

Improving Safety and Mobility for the Region

The SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program is a \$4.56 billion investment in the regional transportation system. The program is enhancing a vital connection from Seattle to the Eastside via Lake Washington, resulting in major improvements for drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Replacing vulnerable structures



The SR 520 program is improving safety by:

- Replacing aging and vulnerable bridge structures currently at risk of failure
- Adding full outside shoulders
- Adding safer, smoother merges and sightlines
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian connectivity

Enhancing mobility

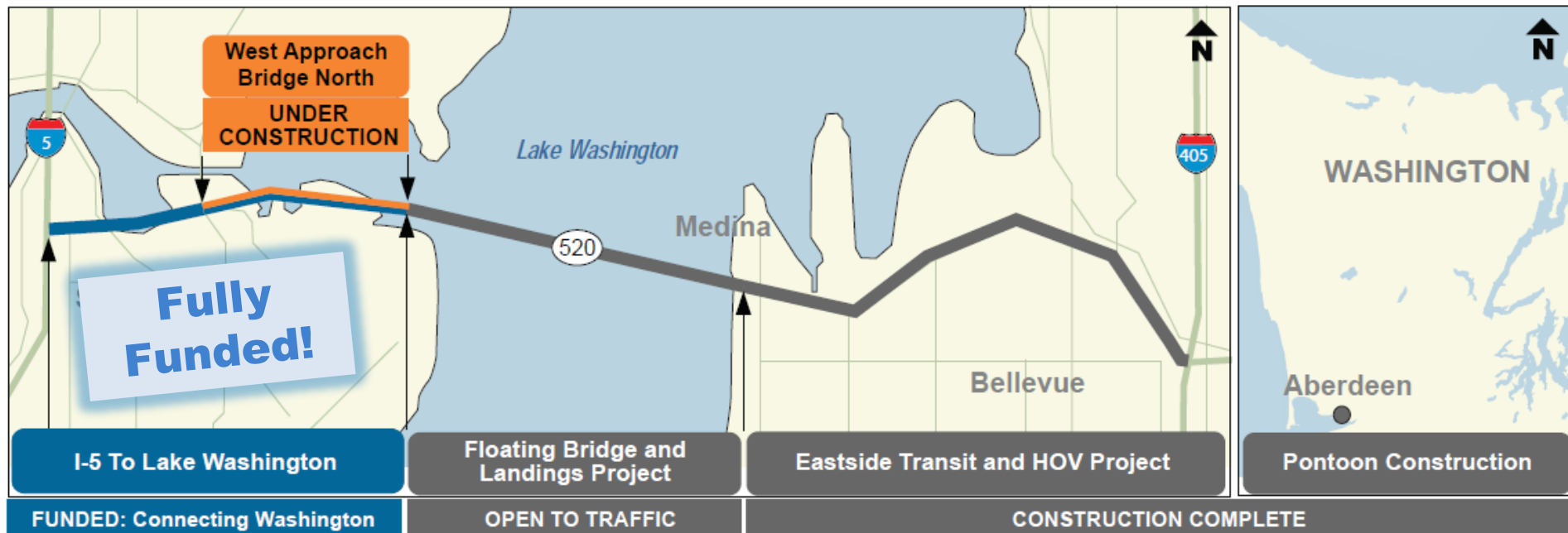


The SR 520 program is enhancing mobility by:

- Adding new transit/HOV lanes for better bus and carpool trip reliability
- Building a new 14-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian path
- Adding new median transit stops and direct-access ramps along the corridor

SR 520 Program Overview and Timeline

Program map



Program schedule

- Eastside Transit and HOV Project: Opened 2014
- Pontoon Construction Project (Aberdeen): Completed 2015
- New floating bridge: Opened April 2016
- West Approach Bridge North: Opening summer 2017
- Remaining west side corridor: Fully funded, construction to begin by 2018

America's Transportation Award: Eastside Project



In 2016, WSDOT received an award for the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project, for the category of quality of life / community development large project.

Key Legislative Direction and West Side Design Outreach

- ✓ **2007 – ESSB 6099:** Launched a west side design mediation process
- ✓ **2009 – ESHB 2211:** Launched a Legislative Workgroup to review design and funding
- ✓ **2010 – ESSB 6392:** Convened west side workgroup processes
- ✓ **2011-2012:** WSDOT conducted the Seattle Community Design Process
- ✓ **2014 – ESSB 6001:** Directed WSDOT to work with city of Seattle to further refine west side design
- ✓ **2015 – ESSB 5987:** “Connecting Washington” funding package provides full funding for the remaining SR 520 program elements in Seattle, known as the “Rest of the West”
- ✓ **2016:** WSDOT provided several community briefings and email updates in the spring, and in-person and online open houses in June

Rest of the West Project Overview



Phase 1

Construction to begin by 2018
Estimated duration: 4-5 years

Phase 2

Construction to begin as early as 2020
Estimated duration: 6 years

Phase 3

Construction to begin as early as 2024
Estimated duration: 3 years

- 1 Possible future use of a portion of the NOAA property, approximating the area shown in the FEIS, for public pedestrian-bike path is subject to agreement by NOAA as part of ongoing mitigation discussion.
- 2 City-owned property under review by the City of Seattle.

June 2016 Public Outreach

In June 2016, WSDOT hosted SR 520 open house outreach events:

- **June 22 – July 8: Online Open House**
website live to view design information from home.
 - **Visitors:** 2,838 people
 - **Comments:** 514 comments submitted
- **June 28: Open House Event**
at St. Demetrios Hall in Montlake, Seattle to view display boards and a corridor model, and speak with project staff
 - **Attendees:** 292 people
 - **Comments:** 110 comments submitted



Nearly 300 people joined WSDOT and the City of Seattle at the June 28 open house in Seattle.

What's Next?

- **Summer 2017:** West Approach Bridge North (WABN) scheduled to open to traffic
- **2017:** Award contract for next phase of construction in Seattle (West Approach Bridge South, Montlake lid and land bridge)
- **Early 2018:** Conduct additional pre-construction outreach with contractor
- **2018:** Begin construction of next phase
- **2022-2023:** Complete construction of next phase
- **2027-2029:** Complete construction of entire SR 520 Program



A new Montlake lid will provide neighborhood open space and multimodal transportation connections.

Note: These dates reflect the current project plans, but are subject to change as needed.