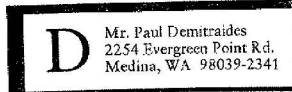


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The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) has completed a WSTC Tolling Study, of interest, to all state commuters/tax payers, as we consider funding "mega" transportation projects.

The SR520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project draft EIS, Aug. 18, 2006, says a new SR520 bridge project could have a \$3.35 - \$3.50 one-way toll during peak hours - \$1,675 - \$1,750 per year - a significant new tax user fee! (these figures probably low, based on the recent Governor's Expert Panel review)?

I recently provided recommendations to the WSTC tolling study, including:

- Citizens should vote on each transportation project tolling scheme.
- Establish an independent state Toll Bridge Authority to set/revise tolls.
- Establish a public process, subject to state Auditor performance audits, to assist Toll Bridge Authority
- Enact a Toll-Payer Bill of Rights to protect toll-payers/consumers personal privacy from misuse of electronic "smart-card" toll collection system & license plate camera data by state agencies / con-

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**Response:**

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Tolling Technology and Infrastructure

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tractors. Adopt the Am. Auto Assn's "opt-out" system to limit disclosures.

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WA. state citizens / voters / commuters deserve an open, independent, non-arbitrary, personal privacy disclosure-protected, public process for setting/revising tolls, before a 2007 RTID vote! For further information, go to <http://www.wa.tolling.study.com>. Provide your input. Contact your legislators!

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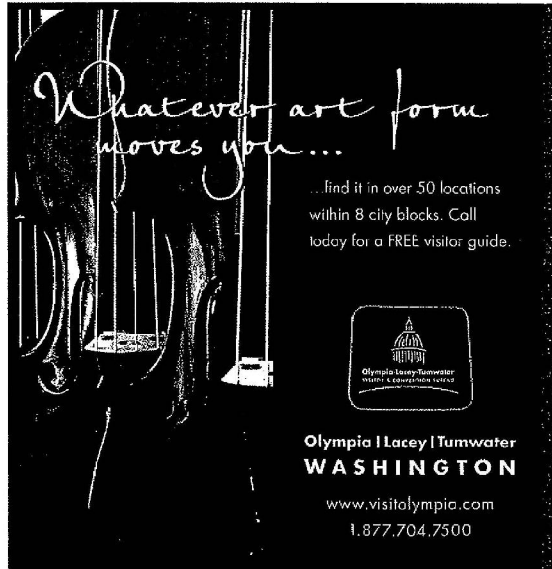
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