

## West Connection Bridge

November 2016



The new West Approach Bridge North (upper left) is currently under construction. Until this new bridge opens, the West Connection Bridge (center) is carrying traffic in both directions between the new floating bridge (upper right) and the old west approach bridge.

### What is the West Connection Bridge?

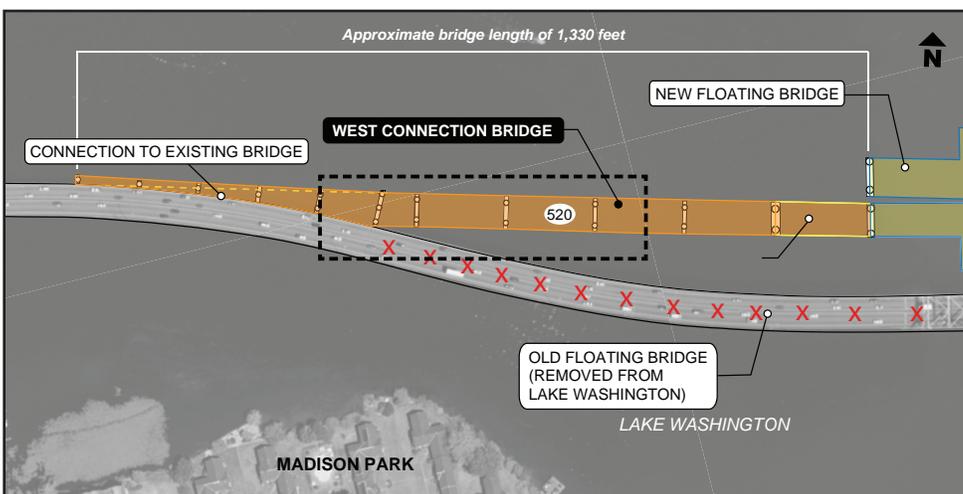
The West Connection Bridge is a 1,330-foot-long interim bridge structure that joins the new SR 520 floating bridge to the existing, 53-year-old SR 520 roadway. This critical link ensures continued traffic flow on SR 520 between Seattle and the Eastside while the new West Approach Bridge North (WABN) is being built.

Construction of the West Connection Bridge began in summer 2013 and was completed in September 2014. The construction schedule was timed to

conform with construction activities for both the new floating bridge and new WABN. The latter structure, set for completion in summer 2017, will connect the floating bridge to Seattle's Montlake area.

### What did the West Connection Bridge cost and who was the contractor?

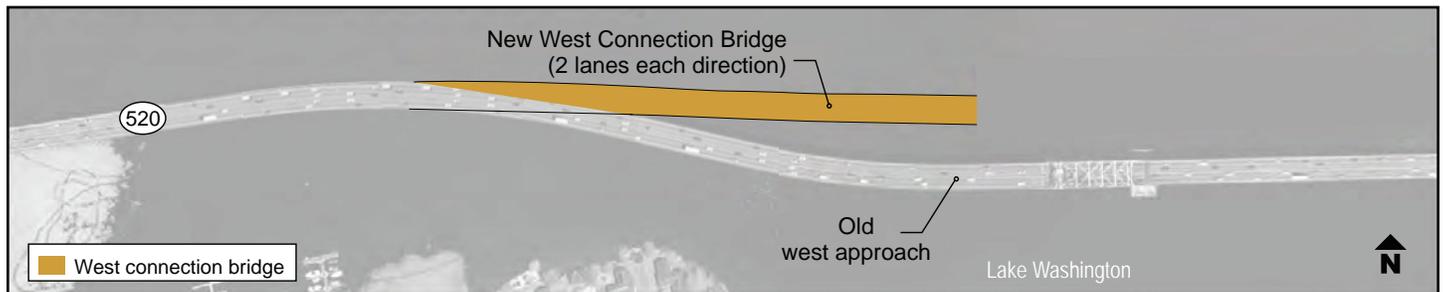
The \$22 million contract was awarded to Mowat-American, A Joint Venture, through a competitive bidding process.



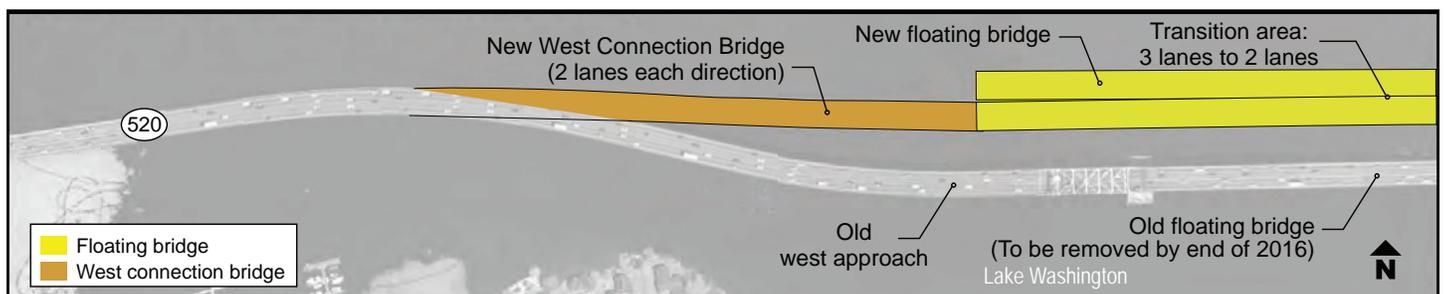
## How we will connect the new SR 520 bridges

Construction is taking place in the following phases:

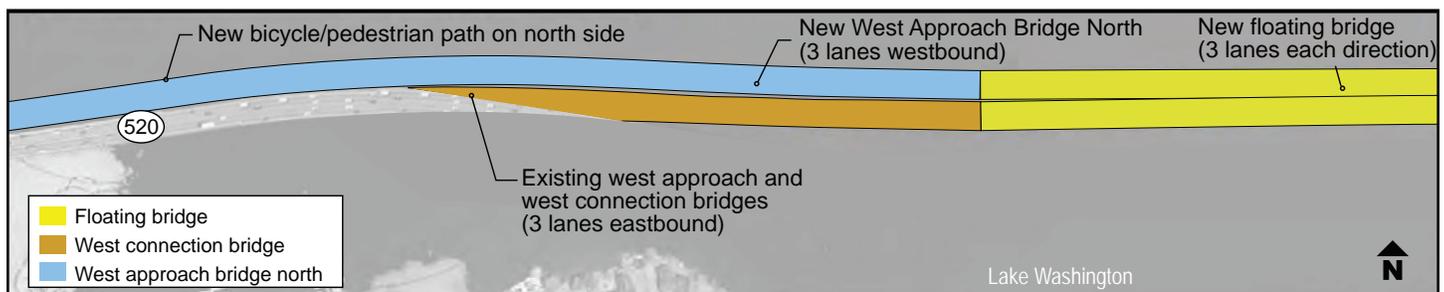
**Step 1 - West Connection Bridge:** In fall 2014, we completed an interim bridge designed to connect the new floating bridge to the existing west approach bridge.



**Step 2 - Floating bridge:** The new floating bridge on Lake Washington opened to traffic in April 2016.



**Step 3 - West Approach Bridge North:** In fall 2014, we started work on the West Approach Bridge North. When WABN opens to traffic in summer 2017, westbound traffic will travel on the new structure while eastbound traffic will travel on the existing west approach.



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