

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-265-001 | First, please build the thing ASAP and put aside dithering. It is an extreme hazard to leave things in the state they are in.

I-265-002 | Second, I would like to ask you to set tolls only on single occupant cars, but set them high enough to guarantee a high level of throughput in all lanes on all days.

Congestion pricing on single occupant cars will allow construction to continue while addressing Seattle concerns:

1. Lower the carbon footprint
2. Guarantee throughput for transit now and over the long term
3. Support carpooling (little free buses that build community!)

It will also address eastside concerns:

1. Allows construction to start immediately
2. Helps get the funds to build it now
3. Maximizes capacity

Everyone wins except single occupant commuters during rush hour. What's not to love?

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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Comment noted.

I-265-002

In Washington State, the tolling authority is the Washington State Transportation Commission, who sets the toll rates, fees, and exemptions as indicated in the comment. The SR 520 Bridge Toll Proposal was released in November 2010, and the Transportation Commission solicited comments on the proposal through January 5, 2011. The proposal would require a toll for single occupancy vehicles, as well as other vehicles traveling across the SR 520 bridge, with some exemptions. The proposal also identifies toll rates. For a full review of the SR 520 Bridge Toll Proposal, including who would be exempt from the toll and to review the toll rates, see <http://www.wstc.wa.gov/HighwayTolling/SR520Bridge.htm>. Chapter 1 of the Final EIS summarizes the purpose of tolling, how tolling will be implemented in the SR 520 corridor.