



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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Any option that essentially makes Lake Washington Blvd E in Montlake an extension of the ingress/egress ramps is not an acceptable design because the Blvd is not designed, nor should it ever be, to handle that type of traffic loading. Neighbor childrens' safety would be put at risk with the level of traffic that a design employing LWB E ramps would generate. Traffic controls to force volume onto existing arterials, such as 23rd/24th/Montlake should be employed. No ramps should be constructed from Lake Washington Blvd E to/from the 520 bridge.

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Family-friendly access to the arboretum and the Lake Washington waterline from the Montlake community should be retained as a critical design criteria for any option selected. Kayak and canoe access to the arboretum waterways from the Montlake neighborhood must be maintained in any design option selected.

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 Preferred Alternative would not include construction of any new ramps in the Arboretum, and would remove both the existing Lake Washington Boulevard ramps and the R.H. Thomson Expressway ramps. Access to Lake Washington Boulevard by westbound SR 520 traffic would be moved to a new intersection located on the Montlake Boulevard lid at 24th Avenue East.

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WSDOT and FHWA have identified a Preferred Alternative with a smaller overall project footprint in the Washington Park Arboretum that also maintains full access to Arboretum waterways and shorelines as indicated in the comment. Pedestrian and bicycle access across Foster Island would be improved under the Preferred Alternative design because SR 520 would be on a bridge structure elevated over the island, providing clearances of 16 to 20 feet beneath the bridge for recreational access. Canoes and kayaks would be able to access the Arboretum at some times during construction, and at all times after construction of the Preferred Alternative.