## SR 520 Resolution

#### City Concurrence on the "Rest of the West"



Transportation Committee September 11, 2015



Department of Planning and Development



Seattle Department of Transportation

# Background

- 2012 Council Actions:
  - Endorsement of 2012 Seattle Community Design Process
  - Recommendation that a second vehicular Montlake bascule bridge not be constructed
- 2014:
  - Legislature directed WSDOT to continue work with the City
  - Explored design solutions for elements that remain unresolved: Portage Bay Bridge, the Montlake Lid, and connections for bicycle, pedestrians and transit.
- 2015:
  - January: Release of draft Final Concept Design Report
  - July: Legislature approves funding for SR 520 "Rest of the West"





## **Resolution Overview:**

### City Concurrence on Design Recommendations

#### Portage Bay Bridge

- Box girder style bridge
- Shared use path on south portion of the bridge

#### Montlake Area

- Smarter, more usable lid space
- Land Bridge with at-grade crossing for bicycles and pedestrians
- Narrower traffic lanes and raised crosswalk
- Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Connections
  - At-grade and separated connections for users of all ages and abilities
  - Improvements to Bill Dawson Trail and Portage Bay Bridge





### Resolution Overview: Mobility and Safety Improvements

- Consistent with prior policy, requests State implement mobility improvements in lieu of second vehicular Montlake bascule bridge
- City support for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Montlake Cut
- Mobility and Safety Improvements
  - Transit: Increase reliability and reduce travel time for buses
  - Traffic: Increase pedestrian safety and improve traveler information
  - Further improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian network



### **Resolution Overview:** Further Design Refinements

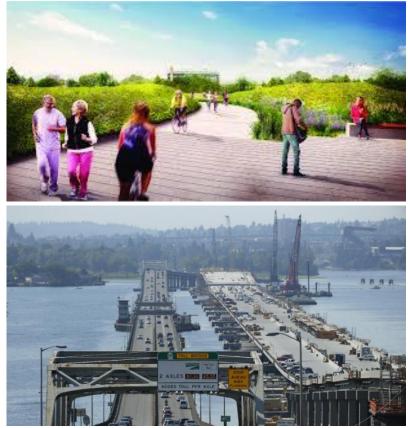
- Use of high quality materials and landscaping consistent with neighborhood character
- Maximize safety, functionality and attractiveness of project intersections and pedestrian crossings
  - Example: Pedestrian refuges
- Design Solution for Bill Dawson Trail supported by City and community groups
- Design that respects historic context of Portage Bay bridge and surrounding neighborhoods.





### Resolution Overview: Construction and Project Implementation

- Practical Design Elements
  - City support for design refinements to date
  - Emphasis on quality materials
- Minimize construction impacts
  - Shortest duration possible for construction
  - Limit or contain construction noise
  - Reduce impacts to communities and neighborhoods in the project area



### Public Outreach

- September 2014:
  - Public Open House: over 350 people in attendance
- January 2015: Design Report
  - Public comment and on-line survey
- On-going Outreach:

	Key Stakeholders,	Neighborhoods and	Advocacy Groups
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University of Washington	Montlake Community Club
Microsoft	Northeast District Council
Chamber	Seattle Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Boards
43 <sup>rd</sup> and 46 <sup>th</sup> District Legislators	Seattle Neighborhood Greenways
Seattle Design Commission	Cascade Bicycle Club
Portage Bay and Roanoke Community Council	Transportation Choices Coalition



## Next steps

September 16	City Council Public Hearing
September 22	Transportation Committee
September 28	Full Council Consideration