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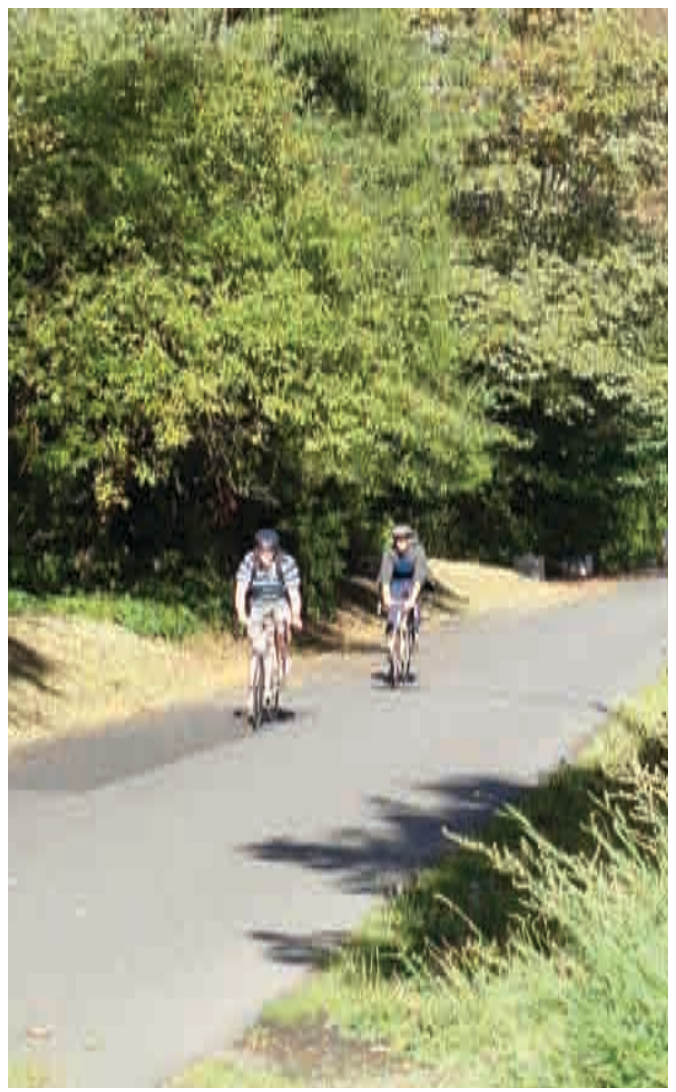

Information about regional bicycle and pedestrian organizations can be found on the following Web sites:

Cascade Bicycle Club
www.cascade.org

Bicycle Alliance of Washington
www.bicyclealliance.org

Feet First
www.scn.org/civic/feetfirst/orgs.html

City of Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
www.cityofseattle.net/spab/

City of Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
www.cityofseattle.net/sbab/

King County Bicycling Information
http://www.metrokc.gov/bike.htm

PSRC Bicycle /Pedestrian Advisory Committee
http://www.psrc.org/boards/advisory/bpac.htm

Seattle Bicycle Program
http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikeprogram.htm

WSDOT
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike

"The new bicycle/pedestrian path will provide an important non-motorized connection through the SR 520 corridor for thousands of commuters traveling to and from residential, employment, educational and cultural centers on both sides of Lake Washington."

-David Hiller, Advocacy Director of Cascade Bicycle Club

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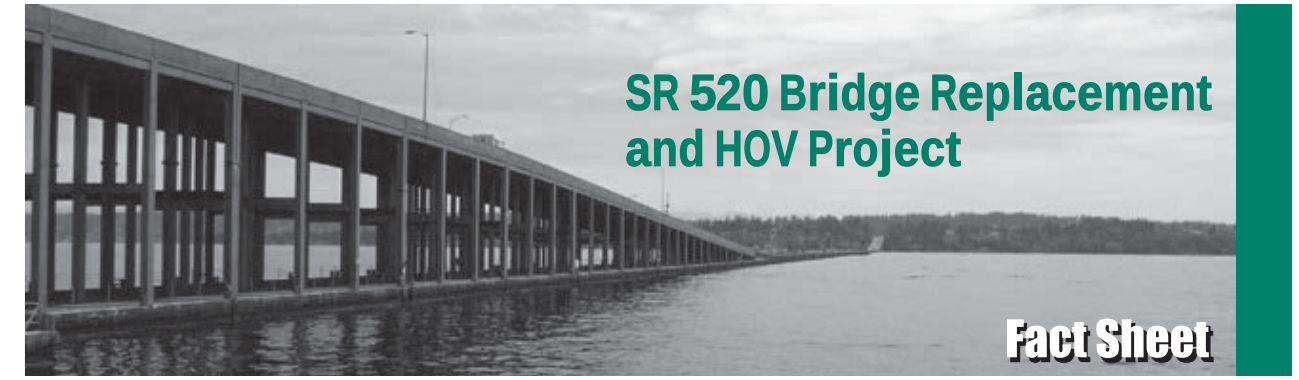

