



Tolling Environmental Assessment

# Welcome!

**I-90 Tolling Environmental Assessment Scoping**

**Online Scoping**



## What is scoping?

- Opportunity to gather early feedback that will shape the project
- Helps determine range of issues
- WSDOT and FHWA review & consider your input:
  - purpose and need
  - range of concepts
  - potential issues and effects



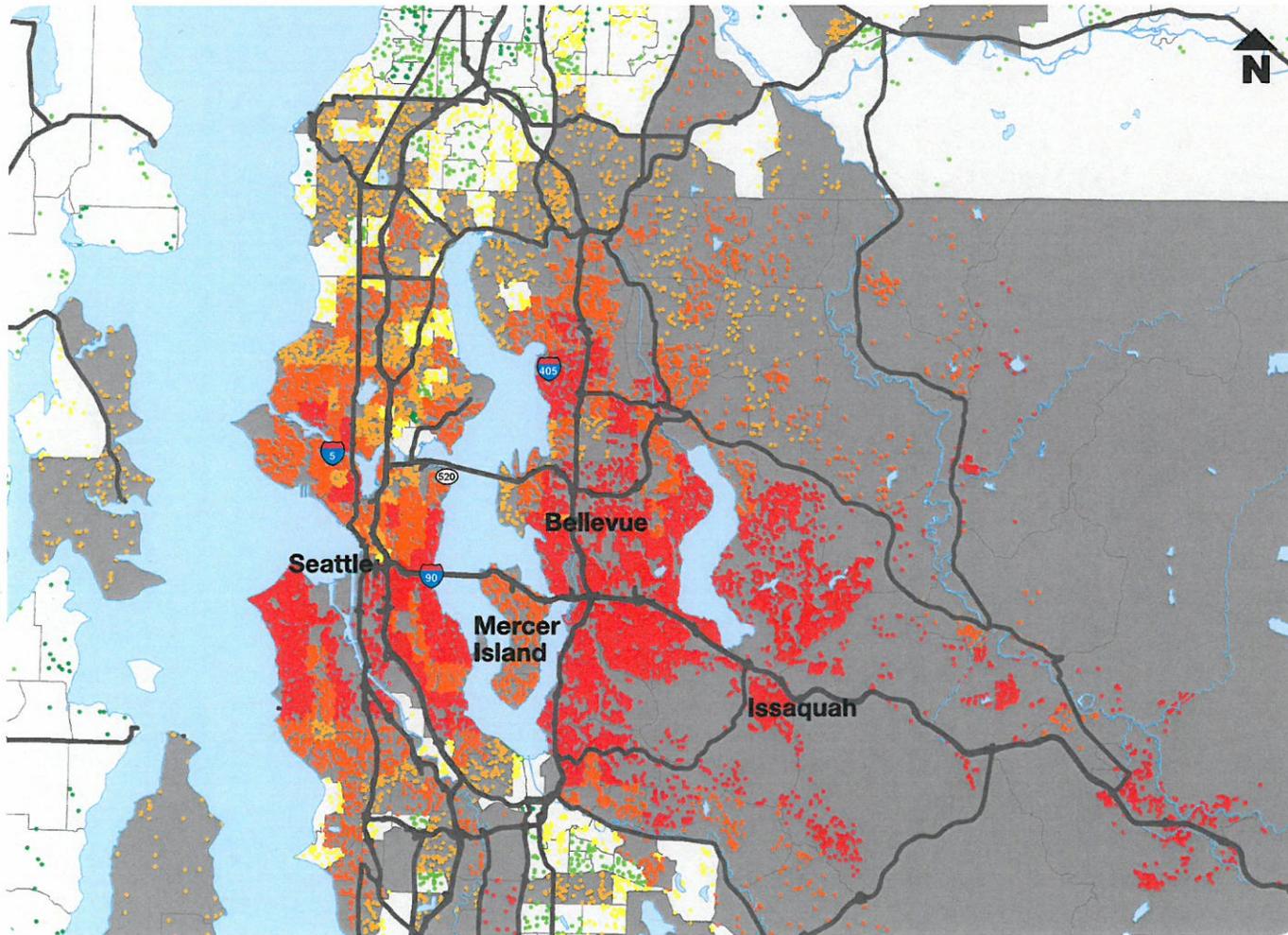


## What is the purpose of a scoping meeting?

- Inform you about project, schedule, and environmental process
- Present draft design
- Listen to/hear public feedback on proposed project

