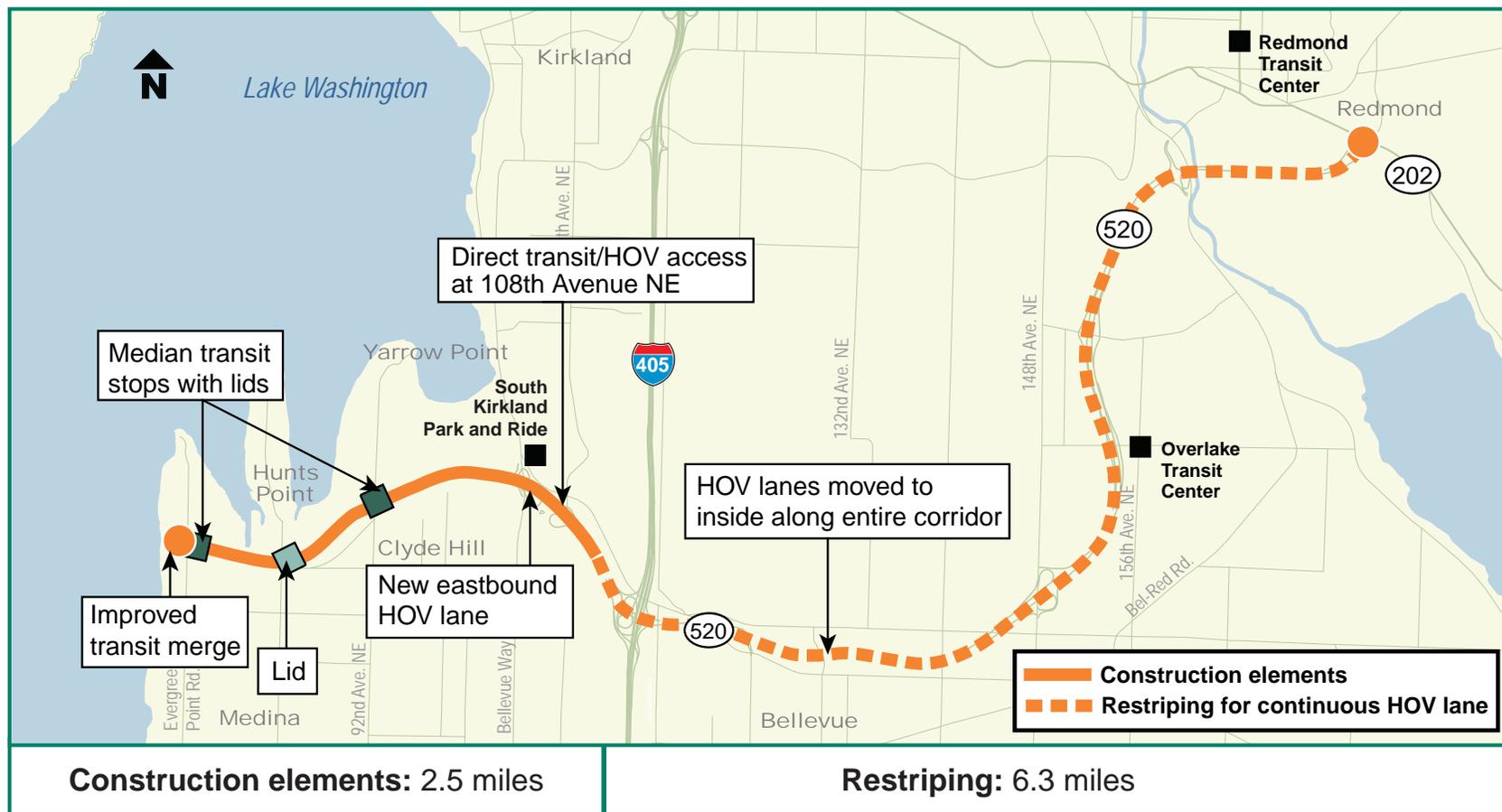


Eastside project overview



Project purpose

The purpose of the Eastside Transit and HOV Project is to:

Enhance travel time reliability, mobility, access, and safety for transit and carpools in the rapidly growing areas along the SR 520 corridor east of Lake Washington.



Key features – Transportation

- A** A regional bicycle and pedestrian path.
- B** Direct-access transit and HOV ramps to and from 108th Avenue NE.
- C** Wider, safer shoulders.
- D** An inside HOV lane through the entire Eastside corridor.
- E** Smarter Highways features like variable speed limits and real-time traffic information.

Additional transportation features include:

- Median transit stops at Evergreen Point Road and 92nd Avenue NE.
- Rebuilding the Evergreen Point Road Park and Ride.
- Improved ramp merge areas.



Key features – Environment and community

- Stormwater treatment and detention facilities will improve water quality.
- Noise walls constructed along the corridor between Evergreen Point Road and Bellevue Way will help reduce traffic noise.
- Lids at freeway overcrossings will provide local and regional transit connections and open space, and will reconnect neighborhoods divided by the original construction of the roadway in the 1960s.
- Reconstructed culverts and realigned stream channels will improve stream conditions and fish habitat.



An urban stream that will be improved as part of the project.

Project financing and schedule

Project costs and funding

The current cost estimate for the Eastside Transit and HOV Project is \$776 million. Pending funding, we can begin construction in 2010.

In fall 2009, we applied for federal stimulus funds to help pay for improvements included in this project. The U.S. Department of Transportation is evaluating applications and is expected to award grants for projects by February 2010.

Project schedule