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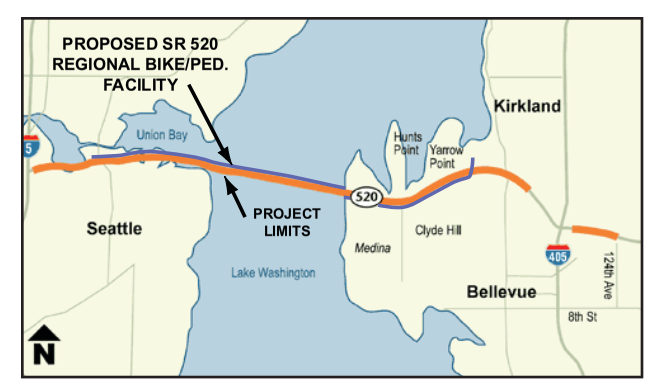
SR 520 Bicycle/Pedestrian Path

The SR 520 corridor spans Lake Washington and seven jurisdictions: Seattle, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Bay, Clyde Hill, Kirkland, and Bellevue. A bicycle/pedestrian path along SR 520 and on the new Evergreen Point Bridge has the potential to connect the region's longest and most popular trails and routes: the Burke GilmanTrail, Washington Park Arboretum Waterfront Trail, Lake Washington Loop Route, Sammamish River Trail, the East Lake Sammamish Trail, as well as many on-street bike routes.

Why is WSDOT adding a bicycle/pedestrian path in the SR 520 corridor?

Commuters who prefer to walk or bike are not being served by the current bridge because there is no path connecting Seattle and the Eastside through the SR 520 corridor. Instead, bicycle commuters cross the Evergreen Point Bridge more than 1,300 times each week by boarding their bicycles on buses. The primary goal of these improvements is to increase the mobility options throughout the corridor and across Lake Washington. By creating a regional bicycle/pedestrian facility that links important destinations and connects to other trails, the project will create viable alternatives to driving. The bicycle/pedestrian path is intended for commuting, and will meet state and federal design and safety standards.



What will be the benefits of the SR 520 bicycle/pedestrian path?

The SR 520 bicycle/pedestrian path will provide regional connectivity, enhance access to recreation locations, and increase universal access, which is the goal of enabling all citizens, no matter their mode of transportation, to reach every destination served by the public street system. Benefits of the bicycle/pedestrian path would include the following:

- Closes a crucial missing link in the region's trail network by providing a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian route across Lake Washington to link Seattle and Eastside communities
- Provides critical non-motorized commuter links to major employment centers in Seattle and on the Eastside
- Adds 4.5 miles of new, shared use path between Montlake and 96th Ave N.E. on the Eastside along SR 520 and across the new bridge – in both the 4-Lane and 6-Lane alternatives
- Features a 14-foot-wide shared use path that is separated from vehicular traffic and meets state and federal bicycle facility design guidelines
- Provides direct connection improvements to the local and regional bicycle/pedestrian trail network
- Enhances connections to transit and facilitates multi-modal travel, providing a viable alternative to driving
- Enhances opportunities for healthy lifestyles

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Additional Opportunities

- Lids (in 6-Lane Alternative) with open space for pedestrian paths, passive recreation, and other neighborhood amenities, as well as lookouts over Lake Washington at Montlake Boulevard and Evergreen Point Road
- Lookouts from the new Evergreen Point Bridge along the bicycle/pedestrian path

What will the cost of non-motorized improvements be?

The proposed investment for bicycle/pedestrian facilities in the SR 520 corridor is estimated in the range of $70 - 80 million, according to 2005 cost estimates.

Will bicyclists and pedestrians pay a toll on the bridge?

