SR 520 Legislative Workgroup

In May 2009, Gov. Gregoire signed a bill authorizing tolling on the existing SR 520 bridge and set a $4.65 billion cost limit on the SR 520 program.

The bill also established the SR 520 Legislative Workgroup, a group of transportation officials and legislators tasked with recommending a west side design option and financing strategy for the entire SR 520 corridor.

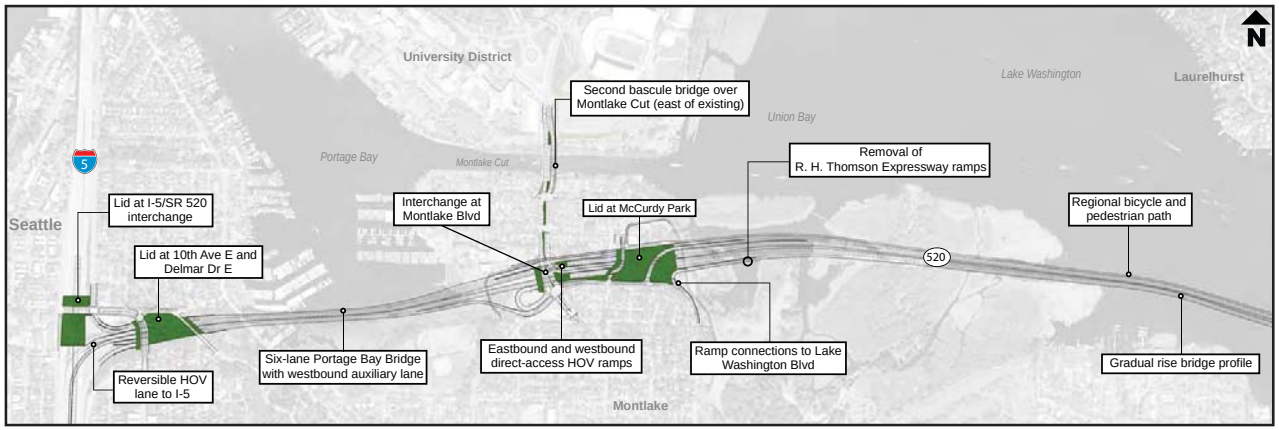
The SR 520 Legislative Workgroup published their recommendations report on Jan. 1, 2010.

SR 520 Legislative Workgroup recommendations

1. West side design – Option A+

Option A+ is Option A as studied in the supplemental draft EIS with additional suboptions.

Comments received on Option A+ will be evaluated and included in the final EIS.



2. Financing strategy

In order to fund SR 520 improvements from I-5 in Seattle to SR 202 in Medina, the Workgroup recommended:

- Using previously authorized funding from tolling.
- Creating high occupancy tolling lanes on I-90 as soon as practicable.
- Pursuing additional federal and state funding sources.
- If there is an existing gap, moving forward with general tolling of I-90 no sooner than 2014.