

**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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I am opposed to the current plan for SR 520 replacement with a 6 lane bridge higher in elevation than the current one. I live in Madison Park, and this design would impact the noise close to the lake and the Arboretum area.

Please reconsider another proposed design.

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 publication of the SDEIS, WSDOT has identified a Preferred Alternative with a floating bridge deck that addresses community concerns with while providing for bridge maintenance needs. The height of the floating bridge with the Preferred Alternative would be approximately 20 feet above the water. It would be approximately 10 feet higher than the existing bridge, and approximately 5 to 10 feet lower than previous designs considered in the DEIS and the SDEIS. It would be about 10 feet higher than the existing bridge. However, the profile would be somewhat higher in the Arboretum than Option A. The bridge deck of the west approach structure traveling through the Arboretum would be elevated between 11 and 35 feet above the water, or about 9 to 18 feet higher than it is today.

The Preferred Alternative includes several noise reduction strategies throughout the corridor. In the Madison Park area, 4-foot traffic barriers with noise-absorptive coating and shifts in the project roadway alignments would reduce noise compared to the No Build Alternative. In the Arboretum area, the higher profile of the Preferred Alternative provides further noise reduction. This noise reduction approach would also avoid the aesthetic impacts of noise walls in this natural area. Information on noise modeling results for the Preferred Alternative can be found in Section 5.7 of the Final EIS and the Noise Discipline Report Addendum (Attachment 7 to the Final EIS).