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I may have overlooked it, but what is proposed to address the current I-5 Southbound merger onto 520 and the traffic stalls a left-lane exit ramp creates for Southbound traffic??

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It appears that transit connections at Montlake will be worsened by all current options. As a transit rider to the Eastside, it's important to me that my trip not get more complicated or more time consuming. It appears that the only transit focus in the design is the UW to Eastside connection, which ignores the many other commuters coming from Capitol Hill, the Central District, and points north of Montlake. If transit connections are worsened by the new bridge, the project will be a failure. The focus of this project should be on alternative transportation (cars, bus, pedestrian) first, and cars second. The future is not cars, but alternative modes.

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I’m concerned about the safety of bikes through the Montlake intersections. The current options seem to increase the number of locations where cars and bikes may collide. Currently it is very difficult to negotiate Montlake on a bike, and I don’t see any improvement with the options on the table. Please put a focus on bicycle travel in this project.

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Subject: 520 bridge

I just wanted to add that I support the current design of 2 GP lanes and 1 HOV lane.

Mark Brinton
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With reference to the future construction of the 520 bridge I would like to bring to your attention the recently completed Golden Ears Bridge in British Columbia. This is a beautiful bridge, slightly longer (2410 m) than the 520 (2285 m) and it was built for C$ 808 Million while the estimated cost for the SR 520 bridge is about 4 or 5 times more. Life span of an elevated bridge would also be much more favorable, and no problems with winter storms or marine traffic passing bellow.

The bridge is only about 2 hours drive from Seattle and it would be a worthwhile visit if you have not already done so. It is also well described on the Web.

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I am a 22-year 520 commuter and a 23-year resident of Montlake. The current design for the west side replacement is massively over-sized and will damage my neighborhood. As a 520 commuter (both automobile and bus), I believe the size of this destructive expansion is completely unnecessary.

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Please build a bridge that accommodates 1. light rail, 2. pedestrians/joggers and cyclists, 3. a HOV lane for buses then 4. for single occupancy vehicles... in that order of prioritization. Please don't build a huge bridge just to accommodate single occupancy vehicles, we're smarter than that.

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I really feel that the public most affected by 520 changes are not being listened to. The Bridge A design is not going to solve traffic problems. In fact, most believe it will create a huge bottle neck from 520 over the Montlake Bridge. Just to build a bridge is not enough reason to pick style A. Yes, 520 needs replacing, but the neighborhoods involved should be given more consideration than they currently are. Shouldn't there be some connection between rail and bus systems?

Please rethink this.

Bobbi

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The bridge is not as important as having a massive subway system such as in Guangzhou, Guangdong, China. It’s fast, clean, reduces the need for buses, cars and surface rail trains.

Sorry to say, America doesn’t have the vision of the future that other nations and cities do regarding safe, inexpensive and clean subway transportation. The really unfortunate concern is this could have been done many years ago when the actual costs would have been cheaper.

Americans love the costly and polluting cars and trucks, too much. As an naturalized American I enjoyed the subway much better than using my own car.

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Currently, wintering bald eagles are seen perched nearly daily on existing light poles on SR-520 and the art structures east of Foster Island. Construction impacts will disturb Bald Eagles and prevent them from hunting in the area for many years. Also, final construction conditions will disrupt their existing perches. The SDEIS does not adequately identify the impacts and provide sufficient mitigation. Please provide additional mitigation for the wintering Bald Eagles. Mitigation such as constructed poles/perches outside the construction area in adjoining wetlands and permanent poles/perches in the area following construction. Also, the Eagles are at risk from vehicle strikes and locating poles/perches away from the bridge would reduce the risk (I nearly had a collision with two Eagles in the area when they locked claws and flew over the bridge).

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   Please build the bridge just as they did for I-90 - ready for future rail.

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Yes, I have comments.

Overview: If this project had been conceived today, rather than 15 years ago, the results of the planning would be very different from what I see today. The emphasis would be on moving people and not so much emphasis on things. Air pollution, by pollution going into the water would be much less, if at all. As it is, we are planning on building a huge project of a by-gone era. We are not applying much foresight for the future. Global warming mitigation? It is not here. And, that is embarrassing for this state which likes to see itself as forward thinking.

The above overview would have led to an EIS for 4 lanes, as well as for the ones done for this project. There would have been a very compelling reason (s) to rebuild the existing 4-lane bridge, with some widening of lanes, access lanes and bridges and pedestrians.

As it is, the only plan anywhere acceptable is A. And that needs major improvements, ie-
- lower the bridge as much as physically possible. It is 20 feet or more too high.
- the effect on wetlands is too severe. One cannot just "rebuild" wetlands. It takes a long time for them to do the job for little fish, birds, food for all the creatures. In the interim, the delicate balance we have now could be permanently undone due to the time it takes to complete this project.

It appears that Foster Island will be demolished, also. A takes 5.5 acres. That is a lot in the city have; less is not acceptable.

- The "supplemental stability pontoons" make the A project too wide, too much concrete covering up the lake. It looks like those pontoons are really put there because someone has not given up on an 8-lane bridge.
- This option A is supposed to be 6 lanes wide. But, with bike and pedestrian lane and off and on ramps, it is really more than 8 lanes. Much too wide.