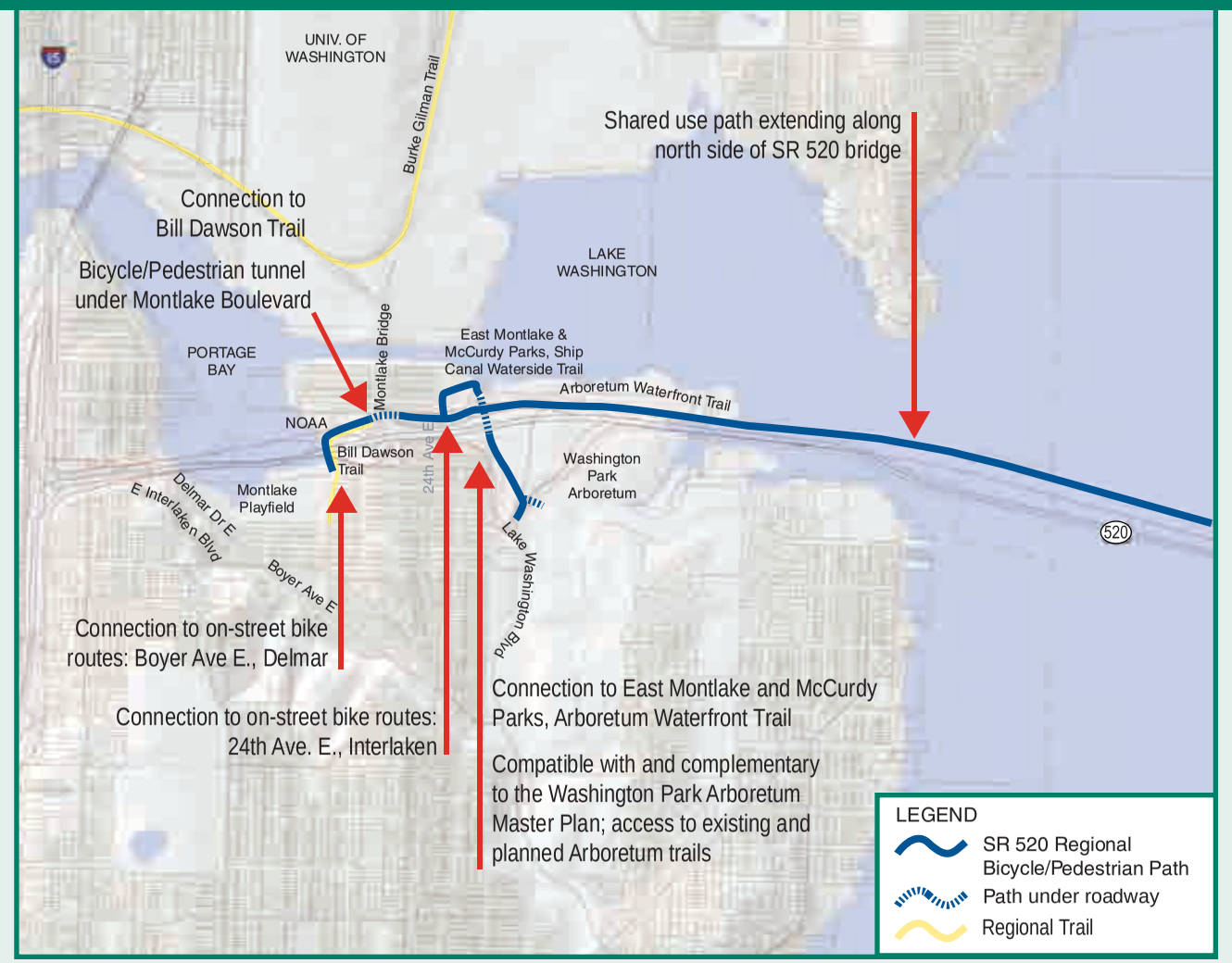
No. There will be no tolls for those who use the bicycle/pedestrian path.

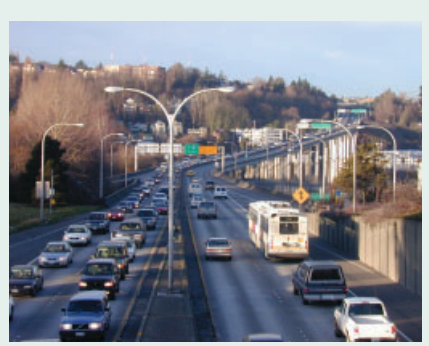
New Design Options

Since January 2005, WSDOT has been looking at an assortment of design options for the 6-Lane Alternative. One of these options includes locating the bicycle/pedestrian trail on the north side of SR 520 through the Eastside. This would reduce the number of sharp turns and crossings in the area of the east highrise, and combine the alignment with the Points Loop Trail while still providing a separation between the trail and the SR 520 path.

