

SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Supplemental Draft EIS Comment Form

Please use this form to share your comments on the content provided in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement document. WSDOT will consider all comments received between Jan. 22 and April 15, 2010 in making its final decision in the environmental review process. Thank you for your comments.

You can provide comments using one of the following methods:

- Complete this form.
- Mail your comments to Jenifer Young, SDEIS Environmental Manager, Washington State Department of Transportation, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 520, Seattle, WA 98101.
- E-mail your comments to SR520Bridge_SDEIS@wsdot.wa.gov.
- Speak to a court reporter at an environmental hearing scheduled for 5 – 7 p.m., Feb. 23, at Lake Union Park Naval Reserve Building, 860 Terry Ave. N., Seattle.

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7. Do you have any comments on the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

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My wife and I purchased our house on E. Lake Washington Blvd. 25 years ago, knowing full well about the noisy freeway across the street. Over the years, I've attended numerous meetings of the Montlake Community Club and other groups where options for SR520 have been discussed. I found it rather disturbing after all these years of talking to suddenly discover at an Open House a few months ago, that one of the major additions to Option A was transfer of the Arboretum on- and off-ramps to bracket my house. I've skimmed the EIS, looking for information about the effects of these ramps on the noise and traffic volumes around my house, and all I can find are statements along the lines of "None of the additions to Option A will change the effects of SR520". There's also a statement that particular houses, including 2445 Lake Washington Blvd. E, will have their views altered. I have a hard time believing that moving the SR520 on- and off-traffic from the Arboretum to in front of my house won't have more effect on noise, etc than indicated in the EIS. I would appreciate some consideration of extending the lid over the freeway to the east of my house to reduce the freeway noise and make up for the noise from the on- and off-ramps.

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(Note: around page 90, Chapter 5, my street is misidentified. It's E. Lake Washington Blvd., not Lake Washington Blvd. E. That street is around the corner from my house. The street that runs parallel to the freeway is E LWB. As it turns the corner to head south to the Arboretum, it becomes LWB E. That should be corrected throughout your documents.)

These comments will become part of the public record for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Personal information is voluntary and will become part of the public record if provided. The Washington State Department of Transportation is a public agency and is subject to the State of Washington's Public Records Act (RCW 42.56). Therefore, comments may be made available to anyone requesting them for non-commercial purposes.

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Since the SDEIS was published, FHWA and WSDOT have identified a Preferred Alternative which is similar to Option A but with a number of design refinements to address community and stakeholder concerns. These include expanding the Montlake lid to include a full rather than partial lid and to extend it east to the Lake Washington shoreline. The Preferred Alternative also includes a number of noise reduction strategies such as 4-foot concrete traffic barriers with noise-absorptive coating throughout the corridor, encapsulating expansion joints, and noise-absorptive coating around lid portals. Information on noise modeling results for the Preferred Alternative can be found in Section 5.7 of the Final EIS and the Noise Discipline Report Addendum (Attachment 7 to the Final EIS); Exhibit 22 in the addendum shows some reduction in noise levels in your area of East Lake Washington Boulevard compared to existing conditions and the No Build Alternative.

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Comment noted.