

**ATTACHMENT 2:  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FONSI AND  
WASHINGTON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY  
ACT (SEPA) DETERMINATION OF  
NONSIGNIFICANCE**



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
SR 520 VARIABLE TOLLING PROJECT**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will issue the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on June 11, 2009, for the SR 520 Variable Tolling Project.

This finding is based on the evaluation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) as issued by the FHWA and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on April 9, 2009, and on public and agency input received during the public comment period from April 9 through May 11, 2009. The public comment period included public hearings on April 28 and 30, 2009.

**Description of Proposed Project:**

WSDOT is proposing to implement a toll on all lanes of State Route (SR) 520 at the Evergreen Point Bridge across Lake Washington. All tolls would be collected electronically.

As part of the project, WSDOT will attach tolling equipment to the east end of the existing SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge. Tolling equipment will include overhead signs on the bridge for each direction of travel, an overhead automobile detection device, antennas, and other equipment that will read in-vehicle transponders, video cameras over each lane to capture license plate images, and either visible or infrared lighting. In addition, roadside concrete pads with controller cabinets will be located on the east side of the lake just south of SR 520.

The purpose of the Urban Partnership SR 520 Variable Tolling Project is to reduce congestion on SR 520 between I-5 and I-405 by implementing tolling, meet the requirements of the Urban Partnership Agreement with USDOT, and raise revenue for future transportation improvements on SR 520.

**Where Can I View the EA and the FONSI?**

Both the EA and the FONSI can be accessed online at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/LkWaMgt/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/LkWaMgt/). Printed copies of the EA and the FONSI can be purchased at a cost of \$14.60 for the EA and \$12.00 for the FONSI, which does not exceed the cost of printing.

Both documents may also be reviewed at the WSDOT Urban Corridors Office, 401 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104. Copies are also available for review through branches of the Seattle Public Library (Central, Montlake, Northeast, Queen Anne, and University) and King County Library System (Bellevue, Bothell, Mercer Island, Kirkland, Crossroads, and Redmond).

**Who Can I Contact with Questions?**

Please contact Paul Krueger at the WSDOT Urban Corridors Office, 401 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104, or at 206-716-1135 if you have any questions.

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**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)  
AND  
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

***Description of proposal:***

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is proposing to implement a toll on all lanes of State Route (SR) 520 at the Evergreen Point Bridge across Lake Washington. All tolls would be collected electronically.

As part of the project, WSDOT will attach tolling equipment to the east end of the existing SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge. Tolling equipment will include overhead signs on the bridges for each direction of travel, an overhead automobile detection device, antennas, and other equipment that will read in-vehicle transponders, video cameras over each lane to capture license plate images, and either visible or infrared lighting.

In addition, roadside concrete pads, totaling approximately 150 square feet in area, with controller cabinets will be located on the east side of the lake just south of SR 520 in WSDOT right-of-way. A backup generator, or simply a generator transfer switch for connection to a portable generator, will be included in case of power outages. The project would not require any new right-of-way or temporary easements.

WSDOT anticipates construction will begin in early 2010 and will be substantially complete by mid to late 2010.

***Proponent:*** Washington State Department of Transportation

***Location of proposal, including street address, if any:***

The project is located at the east end of the SR 520 Evergreen Point Bridge across Lake Washington in King County within the city limits of the City of Medina.

***Lead agency:*** Washington State Department of Transportation

***Title and description of documents being adopted:***

*SR 520 Variable Tolling Project, Environmental Assessment (March 2009)*. The Environmental Assessment contains the results of the environmental analysis used to identify potential environmental impacts from the project, and the document is used to convey the project information to the public and project decision-makers so that well-informed decisions can be made. This Environmental Assessment was prepared in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)*.

***The document is available to be read at:***

The NEPA Environmental Assessment and supporting documents can be found at WSDOT's Urban Corridors Office by contacting Paul Krueger at 206-716-1135.

The document can be read at the following location from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm:

Urban Corridors Office  
401 Second Avenue South, Suite 300  
Seattle, WA 98104

Copies are also available for review at the following libraries:

Seattle Public Library: Central Library, Montlake Branch, Northeast Branch, Queen Anne Branch, and University Branch

King County Library System: Bellevue Regional Library, Bothell Regional Library, Mercer Island Library, Kirkland Library, Library Connection at Crossroads, and Redmond Regional Library

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the NEPA Environmental Assessment referenced above and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below, on which this notice was signed.

***Comments must be submitted by April 23, 2009.***

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for the proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

***Name of agency adopting document:***

Washington State Department of Transportation

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