

520 Tolling Implementation Committee Media Advisory

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520 Tolling Implementation Committee to Meet September 30

SEATTLE – The 520 Tolling Implementation Committee will meet on Tuesday in Kirkland.

The meeting will be held:
Tuesday, September 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Kirkland City Hall, 123 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland

The meeting will include a review of the Federal process and programs for tolling interstate highways such as I-90; future community outreach opportunities; and an introduction to the committee's approach for investigating the impact of tolls to low income users.

Additional information is on the web at: www.build520.org. People can learn more about what is under discussion and provide their feedback to the committee on the web site. This summer the Committee completed six open houses and gathered input from more than 2,500 people by mail, email, and through the website. A summary of this public input is also available on the web site.

The state legislature established the Committee earlier this year, 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 conferring 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 is due to the governor and state legislature in January 2009.

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