## How can you participate?

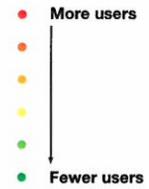
- Review exhibits and maps with program staff members
- Talk with project team members about the likely environmental effects associated with tolling on I-90
- Provide input into what should get studied in the NEPA Environmental Assessment for the project



## Who uses I-90?

### Legend

#### Where Users Come From





## What Happens Next?

<b>EA Public Hearing</b>	<b>Nov. 2013</b>
<b>Environmental Decision</b>	<b>Early 2014</b>
<b>Toll Authorization Needed</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Toll Implementation</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>



# History of Tolling in the Cross-Lake Washington Corridor



Cross-Lake Washington Corridor

**Tolling on I-90 has been discussed since 2006**

Tolling I-90 was a recommended strategy of the 2008 SR 520 Toll Implementation Committee and the 2009 SR 520 Legislative Work Group -

both directed by the legislature to review toll implementation strategies. Additionally, the I-90 Tolling Environmental Assessment complements WSDOT's I-90 Bellevue to North Bend Corridor Planning Study (2012), a strategy for transportation improvements east of I-405 along the I-90 corridor.

1999 – 2002	Trans-Lake Washington Study
2008 – 2009	SR 520 Toll Implementation Committee
2008 – 2012	I-90 Route Development Plan
2009	Seattle/Lake Washington Corridor Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA)
2012	I-90 Bellevue to North Bend Corridor Planning Study



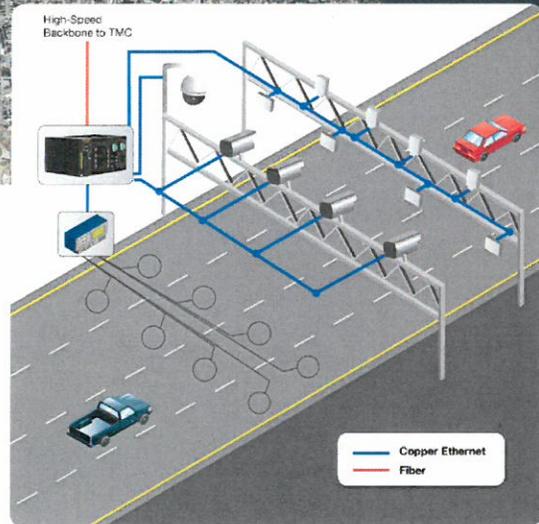
# What is the proposed project?



**West Side of Mt. Baker Tunnel**

**West Side of Mercer Island**

**West of East Channel Bridge**



*WSDOT will evaluate three different toll gantry locations between I-5 and I-405*



# What are the tolling options?

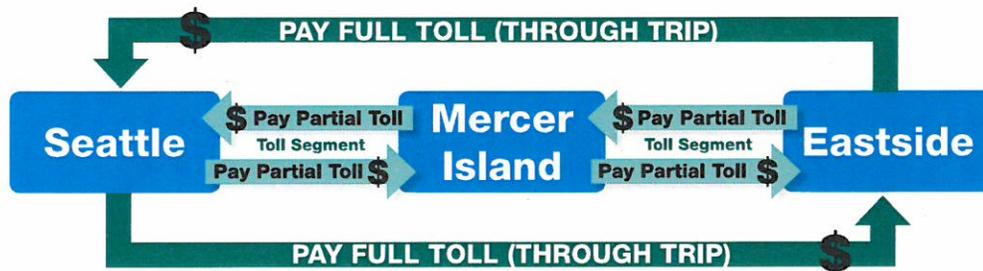
Multiple scenarios will be evaluated against no-action alternatives



Tolls collected between Seattle and Mercer Island



Tolls collected between Bellevue and Mercer Island



Partial tolls collected on trips within a segment (toll collected in both directions). Through trips would pay the full toll.

