



November 25, 2008

SR 520 Tolling Implementation Committee  
Bob Drewel, Executive Director, PSRC  
Richard Ford, Transportation Commission  
Paula Hammond, Transportation Secretary  
c/o Puget Sound Regional Council  
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, Washington 98104

**Subject: 520 Tolling Implementation – Input to Draft Report**

Dear Committee Members:

We applaud your efforts thus far in evaluating tolling as a financing option for the 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project. The process has been a thorough and transparent evaluation of tolling alternatives, including broad and inclusive engagement by citizens and elected officials. This firm foundation ensures that an option which is affordable and within the means of our region, while considering the effects on neighborhoods, quality of life, traffic and the environment, will be chosen.

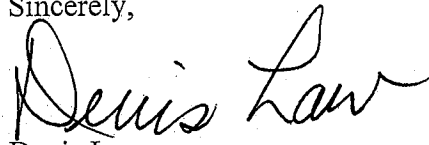
As the committee moves closer to producing its draft report, our main concern—as stated in our July 31, 2008, letter—continues to be the negative effect the traffic diversion could have on our community. We were particularly concerned that Stage 2 of the I-405 funded work would be stalled. We cannot help but think that Secretary Hammond listened to our concerns at that time, and we are very pleased that the project is back online. However, the City arterials remain a concern, especially if construction on I-405 forces some of the diversion traffic onto arterials. We are encouraged that this issue has been recognized in your two-part approach to diversion mitigation, with south I-405 identified as one of five areas where data and input indicate possible diversion effects.

We also appreciate the complexities of the transportation analysis you have completed to date and the myriad of variables that are considered in the nine tolling alternatives. We trust the draft report will consider the analysis and tolling information, plus focus on operational measures that are flexible and respond to actual and changing diversion affects along the I-405 corridor and parallel local arterials.

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We look forward to the continuation of the process and release of the draft report in January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis Law". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Denis Law  
Mayor

cc: Renton Legislative Delegation  
Renton City Councilmembers  
Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer  
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