May 15, 2017: RSUP lighting project update to neighbors

Dear Project Neighbors,

Thank you to those who were able to provide us feedback on the different light shield options placed on the SR 520 bicycle/pedestrian path on the floating bridge. This feedback is being integrated into our overall evaluation of the lights along the bicycle/pedestrian path.

At this time, we are ready to host a smaller, technical meeting with neighbors to:
- Review the progress made since the November meeting.
- Provide an update on WSDOT’s evaluation of the SR 520 Regional Shared-Use Path (RSUP) light shields.
- Discuss next steps.

We are planning to hold the meeting on Thursday, June 1, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in downtown Seattle.

Due to limited space, we are requesting RSVPs from those who are interested in attending. Please respond by email to SR520bridge@wsdot.wa.gov no later than close of business on Friday, May 26. We will send additional meeting details the week of May 29. For those who are unable to attend the meeting, materials will be posted on our project website following the meeting and a link will be sent to the distribution list.

We would also like to provide an update on the replacement of the bulbs that have burned out on the bridge. As detailed in our community update on January 11, the 50-watt bulbs have been burning out much faster than expected. At this time, nearly all 50-watt bulbs installed along the path have burned out. Through the end of May, crews will work to reinstall 100-watt bulbs in all fixtures where the bulbs have burned out. As noted in the January 11 update, this is for safety and long-term maintenance of the fixtures. We understand that reinstallation of the 100-watt bulbs will return the lighting on the bridge to the original condition that existed in April 2016. At the meeting on June 1, we will discuss options and timing for reducing the visible light from the bridge.

Thank you for your continued engagement.

Sincerely,

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