In sum, I am disappointed with the "replacement bridge". The design/plain is outdated and from another, previous era. It is a shame Washington State cannot do better.

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H. item in Madison Park

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MS. RAINELY: I'm Dori Lee Rainey, and I live on Queen Anne. I'm not directly involved in the problems with 520. However, I love this city with a passion, and I hate to see it destroyed.

Years ago, the people taxed themselves and collected funds to set aside the Arboretum, which should stay as it is as a legacy to our children and grandchildren.

When you say that we've worked 13 years on this plan, you also have to take into consideration that, 13 years ago, we lived in a different world. We had gasoline at very cheap prices. We did not have the transit that we have now. The world has changed. We need to change with what is going on.

The City Council has now decided to declare Seattle a carbon-neutral city. Building this A-Plus, or any of the present configurations, as I see them here, does not accomplish carbon-neutral.

We need to start thinking about how we will fund this after people decide they cannot afford their cars any longer. I know I've given my car away, and I know that more and more people are opting for buses or transit or bicycles and walking. We need to accommodate those people and not accommodate more and more cars.

I remember when 520 was built originally. When it was planned, I heard the same thing: We have to alleviate the traffic congestion. It was exactly all the same wording that we hear now. And they built it, and everything came true. The growth on the Eastside went out into the suburbs, where they were not configured for any transportation
needs. And we will keep on paving over the suburbs to accommodate people who want to drive their cars. We have to stop that. We have to get into the 21st Century with our traffic planning.

Thank you.

(End of comment.)
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With all of the blogs that I am reading and other supplemental comments, there seems to be a lot of concern to make more room for HOV lanes and mass transit. What most of the people fail to see is that ALL of the congestion is causes by single occupancy drivers. Making more lanes for HOV or more lanes for mass transit IS NOT going to make people chose these options. There needs to be more room for the mass of single occupancy drivers who have to suffer going on SR 520 everyday.

Thank you.

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Hello,

I attended the SR 520 open house on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and want to comment on the designs. First, there is little detail in any of the designs on how to handle bicycle traffic on the expanded Montlake interchange (option A) or crossing over and joining city streets in options K and L. Bicyclists need to have adequate facilities for commuting that includes safe left hand turn lanes (perhaps bike boxes like in Portland) or self-signal lights. The interchange as it exists today is dangerous for both pedestrians and bicyclists and so far I don't see how that is addressed in the new plans that will increase the number of motor vehicles.

My second statement is about traffic through the arboretum. Although there seems to be a need to connect to Lake Wash. Blvd, doing so through the roads of the arboretum will ruin it's peaceful setting, again for pedestrians (and bicyclists). Perhaps a hybrid of option A with the existing Montlake interchange improved and expanded and the tunnel option (or bridge option) heading northwest from 520 to the University, but eliminating the exit and entrance through the arboretum. It would be sad to have 2,100 vehicles cruising at the rush hours through the arboretum every day (and even on weekends).

Thank you,
Kirk Rappe

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As usual in this Seattle & County, your decades late, and 100's of millions short.

1st) Don't plan for now plan for the growth of 20 years from now.
2nd) Don't forget that Seattle needs the Eastside just a much if not more than the Eastside needs Seattle.
3rd) Make it bigger than needed currently

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Build as many lanes both ways as possible given the available budget. Not building as many lanes as possible now will cause problems in the future (e.g., traffic jams, having to do it all over again). WSDOT must take into consideration the increasing population and attendant commerce to build us a bridge serving us for all of the foreseeable future.

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If it can be done, make it six lanes in each direction (3 general, 1 HOV-cars only, 1 rail, & 1 bus only each way). Sure, there will be impact on both sides of the lake, though better to do it all at once rather than a bit here and there over the next fifty years.

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I would rate the options in order of preference: L, K, A. I think that the addition of a more direct route to UW is a great benefit. I think option L is the best combination of features and cost. Option K is great if funding can be found. Option A is okay, but the new parallel Montlake bridge will detract from the existing bridge.

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   just build the thing based on what has been agreed to. no more discussion/stalling. I like that the current proposal would allow for HOV use of the third and 6th lanes (not just buses and transit), and I also like that there will be a bike/ped lane.

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Having attended the South Lake Union hearing on February 23, 2010, I want to add my voice to several ideas I heard repeated many times.

1. Stop applying a mid-20th-century car-centric mindset to 21st century problems. As has been demonstrated countless times, attempts to pave our way out of traffic problems invariably fail miserably. We need a highway that creates the right incentives for travelers to rethink their transportation options.

2. No part of the highway should be built any wider than necessary to accommodate six travel lanes. We should not be building, nor paying for, extra pavement that could be used to create additional lanes in the future. Even with the minimum pavement necessary for six lanes, the new facility will have a much larger footprint than the existing one.

