

520 Tolling Implementation Committee Media Advisory

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520 Tolling Implementation Committee Holds Second Meeting

SEATTLE – The 520 Tolling Implementation Committee will hold its second meeting this week to continue its work as directed by the state legislature.

The second meeting of the committee will be held:

Thursday, July 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sound Transit Ruth Fisher Board Room, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle

The agenda for this meeting will focus on presentations regarding tolling technology, active traffic management, and a status of commute trip reduction partnerships in the 520 corridor. Also highlighted will be upcoming public outreach planning.

The committee held a formation meeting in June. At that meeting the committee approved operating rules and a work program, and heard a series of background reports on 520.

The legislature approved Engrossed Substitute House Bill 3096 in May, which formed the Tolling Implementation Committee and named as 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 will be seeking public input about how tolls can help pay for a new 520 between Seattle and Bellevue. A Web site, www.build520.org, provides more information on the Committee's work. A final report is due to the governor and legislature in January 2009.

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