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Since the SDEIS was published, FHWA and WSDOT have announced a Preferred Alternative that is similar to Option A, but includes a number of design refinements that minimize the effects presented in the SDEIS. These refinements respond to community and stakeholder reaction to the SDEIS, as well as WSDOT's work with many project stakeholders through the Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 6392 process. In early 2010, the Washington State Legislature passed and Governor Gregoire signed ESSB 6392, which directs WSDOT to work with regional agencies to refine components of the Preferred Alternative. Please see Section Chapter 1 of the Final EIS for a description of the workgroup planning and coordination process and Chapter 2 for a description of the Preferred Alternative. WSDOT will continue to engage communities as we move forward with the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Bridge Replacement and HOV Project.

Through coordination with Sound Transit, WSDOT has designed the Preferred Alternative to have enhanced compatibility with potential future light rail compared to the SDEIS design options. Light rail could be accommodated either by converting the HOV lanes for rail use or by adding light-rail-only lanes. Since rail transit in the SR 520 corridor is not programmed in current regional transit plans, any future project to add rail in the corridor would need to undergo an extensive planning and environmental review process by the responsible transit agency prior to implementation.