3. Two of the lanes on the new highway (i.e., one eastbound and one westbound lane) should be immediately designated as transit-only lanes that are designed to accommodate possible light rail in the future. Mixed transit/HOV lanes are a failure because (1) the HOVs invariably slow down the movement of transit vehicles and (2) such lanes create an expectation that they will always be available to private vehicles. The transit-only lanes must have exclusive entrance ramps that allow buses quick and unobstructed access.

4. The new facility MUST be designed to maximize convenient connectivity of the various modes of public transit. Transit passengers on 520 ought to be able to transfer quickly and efficiently to existing Montlake-area bus routes AND to the Sound Transit Link light rail line currently under construction. Only through such design elements can we create the incentives for people to choose public transportation.

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   Why are we spending so much money to expand the shoulders and add bike lanes? Wouldn't it be cheaper to just pay the few people who bike across the bridge to use the bus? This type of waste of public funds is why we don't trust government.

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I am saddened by the fact that because of a lack of vision and better transportation planning decades ago (with associated community support) we now find ourselves forced to create a larger footprint of concrete to improve transportation mobility between the eastside and Seattle. With a heavy heart I have to agree with the Governor's identified 6-lane alternative plan. At the same time, I am concerned with the legislative workgroup's recommendation for design option A+. Specifically, the suboption to use Lake Washington Blvd. as the new area for ramps. This will be disastrous for our neighborhood and the homes directly on Lake WA Blvd. The ESHB 2211 established the legislative group to "provide appropriate mitigation for neighborhoods and communities in the area directly affected by the project." While I understand you can not please all the people all of the time, I do not feel this group has even attempted mitigation of this suboption point. The building of the current location of the eastbound Arboretum ramp was a wrong. That being said, it was a wrong that we have all learned to live with. Removing these ramps at a cost of putting in new ramps at the location of Lake Wa Blvd, closer to homes and families is a wrong. Eliminating one wrong and replacing with another wrong does not make sense. Do not make this your legacy. You choose. Years from now, being remembered with a disgusted "What were they thinking?" instead of with the honor, "Thank goodness they saw our homes and families as the environment too". If anything, replace the current ramps with new ramps in the same location.

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I’m concerned that I see no reference to HCT capacity on the remaining bridge options and that if we are building something for the next 50+ years, it should of necessity either contain the capacity for or be able to be retrofitted for HCT. Is the A+ option capable of being converted to HCT use at some point in the future? If not, what is the additional cost of adding that capability to the pontoons now? What would be the cost of an entirely new bridge for HCT use only? I’m guessing the latter would be much, much more expensive than the former, if at some point we decide as a Region that a 520 corridor HCT option is a need.

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Wetland protection should be a top priority. Also the Aboretum is a beautiful resource. Therefore Option A should be chosen since it appears to have the least environmental impact.

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MR. SIMPSON: My name is James Simpson, and I have some questions about the regional -- or the funding portion of it. Were they using regions, like Sound Transit? They said the project is supposed to last 100 years or something like that. Are they going to do things to work in, like, high-capacity transit in with the designs, or, like, crossing the projects and using joint funding mechanisms? And that's also a suggestion.

And, also, it seems like, with the lid projects, based on what I've seen, it seems pretty expensive for two lid projects. I get the impression that, based on our fiscal responsibility we have, to take -- unless our economy takes a major upturn, I believe that the lid projects are going to be a little bit extravagant and probably should be held off for at least 20 to 30 years.

(End of comment.)
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Yes, connect SR520 ramps to Mercer st exit! Stop the weaving on I-5. It's dangerous and creates backups.

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Why do we need to build a new bridge?
Barring a major seismic event, how long will the bridge last? An extention of this question is how much would it cost simply to retrofit the bridge could it be repaired quickly if an earthquake on a bridge?
What is the greatest danger and at what speed will the bridge break up?

My belief is the the structure is dynamically active. I feel a dynamically active bridge deals with punishment every day.

I also feel that estuary in the Fox Island Area truly is effected every day by noise. We should consider using existing structures.

Finally where is an organized place where I can apply to work on this individual project. Finally why 220 million dollars already?

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I-129-001: I would say that I support Options A and K, generally.

I-129-002: I oppose Option L because it is an unattractive structure near Montlake and a blight to the surrounding neighbourhood as it is elevated quite high and at a key point for the Cut. Under no circumstances should Option L be permitted.

I-129-003: Option A might be okay IF consideration of the historic Montlake Bridge is taken into account. A second bridge should not compromise the integrity of this heritage structure and should compliment it. I shall NOT be a concrete structure, but rather should be designed with metal supports and attractive exterior in order to preserve the heritage of its sister bridge.

I-129-004: Option K obviously has the least impact and gives the best option for public transport and removes traffic from the Montlake Bridge. It also adds to the overall connectivity of the area.

I-129-005: As for the alignment as a whole, the HOV lanes should be TRANSIT ONLY, or HOV 5+ passengers or 4+ passengers to discourage non-transit orientated trips in that transit lanes. These will eventually convert to light rail in the next decade or two and this lane should not be encouraged to remain as open to the public for personal use. These are PUBLIC lanes. I encourage lids at as many points along the route as possible, particularly in the Seattle section. Finally, cycleways and pedestrian footpaths should be a major component along the route.

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