

SR 520 Resolution

City Concurrence on the "Rest of the West"



Transportation Committee
September 11, 2015



Department of Planning
and Development



SDOT
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

University of Washington
Microsoft
Chamber
43rd and 46th District Legislators
Seattle Design Commission
Portage Bay and Roanoke Community Council

Montlake Community Club
Northeast District Council
Seattle Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Boards
Seattle Neighborhood Greenways
Cascade Bicycle Club
Transportation Choices Coalition

Next steps

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