

**SR 520 Legislative Workgroup  
Motion  
Westside Design Recommendation**

**Sponsor: Senator Ken Jacobsen**

**Seconded: Representative Deborah Eddy**

A motion of the SR 520 Legislative Workgroup recommending a Westside Design solution to inform the selection of a preferred alternative in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program.

**Background:**

The SR 520 Legislative Workgroup was established in 2009 under ESHB 2211. The legislation directs the Workgroup to recommend design options that provide for a full SR 520 corridor project that meets the needs of the region's transportation system while providing appropriate mitigation for the neighborhood and communities in the area directly impacted by the project.

Further, it recommended that a west side subgroup be formed to conduct a detailed review and make recommendations on design options on the west side of the corridor, which extends from the west end of the floating bridge to I-5. It directed the subgroup to consult with neighborhood and community groups impacted by the potential design options.

**Motion:**

The Legislative Workgroup recommends adoption of the A+ option, developed during the consultation with the communities during the Westside Subgroup process as the preferred alternative for the Westside design. This option is preferred for the following reasons:

1. It meets the purpose and need of the project and complies with statutory requirements to implement a six lane (four general purpose and two HOV lanes) bridge replacement project, and
2. It meets the transportation needs of the corridor with the least impact to the surrounding environment, and
3. It can be constructed within the \$4.65 billion financial threshold, and
4. The impacts are covered within the current Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and
5. It meets the needs of transit providers within the SR 520 corridor and on local surface streets, and
6. It has broad based support from local communities including the University District Community Council, Ravenna Bryant, and Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Park and regional organizations including the University of Washington, Seattle Chamber, King County Metro, and the Eastside Transportation Partnership.

**SR 520 Legislative Workgroup  
Motion  
Financing Strategy**

**Sponsor: Representative Ross Hunter**  
**Seconded: Representative Deborah Eddy**

A motion of the SR 520 Legislative Workgroup recommending a financial strategy for funding the \$4.65 Billion SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program.

**Background:**

The Legislature established the SR 520 Legislative Workgroup in 2009 under ESHB 2211. The workgroup must review and recommend a financing strategy, in conjunction with the department, to fund the projects in the SR 520 corridor that reflect the design options recommended by the workgroup. The financing strategy must be based on a total cost of all the intended projects in the SR 520 corridor of no more than \$4.65 billion.

**Motion:**

The Legislative Workgroup recommends to the governor and legislature a financing strategy that includes:

- Use of the base funding previously identified, including early tolling of SR520 per Scenario 7, and
- The creation of, and early tolling of HOT lanes on I-90 as soon as is practicable, and
- The remaining gap to be filled by new FEDERAL or STATE revenue, to be identified in the next year or two, and
- IF THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN, THEN general tolling of I-90 to fill the gap starting no sooner than 2014.

The group also recommends the pursuit of cost savings by further refinement of cost estimates and design.