

**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?**

**I-225-001** | I hope the replacement chosen includes a lid for the Montlake area. This may not be the best  
**I-225-002** | metric due to the significant cost overruns but having spent a fair amount of time in Boston pre  
**I-225-003** | and post big dig, what that has done for the quality of that city is immeasurable. The bridge  
should also include rail lines, much easier to do now than retrofit later which I believe is  
inevitable. Lastly, toll away on that thing. As someone who commutes to the eastside every day  
from Seattle, I use and should pay my fare share for the bridge replacement. Thanks for your  
consideration.  
  
Best,  
Trevor Vernon

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.

**I-225-001**

Since publication of the SDEIS, WSDOT has identified a Preferred Alternative that includes a full lid from Montlake Boulevard to beyond 24th Avenue E near the Lake Washington shoreline (see Chapter 2 of the Final EIS).

**I-225-002**

Section 2.4 in the Final EIS explains why initial implementation of light rail transit on SR 520 is not planned.

While WSDOT believed that the design of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina project already accommodated potential future light rail, the agency worked with the City of Seattle and Sound Transit to identify changes that would enhance the corridor's rail compatibility. The Preferred Alternative reflects these design changes and allows for two potential future rail options, as discussed in Section 2.4 of the Final EIS. Both approaches would require the addition of supplemental floating bridge pontoons to support the additional weight of light rail, should the regional decision to add light rail be made and funded. Such a decision would need to be planned and programmed by regional land use and transit agencies, funded by a public vote, and evaluated in its own environmental analysis. See Chapter 2 of the Final EIS for further discussion of potential future light rail.

**I-225-003**

Comment noted.