

ATTACHMENT 2: NOTICES

This attachment provides the notices prepared for the FONSI, the EA, and the Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) prepared under State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules, as well as information on publication of these notices.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, SR 520, MEDINA TO SR 202: EASTSIDE TRANSIT AND HOV PROJECT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on May 21, 2010, for the SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project.

This finding is based on the evaluation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) as issued by the FHWA and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on December 3, 2009, and on public and agency input during the public comment period from December 3, 2009 through January 7, 2010. The public comment period included a public hearing on December 16, 2009.

Description of Proposed Project:

The purpose of the project is to enhance transit time reliability, mobility, access, and safety for transit and carpools in the rapidly growing areas along the SR 520 corridor east of Lake Washington. The project is located along SR 520 from the east shore of Lake Washington at Evergreen Point Road to the interchange at SR 202 in Redmond.

The three main components of the project include:

- Complete the eastbound HOV lane from Evergreen Point Road to the existing eastbound HOV lane west of the I-405 interchange;
- Restripe HOV lanes from the outside lanes to the inside lanes from 108th Ave NE to SR 202 (approximately 6.2 miles);
- Improvements to interchanges at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Ave NE, 92nd Ave NE, Bellevue Way NE, and 108th Ave NE.

Where Can I View the EA and the FONSI?

Both the EA and the FONSI can be accessed online at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/>. Hard copies of the EA and the FONSI can be purchased for a cost of \$16 for the EA and \$18 for the FONSI, which does not exceed the cost of printing. CD-ROMs are available free of charge.

Both documents may also be reviewed at the following location: SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project, Washington State Department of Transportation, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 520, Seattle, WA 98101. Copies are also available for review through the Seattle Public Library and King County Library System.

Who Can I Contact with Questions?

Please contact Margaret Kucharski at (206) 770-3500 or at the address above, or the project office at SR520Bridge@wsdot.wa.gov.

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**NEPA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SR 520, MEDINA TO SR 202: EASTSIDE TRANSIT AND HOV PROJECT**

Purpose of Notice:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will issue an Environmental Assessment (EA) on December 3, 2009, for the SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project. The EA identifies an analysis of environmental effects and associated mitigation of the project and a No Build alternative.

The purpose of the EA and the hearing is to provide for the exchange of information regarding the effect of the project on the community in accordance with and pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC 4321-4347) and the Federal Highway Act (Title 23 U.S.C., 101 et. seq.) and amendments. The EA and hearing will also provide information regarding the *de minimis* finding per Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC Section 303).

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Description of Public Hearing:

FHWA and WSDOT are holding a hearing, in an open house format, to solicit comments regarding issues addressed in the EA.

Dec. 16, 2009, 5 – 7 p.m.
Chinook Middle School
2001 98th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA, 98004

Staff from the lead agencies will be present, and plans, maps, environmental documents and other pertinent information about this project will be displayed at the hearing. The public will be able to provide written comments on the EA, or provide verbal comments to a court reporter.

Written Public Comments:

Comments must be postmarked or received by January 7, 2010 to ensure inclusion in the formal record.

SR 520, MEDINA TO SR 202: EASTSIDE TRANSIT AND HOV PROJECT
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Written comments may be sent to:

Bill Blaylock
Environmental Manager
SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project
Washington State Department of Transportation
600 Stewart Street, Suite 520
Seattle, WA 98101

Comments can also be emailed to: SR520Eastside_EA@wsdot.wa.gov

Document Availability:

To request a copy of the EA, contact Bill Blaylock at (206) 770-3500 or by email at BlayloB@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov. CD-ROMs are available free of charge. Hard copies are available for \$16, which does not exceed the cost of printing.

The EA can be accessed online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge. It will also be available for review through the Seattle Public Library and King County Library System.

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**SEPA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
AND
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

SR 520, MEDINA TO SR 202: EASTSIDE TRANSIT AND HOV PROJECT

Description of current proposal:

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) intends to improve State Route 520 (SR 520) from Medina to State Route 202 (SR 202). The purpose of the project is to enhance transit time reliability, mobility, access, and safety for transit and carpools in the rapidly growing areas along the SR 520 corridor east of Lake Washington. The proposed action includes the following improvements to support construction and operation of the facility:

- Complete the eastbound HOV lane from Evergreen Point Road to the existing eastbound HOV lane west of the I-405 interchange;
- Restripe HOV lanes from the outside lanes to the inside lanes from 108th Ave NE to SR 202 (approximately 6.2 miles);
- Improvements to interchanges at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Ave NE, 92nd Ave NE, Bellevue Way NE, and 108th Ave NE.

Other features of the project include:

- Provide noise walls between Evergreen Point Road and Bellevue Way;
- Build lids at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Ave NE, and 92nd Ave NE to reconnect communities;
- Add regional bicycle and pedestrian path between 108th Ave NE and Evergreen Point Road with connections to the Points Loop Trail;
- Improve and enhance stream habitat by making culverts fish-passable and by realigning Yarrow Creek;
- Construct stormwater management system to improve water quality and reduce peak flows.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Transportation

Location of current proposal:

The limits of the Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project (project) extend approximately 8.8 miles along SR 520 from the east shore of Lake Washington at Evergreen Point Road to the interchange at SR 202 in Redmond. The project spans the communities of Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Clyde Hill, Kirkland, Bellevue, and Redmond.

Title and Description of document being adopted:

*SR 520: Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project Environmental Assessment
(WSDOT/FHWA, December 2009)*

The EA contains the results of environmental analyses to identify potential impacts of the project and the No Build Alternative, and the document is used to convey the project information to the public and project decision-makers so well informed decisions can be made. This EA was prepared in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA).

The document is available to be read at:

The EA and supporting discipline studies can be found on the project web site at: <http://wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/>. The documents can be read at the following location from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm: SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program Office, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 520, Seattle, Washington 98101. Copies of the EA are available for review through the Seattle Public Library and King County Library System.

To request a copy of the EA, contact Bill Blaylock at (206) 770-3500 or by email at BlayloB@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov. CD-ROMs are available free of charge. Hard copies are available for \$16, which does not exceed the cost of printing.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed Environmental Checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Non-Significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on the proposal for 35 days from the date below. ***Comments must be submitted by January 7, 2010.***

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Name of agency adopting document:

Washington State Department of Transportation

Contact person, if other than responsible official: Bill Blaylock

Phone: 206-770-3500 **Email:** SR520Eastside_DNS@wsdot.wa.gov

Responsible official: Allison Hanson

Position/title: Director of Environmental Services, Mega Projects **Phone:** 206-382-5279

Address: SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program Office, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 520, Seattle, Washington 98101

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