



# SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

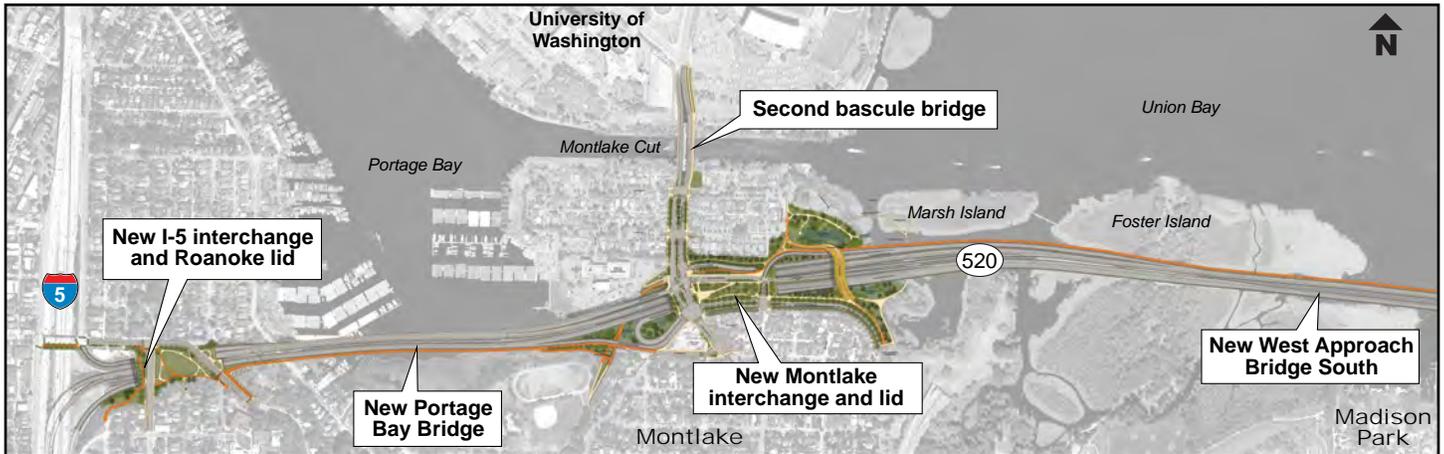


## Rest of the West: Extending six lanes to I-5

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### Key benefits

<p><b>Replacing vulnerable structures:</b></p> <p>Builds new, safer bridges that meet modern earthquake codes.</p>	<p><b>Adding transit / HOV:</b></p> <p>Extends the six-lane corridor to I-5, bringing HOV benefits and highway shoulders to the entire corridor, along with a new bicycle and pedestrian path.</p>	<p><b>Improving multimodal connections:</b></p> <p>Builds safe connections to local and regional bus stops, the nearby UW light rail station, and bicycle / pedestrian trails.</p>	<p><b>Practical design:</b></p> <p>Reduces needed construction materials and environmental footprint.</p>	<p><b>Local consensus:</b></p> <p>Includes design input from in-depth collaboration with the city of Seattle and local communities.</p>
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Vicinity map of Rest of the West project elements from I-5 to Lake Washington.

The Rest of the West project elements include:

- A new Portage Bay Bridge, built to current seismic requirements.
- A new Montlake interchange and lid with direct-access for transit and HOV.
- The south (eastbound) half of the new west approach bridge, built to current seismic standards.
- A new ramp for transit and carpools to reach the I-5 express lanes.
- New bicycle and pedestrian connections on SR 520 and to existing local trails.
- Stormwater treatment sites that capture and naturally filter highway runoff to help protect the local environment.

## Full funding allows WSDOT to move forward with completion of west side improvements

The Legislature’s 2015 passage of the “Connecting Washington” transportation package included \$1.64 billion to complete State Route 520 improvements from I-5 to Lake Washington – the “Rest of the West.”

As a result, WSDOT is now moving into contract development for the Rest of the West and preparing for construction.

Reconstruction of SR 520’s westernmost segment will replace

two vulnerable, hollow-column bridges. These bridges, built with 1950s technology, do not meet current seismic requirements and could fail in a strong earthquake.

New, safer bridges and other highway improvements are designed to serve the Puget Sound region for the next 75 years or more.

Completing SR 520’s six-lane corridor also will ensure greater trip reliability for motorized and nonmotorized commuters alike.

## SR 520 program overview



WSDOT is constructing a new SR 520 corridor that is safer and more reliable for drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians in the Seattle-Bellevue area. The fully funded \$4.56 billion program includes:

- A new six-lane Eastside corridor, with a new HOV lane in each direction, two median transit stops, and three community-connecting lids.
- A new, six-lane floating bridge on Lake Washington, built to withstand stronger windstorms.
- The north half of a new west approach bridge (under construction), built to modern seismic standards.
- All remaining project elements in Seattle from I-5 to Lake Washington.

## Rest of the West timeline

### With full funding secured, WSDOT is:

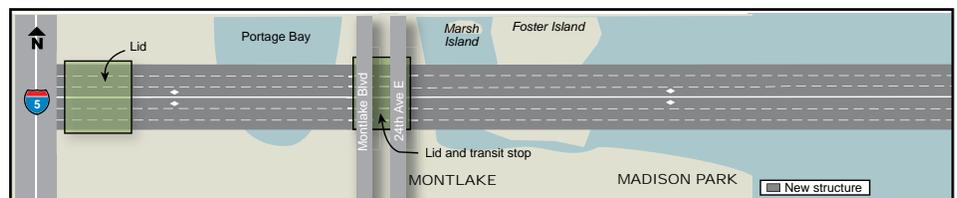
- Conducting early utility-relocation and right-of-way work where needed.
- Developing contract documents and preparing to launch major construction activities by 2018.



*Rendering of a new Montlake interchange and lid that will connect regional bus routes and improve access to major destinations around SR 520.*



*Rendering of a new Portage Bay Bridge, with new HOV lanes and an extension of SR 520's bicycle/pedestrian path.*



*With full corridor complete - six lanes to I-5.*

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