

SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

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You're invited to our pre-construction open house

March 23, 2011, 5-7 p.m.

Chinook Middle School
2001 98th Avenue N.E.
Clyde Hill, WA 98004

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SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program



Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project

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Join us for an open house on March 23, 2011

WSDOT and ECC staff will provide information on the design and construction of the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project.

Learn about:

- Project designs
- Construction and traffic impacts

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You can buy a *Good to Go!* Pass and learn more about tolling on the floating bridge at the open house. Tolling will begin in spring 2011. For more information visit: www.goodtogo520.org

For more information:

For questions and comments

- Call the project hotline: 425-998-5200
- E-mail Dan Galvin: dan.galvin@gcinc.com

Visit our website to learn more about the project and to sign up for e-mail updates

- www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202

Please visit our construction update Web page to find out when work will happen near you

- www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/MedinatoSR202Construction

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Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project



March 2011

Eastside SR 520 construction begins next month

Beginning in April, drivers, transit riders and residents along SR 520 between Medina and I-405 will see the start of construction as the Eastside Transit and HOV Project gets under way.

Join us for an open house

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the design-build team, Eastside Corridor Constructors (ECC), will host a **pre-construction open house from 5-7 p.m. on March 23 at Chinook Middle School in Clyde Hill**. The open house will be an opportunity to learn more about the project and what to expect during construction.

What can drivers and transit riders expect?

Drivers and transit riders can expect traffic shifts, lane and ramp closures (during non-peak hours) and up to 20 full highway closures over the next three years. The first complete closure of SR 520 is scheduled for a weekend in June to remove a pedestrian bridge west of 84th Avenue N.E. The SR 520 freeway transit stops will remain open throughout construction.

Construction coming soon

In April, crews will begin clearing brush and trees along the corridor to make room for highway and environmental improvements. ECC will do all it can to minimize the number of trees removed. However, crews still have to make room for all the work to be done. Once crews complete brush and tree removal to prepare the work zone, they will start excavating and grading dirt to prepare the ground for paving operations.

What's the Eastside Transit and HOV Project?

The \$306 million project will enhance transit and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) travel time and reliability, and improve interchanges and safety. The end result of the project will be a safer, more efficient transportation system that will serve local communities and the region for many years to come. For a complete list of improvements and to sign up for construction and e-mail updates visit the project website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202

What is design-build?

Design-build is a type of contract that combines project design and construction together. A designer and contractor combine forces to submit a detailed proposal with a fixed price.



Crews will install silt and high-visibility fences, like those pictured here, to protect environmentally sensitive areas during construction.

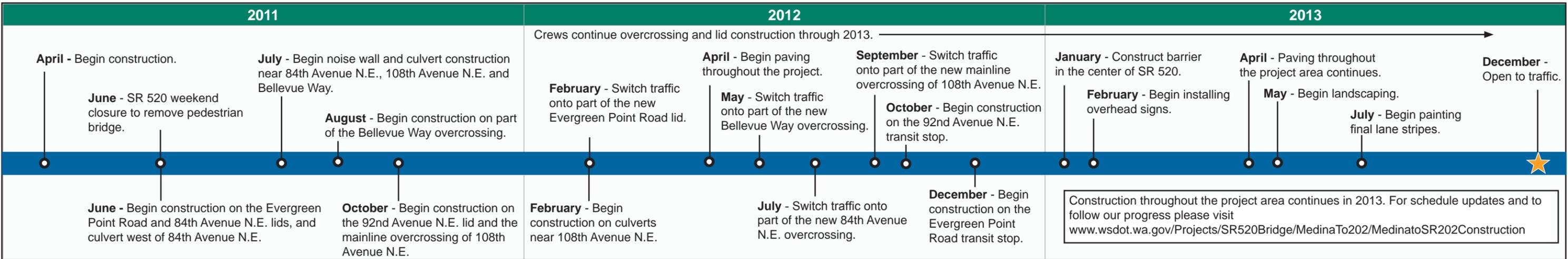


In April, crews will begin clearing trees and removing brush to the right of way limits to make room for the project improvements.



In February, crews started work to locate utilities and take soil samples in preparation for construction on SR 520 this April.

Project schedule



When will construction start near you?

Crews will have multiple work zones along SR 520 starting this April. Drivers should prepare for lane and ramp closures during non-peak hours and night work. Crews will be demolishing and rebuilding overpasses, interchanges and widening the highway to add transit/HOV lanes. Attend our open house, check our Web page, sign up for construction e-mail updates, or call our hotline to find out about construction activities.



Smarter Highways signs on SR 520 automatically alert drivers to changing road conditions, including lane closures for construction. For more information visit www.smarterhighways.com



Crews will use approximately 10.5 million pounds of rebar to build bridges and strengthen concrete. This is equivalent to 2,000 adult elephants.



Crews will use approximately 65,000 cubic yards of concrete to construct the project. This is equivalent to the weight of 29 Space Needles.



Crews will use approximately 234,000 tons of asphalt to pave SR 520 and parts of local streets. This is equivalent to the weight of 520 Boeing 747 jets.



Crews will excavate approximately 450,000 cubic yards of dirt. This is enough dirt to fill up 45,000 dump trucks. Dirt will be reused during construction as much as possible.