



Eastside Transit and HOV Project



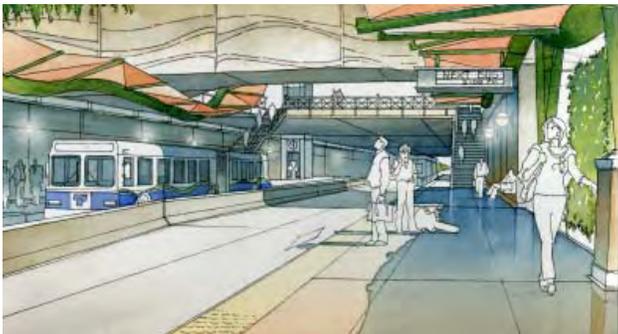
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Enhancing safety and mobility

The Eastside Transit and HOV Project will provide infrastructure and operational improvements in the SR 520 corridor to support planned population growth, economic expansion and increases in transit service in rapidly growing communities on the east side of Lake Washington.

What does the Eastside Transit and HOV Project include?

The Eastside Transit and HOV Project would complete and improve the HOV system from Evergreen Point Road to the vicinity of the SR 202 interchange, a distance of approximately 8.5 miles. The six-lane corridor would have two general-purpose and one HOV lane in each direction.



Conceptual rendering of Eastside transit station.

Project highlights include:

Transportation

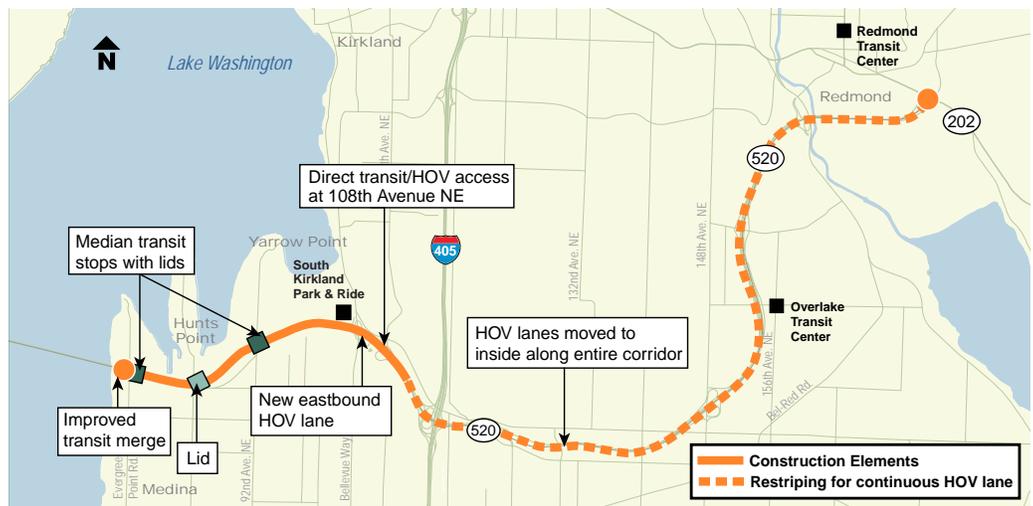
- Restriping the existing HOV lanes to the inside lane between Evergreen Point Road and SR 202.
- Constructing an eastbound HOV lane between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue NE.
- Constructing lids at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Avenue NE and 92nd Avenue NE.
- Relocating transit stops to the center lanes at 92nd Avenue NE and Evergreen Point Road.
- Constructing a direct-access interchange for transit and HOV at 108th Avenue NE.
- Constructing a regional bicycle/pedestrian path along the north side of SR 520.
- Expanding the Evergreen Point Road Park and Ride.

Environmental

- Constructing noise walls along the corridor between Evergreen Point Road and Bellevue Way.
- Improving Yarrow Creek and making culverts passable for fish.

The Eastside Transit and HOV Project is one of four projects of the SR 520 Corridor Program.

- Eastside Transit and HOV Project
- Bridge Replacement and HOV Project
- Pontoon Construction Project
- Lake Washington Urban Partnership



What is the environmental review process?

WSDOT's goal is to deliver effective transportation solutions while minimizing effects to the community and natural surroundings. We are currently in the process of developing an environmental assessment that evaluates environmental effects and mitigation measures. This assessment will incorporate and build upon other planning efforts and environmental studies related to the SR 520 corridor.

What's happening with project design?

WSDOT is working with a group of corridor users and neighbors to provide input as we develop designs. The Eastside Community Design Collaboration committee is helping to refine the Eastside corridor, including lids, transit stops, corridor walls, pathways and trails.

We are pursuing interagency review of our lid design plans and conducting work sessions with the Eastside Community Design Collaboration committee prior to finalizing the preliminary design.

What is the project schedule?

Environmental review and design

- 2008 - Conduct environmental scoping.
- 2009 - Issue environmental assessment.
- 2010 - Finalize design.
- 2010 - Receive permits.

Construction

- 2010 - Begin construction.
- 2013 - Open six-lane corridor on Eastside.

Costs and funding

The latest cost estimate for the Eastside Transit and HOV Project is \$776 million.

Identified funding sources for the project include:

- State gas tax.
- Allocation from WSDOT "risk pool."
- State sales tax deferral or transfer.
- Possible tolling revenue.



Conceptual rendering of an Eastside lid and transit stop.

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