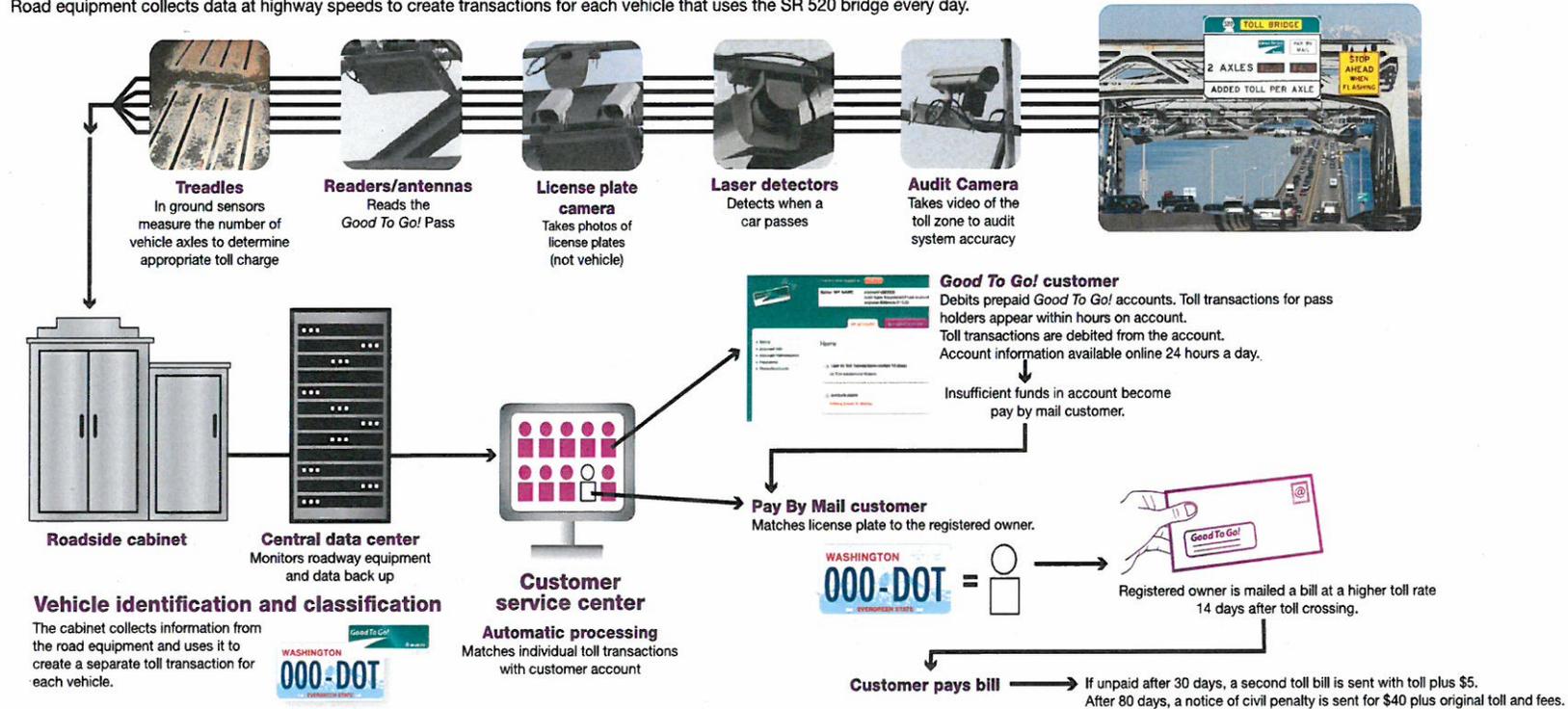


# How would tolling work on I-90?

## Electronic Tolling would be similar to SR 520

### Roadway data collection

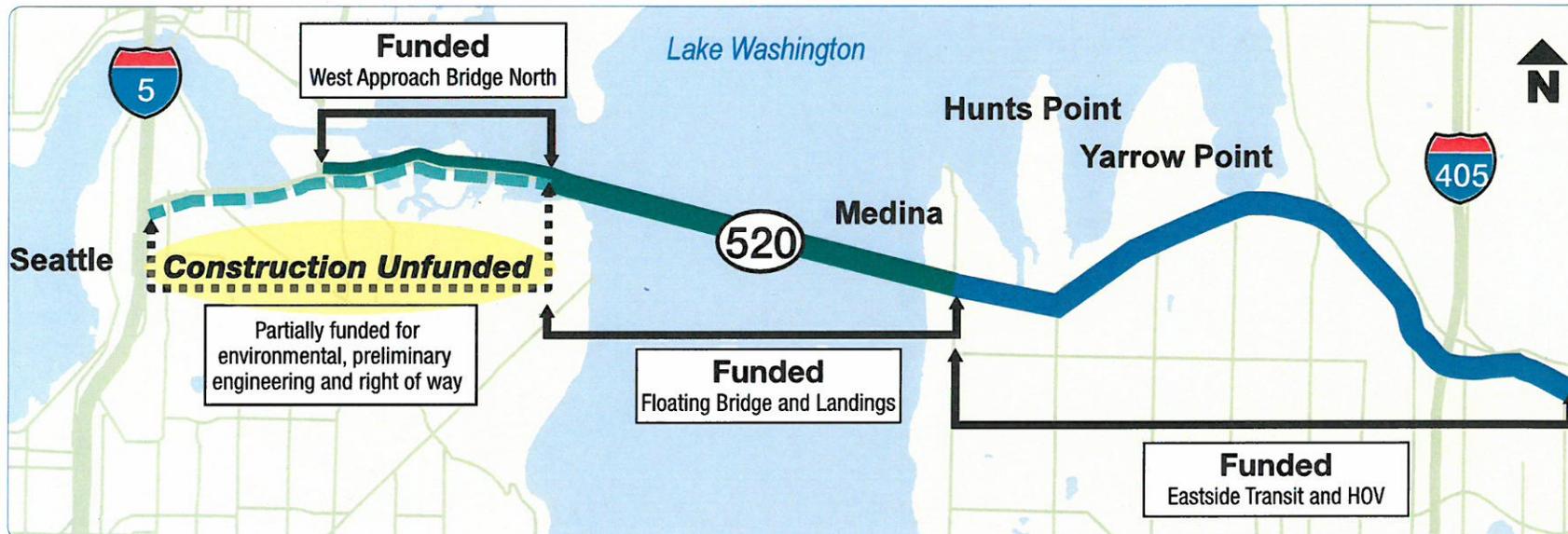
Road equipment collects data at highway speeds to create transactions for each vehicle that uses the SR 520 bridge every day.





# What is the purpose?

The purpose of the I-90 Tolling Project is to raise revenue for substantial transportation improvements in the Cross-Lake Washington Corridor and to help alleviate congestion on I-90 between I-5 and I-405.





## What are we planning to study?

Analysts will study the effects of the project alternatives on environmental resources. The EA will consider the relevant areas of the built, natural, and social environment. Areas of particular focus will likely include:

- Transportation
- Land Use/Economic
- Social/Environmental Justice
- Cultural/Historical Resources
- Visual Quality
- Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions





## How can you comment on the scope?

As you're considering your scoping comments, remember that scoping is designed to gather input on:

- Purpose and Need
- Range of alternatives
- Effects on the environment and communities
- Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate effects of the project

