



# SR 520 Legislative Workgroup

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### Workgroup Meeting #4

Sound Transit, Ruth Fisher Board Room  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009



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## Agenda



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## Welcome and Introductions



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## Overview of Public Comments on Draft Recommendations

- Snapshot of participation
- Key comment themes



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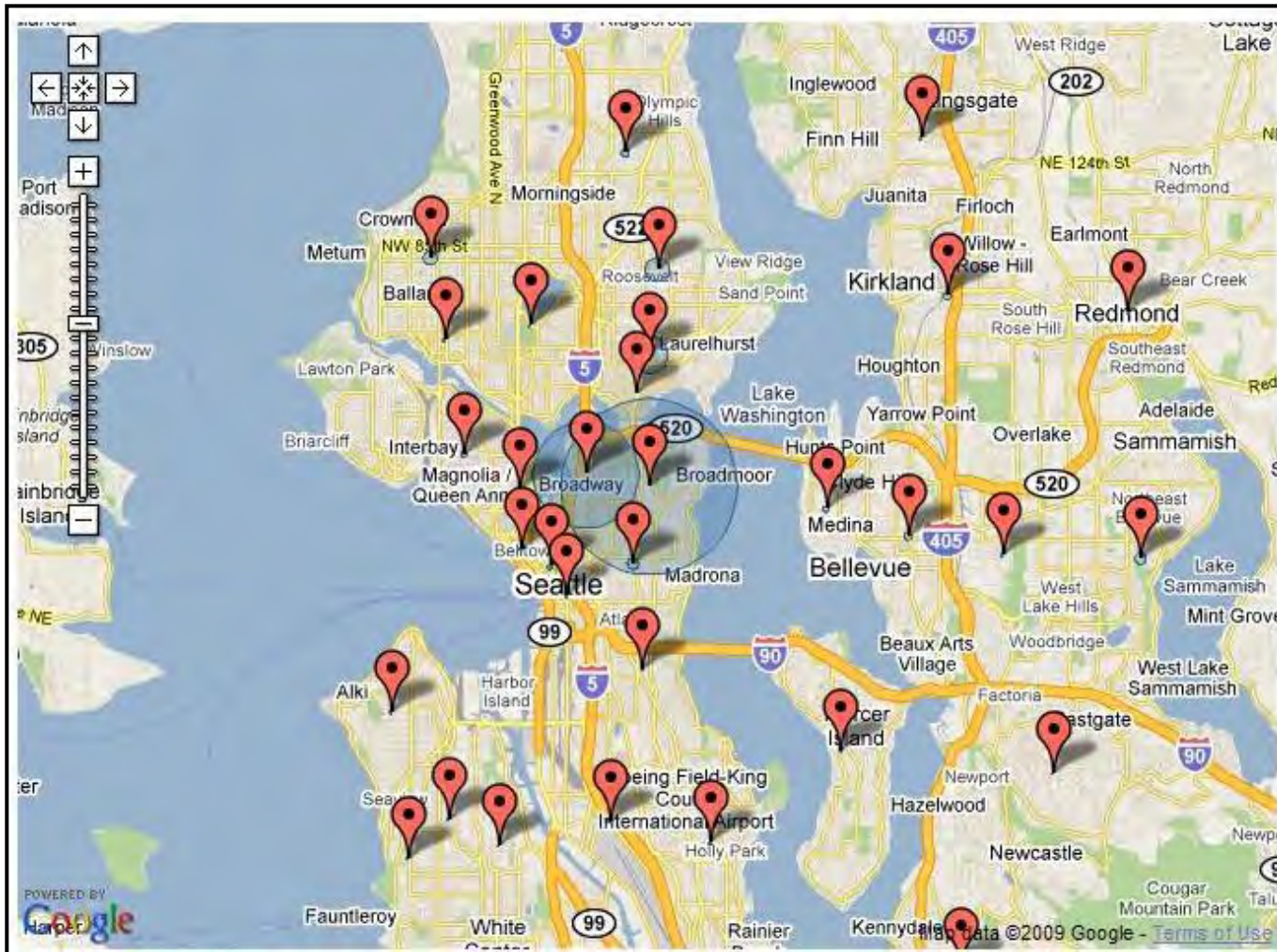
## Snapshot of Participation

- A total of **479** individuals participated in the public feedback process:
  - **377** individuals completed one or more questions on the online comment form
  - **71** people provided verbal comments
  - **31** submitted handwritten or e-mailed comments



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## Map of Participants by Zip Code (online comment form)



**Most common  
zip code:**

98112  
(Montlake area)  
with 217  
comments.





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## Comment Themes: Design (cont.)

- **Opposition to Option A+** (291 comments)
- Neighborhood impacts – noise, proximity of new bridge to private properties, visual impacts and aesthetics.
- Traffic and mobility impacts.
- Impacts of a ramp connection to Lake Washington Boulevard.
- Some comments mentioned a specific preference for either Option K, L or M.



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## Comment Themes: Design (cont.)

- **Support Option A+** (88 comments)
- Cost – Most affordable option, within overall program budget.
- Transit and mobility – allows for improved transit connections.
- Less environmental impacts than other options.
- Many noted support for Option A+ while expressing opposition to the ramp connections at Lake Washington Boulevard.



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## Comment Themes: Design (cont.)

- **No design option preference identified (57 comments)**
- **Common topics included:**
  - Consider eight or more lanes to accommodate future population growth.
  - Select an option that will accommodate future light rail.
  - Keep the Montlake Freeway Transit Stop in the new design.





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## Comment Themes: Financing (cont.)

- **Tolling** (188 comments)
- **Consider additional tolling** (143 comments)
  - Improved mobility and increased transit use.
  - User fees should pay to improve roads.
  - Tolling seems like the most realistic method to address the funding gap.
- **Do not consider additional tolling** (45 comments)
  - Opposition to a toll on I-90 to pay for SR 520.
  - Construction of the new bridge should be paid by increased taxes, not tolls.



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## Comment Themes: Financing (cont.)

- **Other common topics:**
- Support for pursuing maximum state and federal funding opportunities.
- Replace vulnerable section first until future funds become available.





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## Comment Themes: Other

- Keep this project moving forward – reference of time already invested by the region. (106 comments)
- Support for selecting an option that improves local traffic and mobility (Montlake Boulevard corridor). (61 comments)
- The state should not proceed with a design option until the project is fully financed. (26 comments)
- Repeated comments listed in previous sections. (91 comments)



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## Agreement on Design and Finance Plan Recommendations



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## Review Draft Workgroup Report

- Report Sections:
- Recommendations
- Process
- Design Recommendations and Costs
- Financial Strategy



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## Next Steps and Action Items

- Comments on Draft Report – Dec. 11
- Draft Final Report – Dec. 16
- Final Comments – Dec. 18
- Editing and Production – Dec. 21
  
- Final report due to Gov. Gregoire and Washington State Legislature on Jan. 1, 2010.



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## Final Meeting Wrap-up



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