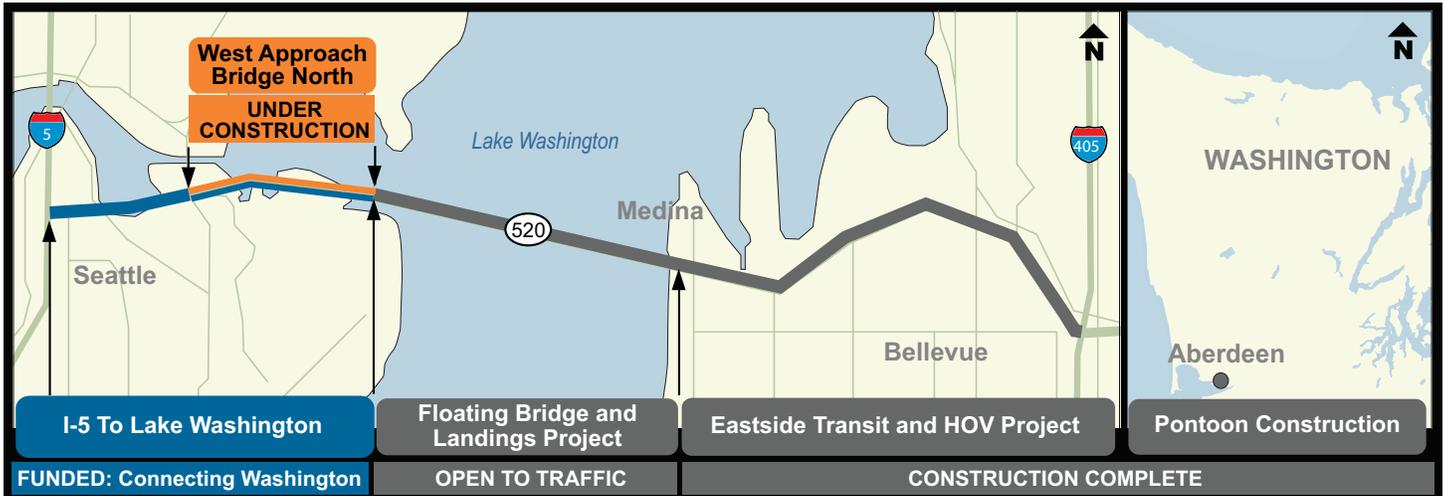




## Enhancing safety and reliability on SR 520



### What is the SR 520 Program?

SR 520 connects thousands of people to a regional community and economy every day. Area residents use the corridor to commute to work, school and recreation, while businesses depend on a reliable corridor to deliver and receive goods and services.

The SR 520 program is enhancing safety by replacing the highway's aging bridges and keeping the region moving with vital highway and transit facility improvements through the corridor. The budget for the fully funded construction program is \$4.56 billion.

### Major SR 520 construction projects

- **Eastside Transit and HOV Project:** Completes and improves the transit and HOV system on the Eastside of SR 520. Eastside construction began in April 2011 and all major improvements opened in 2014.
- **Pontoon Construction:** Builds 33 concrete pontoons in Aberdeen and 44 in Tacoma for the new SR 520 floating bridge. Pontoon construction began in February 2011 and ended in March 2015.
- **Floating Bridge and Landings Project:** Replaces the SR 520 floating bridge, approaches and roadway on Lake Washington. Floating bridge construction began in early 2012 and the new bridge opened April 2016.
- **West Approach Bridge North Project:** Builds the north half of a new west approach bridge, providing a seismically safe structure and extending the transit/HOV system and bicycle/pedestrian path into Seattle. Construction of this new bridge began in fall 2014. The bridge is scheduled to open to traffic in summer 2017.
- **I-5 to Lake Washington:** Completes the corridor's highway and transit improvements all the way to I-5, including a new six-lane Portage Bay Bridge, a West Approach Bridge South, and highway lids in Montlake and Roanoke. Construction, in stages, begins in 2018.



# How the new corridor is different from the old one



*The new floating bridge includes two general-purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction, and a bicycle / pedestrian path.*

Today's SR 520	New SR 520
The floating bridge is vulnerable to wind and waves.	The new floating bridge is designed to withstand sustained winds of up to 89 mph.
SR 520 structures are vulnerable to earthquakes.	SR 520 fixed bridges are being designed to better withstand earthquakes.
Two general-purpose lanes in each direction, and no transit/HOV lanes.	Two general-purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction will move more people and goods.
Floating bridge drawspan openings delay traffic.	New floating bridge does not need a drawspan.
No shoulders means disabled vehicles block traffic, causing congestion.	New shoulders will allow disabled vehicles to pull out of traffic.
Vehicles entering or exiting the highway can slow traffic on surface streets.	Rebuilt overpasses and rebuilt on- and off-ramps throughout the project area will improve traffic flow.
No bicycle/pedestrian access across Lake Washington.	Bicycle/pedestrian path will offer new commuting choices.
Existing highway limits neighborhood connections.	Community-connecting lids will reconnect neighborhoods, improve transit access and increase recreation options.
Noise from the highway reaches local neighborhoods and parks.	New noise-reduction solutions and techniques will lower highway noise for nearby neighborhoods and parks.
Untreated water runs off SR 520 into Lake Washington and streams.	Polluted runoff will be captured and filtered before being released into Lake Washington and streams.
Culverts prevent fish from migrating upstream.	New roadway structures and fish-friendly culverts will remove fish migration barriers.
Buses are stuck in general-purpose traffic.	Improved transit service moves through the corridor with greater reliability in the transit/HOV lanes.

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