

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

Welcome to the environmental hearing for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please use this form to share your comments on the content provided in the Supplemental Draft EIS 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.

Please enter your contact information below. (Last name and zip code are required to save comment.) If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please fill out the rest of the contact information and check the box below.

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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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It appears that transit connections at Montlake will be worsened by all current options. As a transit rider to the Eastside, it's important to me that my trip not get more complicated or more time consuming. It appears that the only transit focus in the design is the UW to Eastside connection, which ignores the many other commuters coming from Capitol Hill, the Central District, and points north of Montlake. If transit connections are worsened by the new bridge, the project will be a failure. The focus of this project should be on alternative transportation (cars, bus, pedestrian) first, and cars second. The future is not cars, but alternative modes.

These comments will become part of the public record for the SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project Environmental Assessment. 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, meeting comments may be made available to anyone requesting them for non-commercial purposes.

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Exhibits 8-10 and 8-11 of the SDEIS Transportation Discipline Report illustrated that transit travel speed times across SR 520 improve with all 6-Lane alternative design options evaluated in the SDEIS. This finding is also true for the Preferred Alternative evaluated in this Final EIS. Furthermore, the exhibit on page 8-31 of the SDEIS Transportation Discipline Report illustrated that all of the options would provide improved transit travel time for local buses, compared to the No Build Alternative. Some connection options for transit would be different, but transit customers would recognize an overall improvement in travel times compared to conditions if the project were not constructed.