

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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The footprint in the Montlake neighborhood is much too large. I much prefer the alternative supported by Representatives Chopp and Pederson and other legislators that reduces the huge footprint in Montlake by making 2 of the 6 lanes transit only (not carpool). Transit connections should be first priority, yet they suffer greatly in the A+ alternative. The A+ version puts way too high of a burden on the Seattle infrastructure, which isn't prepared to handle the added traffic of a 6 lane bridge. Please do not ignore the local communities that are affected so greatly by this monstrosity of a project.

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Also, I strongly support removal of all Arboretum ramps in order to reduce traffic on Lake Washington Blvd for aesthetic, environmental, safety, historic, traffic flow, and overall livability reasons. I also fully support lids wherever possible despite any added costs.

Thank you, Michael Archambault

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 that is most similar to Option A, but includes a number of design refinements that minimize the effects presented in the SDEIS. These refinements respond to comments made on the SDEIS and to WSDOT's work with many project stakeholders under Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 6392, which was passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2010. The Preferred Alternative includes an HOV lane for vehicles with 3 or more passengers, as specified by ESHB 6392. Making the lanes transit only would not have reduced their footprint. Instead, WSDOT worked with the community and stakeholders through the ESSB 6392 process to shape the design of the project. The Preferred Alternative minimizes the footprint of project wherever possible while complying with safety and operational standards. It also includes a considerably larger Montlake lid than any of the SDEIS options. See Chapter 2 of the Final EIS for a description of the Preferred Alternative.

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The Preferred Alternative would reduce effects on the Arboretum, compared to No Build Alternative, by physically removing the existing Lake Washington Boulevard eastbound on-ramp and westbound off-ramp and the R.H. Thomson Expressway ramps. Access to Lake Washington Boulevard by westbound SR 520 traffic would be moved to a new intersection located on the Montlake Boulevard lid at 24th Avenue East.