

# 520 Tolling Implementation Committee

## Media Advisory

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### 520 Tolling Implementation Committee To Release Initial Evaluation of Lake Washington Tolls July 23rd

SEATTLE – The 520 Tolling Implementation Committee will release the results of its initial evaluation of options for tolls across Lake Washington at its meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of the information is to inform input by people in the region and future decisions by the state legislature on how tolls can help build a new 520 bridge.

#### **The meeting will be held:**

Wednesday, July 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers, 410 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue

The meeting will focus on the results of an analysis of four initial cross-lake toll scenarios, two of which evaluate on 520, and two of which evaluate tolls on both 520 and I-90. The scenarios include sample tolls rates, revenue estimates, travel speeds and travel impacts. In addition to information about the toll scenarios, Committee members will hear from an independent peer review team about its evaluation of the regional traffic model and the methods used to produce estimates on travel impacts and bridge funding.

Committee members and staff from the Washington State Department of Transportation and Puget Sound Regional Council will be available to brief the media at 1:00 p.m. at the same location.

The committee recently announced new opportunities for the public to get informed and provide feedback regarding the toll scenario results at five open houses:

July 29 – Bothell 5-7:30 pm  
UW Bothell North Creek Events Center  
11125 NE 180<sup>th</sup> St

July 31 – Renton 5-7:30 pm  
Spirit of Washington Events Center in Renton  
233 Burnett Ave S

August 5 – Seattle 5-7:30 pm  
Naval Reserve at South Lake Union  
860 Terry Ave N

August 6 – Bellevue 5-7:30 pm  
Bellevue City Hall  
450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

August 7 – Kirkland 5-7:30 pm  
Kirkland Performance Center  
350 Kirkland Ave

Additional information is on the web at: [www.build520.org](http://www.build520.org). People interested in 520 tolling can learn more about what is under discussion and provide their feedback to the committee.

The legislature established the Committee in May, and named its members: Bob Drewel, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council; Paula Hammond, Secretary, Washington State Department of Transportation; and Dick Ford, Commissioner, Washington State Transportation Commission.

The committee is consulting with local jurisdictions around Lake Washington and seeking public input about how tolls can help pay for a new 520 between Seattle and Bellevue. A final report summarizing comments from the public and local jurisdictions is due to the governor and legislature in January 2009.

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