Rest of the West project overview

All remaining elements of the SR 520 Program from I-5 to Lake Washington are fully funded. These elements, known as the "Rest of the West," will provide key safety and mobility improvements for the region and reconnect local communities divided by the original construction of SR 520 in the 1960s. Below are the key elements of the Rest of the West, which will be built in phases.

**PHASE 1: Montlake Phase**
- Construction to begin in late 2018
- Estimated duration: 4-5 years

**PHASE 2: Portage Bay Phase**
- Estimated start: 2020-2022
- Estimated duration: 6 years

**PHASE 3: Montlake Cut Crossing Phase**
- Estimated start: 2024
- Estimated duration: 3 years

Note: Exact project sequencing in development
How the public helped shape SR 520’s design

Throughout two decades of public interaction and planning for SR 520 improvements, community and stakeholder input helped shape the corridor’s design.

Examples of design refinements incorporated into the Montlake Phase as a result of public input include:

- A redesign of the Montlake lid based on community concerns about function, usability and large ventilation stacks.
- Adding landscaping to the bike/pedestrian land bridge across SR 520 for visual buffering, user comfort and aesthetic character.
- Improving safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by reducing crossing lengths and alignments at a number of intersections, removing free right turns for vehicles, adding distinctive surface treatment at crossings, and raising crosswalks in some areas.
- Adding vehicle capacity to the Montlake interchange to better manage traffic and discourage cut-through traffic; coordinating with the City of Seattle on implementing neighborhood traffic management strategies.

**Public involvement timeline**

**2006 - 2011**

- **PRELIMINARY DESIGN**: Identifying, analyzing, refining and selecting a project alternative.
  - 2010 ESSB 6392 Workgroup: Refining the Preferred Alternative.
  - 2011 Record of Decision: Approving the Preferred Alternative.

**2011 - 2016**

- **CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**: Refining the Preferred Alternative within the framework established by the Environmental Impact Statement.
  - 2016: Conduct public outreach on conceptual design at summer open house.
  - 2016: Seattle Design Commission process with public input.

**2017**

- Begin Montlake Phase contractor procurement process and continue providing public updates including holding meetings with frontline neighbors

**Fall 2018**

- Montlake Phase contractor selected

**Late 2018**

- Pre-construction open house with contractor

**Future Phases**

- Opportunity for public input on design refinements for future Rest of the West phases

**Ongoing**: Seattle Design Commission involvement in design development and review