Another design option would route the bicycle/pedestrian trail to the Pacific Street interchange rather than to Montlake. The project team is continuing to evaluate these options and will make further decisions as they analyze feasibility and receive public input.

Regional Trail Route: Seattle



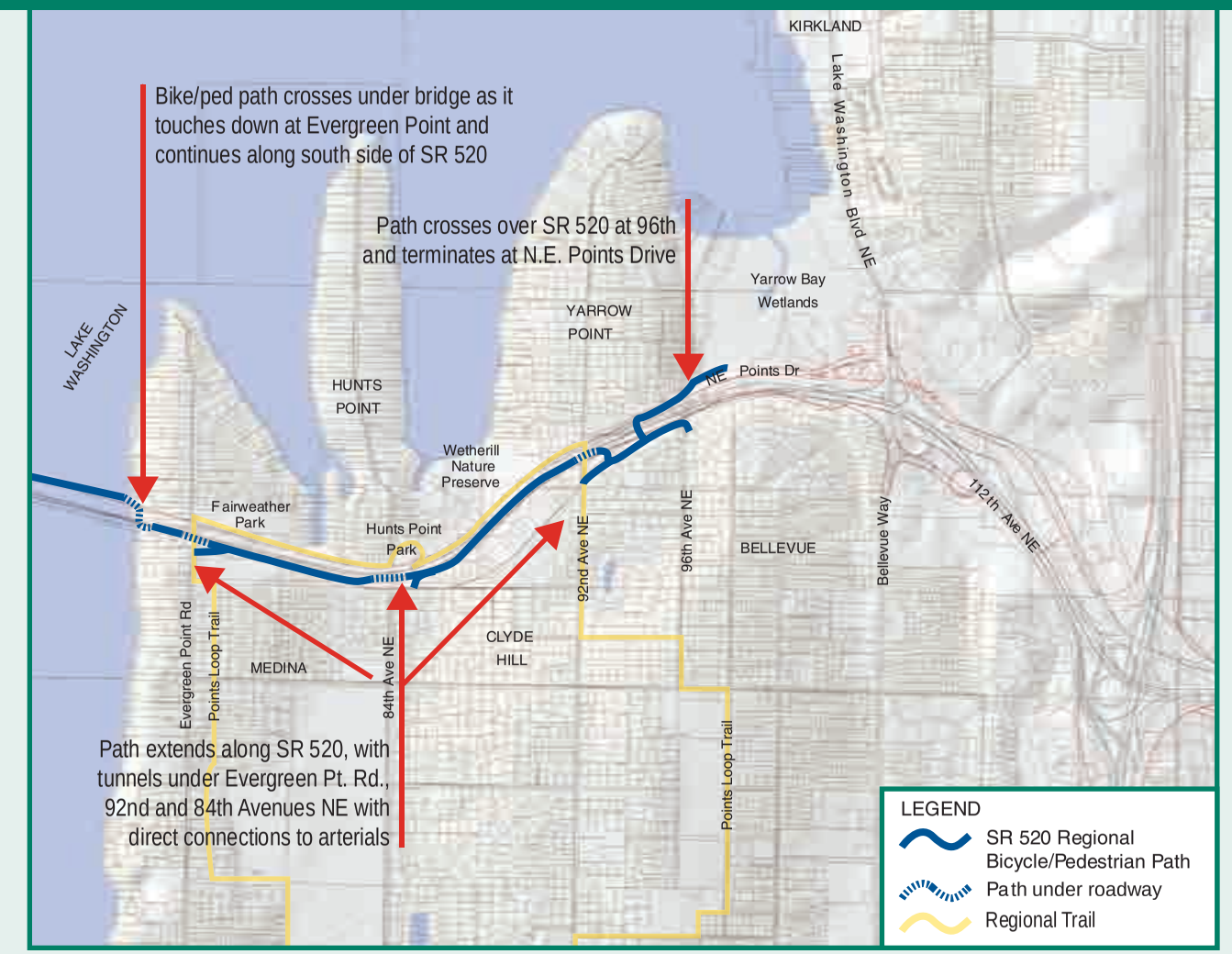


SR 520 through Portage Bay

Conceptual sketch of SR 520 path undercrossing at Montlake Blvd.

View of SR 520 through the Arboretum

Regional Trail Route: Eastside



Approach from the east

Connection to Points Loop Trail to be maintained

East highrise of the Evergreen Point Bridge