



SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program



I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

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SR 520 haul route information for Seattle construction

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is moving forward with the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project. This important project will enhance safety by replacing the vulnerable structures on SR 520 from I-5 to the east end of the floating bridge, and increase mobility with a new roadway that has four general-purpose and two new transit/HOV lanes.

In April 2010, we announced the preferred alternative, an important environmental milestone that followed publication of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in 2006 and supplemental draft EIS in January 2010.

Throughout the environmental process, we have evaluated the potential effects of haul routes and construction activities on neighborhoods and historic properties.

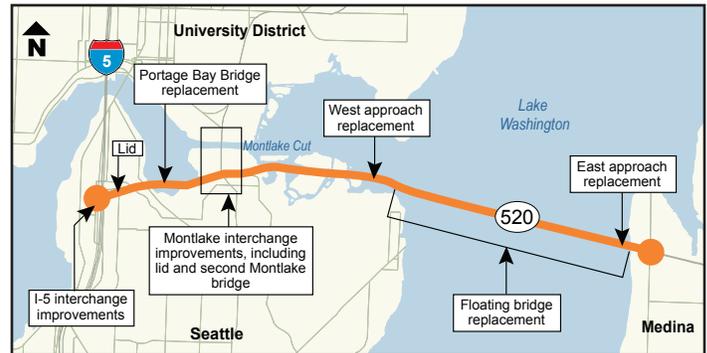
Our analysis has included vibration, noise, air quality and economic effects that could be caused during project construction by any of the potential haul routes we've identified.

When we identify a contractor, we could refine the haul routes that the contractor could use to move equipment and materials in the project area during construction.

How does WSDOT identify potential haul routes?

Our goal is to keep the majority of haul route traffic on I-5 and SR 520. It's more efficient for our contractors to access their work sites when they use these main routes. Whenever possible, we will work from the WSDOT right of way or build temporary direct-access connections to work sites and staging areas from I-5 and SR 520.

However, there will be times when a contractor needs to use city streets as secondary haul routes when primary routes are not available or feasible.



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We've identified several potential secondary haul routes based on the following considerations:

- Provides access to locations needed for construction where direct highway access is unavailable.
- Meets the city of Seattle's requirements for proper use of city streets.
- Most practical, considering type, size and number of truck loads needed for construction.
- Shortest off-highway mileage.

How will the final haul routes be selected?

The haul routes WSDOT has identified to date are potential and are based on our best available information. The selected contractor will ultimately be responsible for choosing final haul routes, and must obtain appropriate street-use permits from the city of Seattle.

When will WSDOT hire a contractor?

We are currently funded to begin construction on the new SR 520 floating bridge. We expect to award a contract for the new bridge in mid-2011.

We are continuing to work with the Legislature to identify funding for the remainder of the corridor.



Map of potential haul routes and staging areas for Seattle construction



What are the next steps?

In spring 2011, we will complete our environmental analysis of the I-5 to Medina project when we publish the final EIS. This document will evaluate the environmental benefits and effects of the project, including haul routes.

We also plan to develop a community construction management plan in collaboration with affected communities, a process that will begin when construction funding is identified.

A community construction management plan is a collaborative document that will provide specific guidelines for the contractor, outlining best management practices and other measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate construction effects.

We will use this plan to engage the public when more construction details are available.

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