

Feb. 7, 2013

Dear Legislators, Commissioners, and Staff:

Subject: WSDOT SR 520 Program public disclosure update

This morning a King County Superior Court judge ruled in favor of Fisher Broadcasting Seattle/KOMO 4, which filed a complaint against WSDOT regarding a public disclosure request. WSDOT, in consultation with the Attorney General's Office, redacted information from some documents that we submitted to KOMO in response to a public disclosure request about the SR 520 Program. KOMO filed a complaint to obtain the complete documents.

WSDOT is committed to transparency and keeping the public informed about the SR 520 Program. WSDOT redacted parts of 90 documents out of the more than 16,000 documents that we have released to media outlets. The information was redacted because it will serve as the foundation of WSDOT's position in upcoming negotiations with the contractor regarding first cycle of pontoons built in Aberdeen. We are committed to serving as responsible stewards of public dollars and we hope to minimize the impact this ruling will have on our upcoming negotiations.

The Attorney General's Office is working with WSDOT to determine whether an appeal will be filed. The judge held the production of records for two weeks while an appeal decision is made.

The court's decision does not affect WSDOT's commitment to building a new, safer SR 520 floating bridge that will serve the region for 75 years or more. WSDOT remains committed to transparency and will continue to inform the public and media of pontoon and floating bridge construction issues and progress.

I encourage you to visit our [Pontoon Progress Page](#), which we update regularly with the latest pontoon construction news.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I am happy to provide more details if you are interested.

Sincerely,

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