corridor that include general purpose, HOV, high-capacity transit (HCT), bus transit and non-motorized improvements;
- SR 520 Bridge and Corridor improvements, construction phasing and funding must be coordinated with other regional transportation efforts underway, including development of Sound Transit Phase 2 and the Regional Transportation Improvement District investments, for a comprehensive system of multi-modal transportation improvements for the Eastside;
- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point support the following options for the SR 520 Bridge and Corridor:
 - A 6-lane SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV option (two general purpose lanes and one new HOV lane in each direction)
 - A system of freeway-to-freeway HOV connections at SR 520/I-5, and SR 520/I-405
 - Direct transit access at 108th Avenue NE, provided that existing regional bus service levels are not impaired
 - A SR 520 Bridge and Corridor designed and sized to incorporate HCT, with adequate right-of-way to accommodate the required footprint of HCT and a re-constructed east high-rise that can structurally accommodate HCT
 - Retain bus transit flyer stops between the SR 520 Bridge and I-405 as long as HCT can be accommodated in the future
 - Bicycle/pedestrian path across the SR 520 Bridge and throughout the Corridor from I-5 to SR-202, providing a continuous, seamless bicycle/pedestrian path
- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point encourage WSDOT, Sound Transit, the City of Seattle, the University of Washington and affected Seattle neighborhoods to reach agreement on design options and transit access that result in solutions that provide regional connections and enable the design and construction of the SR 520 Bridge and Corridor improvements to proceed without delay;
- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point urge the WSDOT to meet the current schedule for SR 520 Bridge and Corridor improvements, with the Final EIS issued in 2007, a Record of Decision in 2008 and bid for construction in 2009;
- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point are committed to working with WSDOT to minimize neighborhood impacts, including addressing Corridor bottlenecks and queuing of traffic onto local arterials;
- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point will work with WSDOT to develop a construction mitigation plan that will minimize impacts to SR 520 users and affected neighborhoods; and
- The Cities of Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point will actively assist in efforts to secure necessary funding for implementation of the SR 520 Bridge and Corridor improvements, and will continue to work together on planning for future HCT on the SR 520 Bridge.