

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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Please build a bridge that accommodates 1. light rail, 2. pedestrians/joggers and cyclists, 3. a HOV lane for buses then 4. for single occupancy vehicles... in that order of prioritization. Please don't build a huge bridge just to accommodate single occupancy vehicles, we're smarter than that.

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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The decision to site Sound Transit's initial east-west light rail transit (LRT) corridor on I-90 rather than SR 520 has been made through extensive regional deliberation. Table 2-2 of the Final EIS illustrates the history of regional decision-making on east-west mass transit routes, which began in 1967 when the Comprehensive Public Transportation Plan for the Seattle Metropolitan Area identified a rail corridor from Seattle to Bellevue and Redmond across I-90. Subsequent studies and agreements over the next 40 years have all continued to identify I-90 as the preferred rail transit corridor, with similar or higher predicted ridership that SR 520 and substantially lower costs and environmental impacts. However, the Preferred Alternative allows for two future rail options.

The project includes a bicycle/pedestrian lane across the floating bridge, with connections to other existing trails. The project also includes HOV lanes to support increased transit. See Chapter 2 of the Final EIS for a description of the Preferred Alternative that WSDOT and FHWA identified since the SDEIS was published.