

Coalition for a Sustainable SR 520

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Coalition says City Council has time for new designs for 520

The Coalition for a Sustainable SR 520 today said that the state's environmental review of proposals for SR 520 (SDEIS) is so flawed that it will have to be re-done. Because of this, the Seattle City Council has plenty of time to advocate different solutions for expanding SR 520.

"The SDEIS is required to examine reasonable alternatives, and does not do so" said Fran Conley, coordinator of the coalition. "The current proposals take critical park lands, and add pollution, health risks and other environmental damage. The law requires examination of reasonable alternatives which would do less damage. An additional draft environmental review will be needed. "

"This delay is not caused by the mayor or by the city council" said Ted Lane of Roanoke Park/Portage Bay. "The SDEIS was written by the state. It's possible that at the outset they did not understand how much damage would be done, but now that we all see the damage, we have to look for less-damaging alternatives."

"The state needs to examine an alternative that provides for light rail on the additional lanes, and they need to look at managing traffic to reduce congestion in the 4 general purpose lanes with tolling and better transit" said Jonathan Dubman of Montlake. "These are reasonable alternatives which might produce better results for transportation and for the environment."

"We have all learned a lot over the past years of study" said Colleen McAleer of northeast Seattle. "We understand the pressure the City Council has been receiving to adhere to arbitrary deadlines. But now that we know that the environmental review will take longer, we ask the City Council to act in the interests of the city for the long term. That means developing an alternative which is better for transportation and for the environment. "

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“Those who suggest that we have studied the problem for too long must realize that after 12 years, engineering design of the roadway is less than 5% complete. What has mostly occurred is a great deal of political discussion devoid of analytical evaluation of the alternatives and their impacts. We have hardly begun the real work of creating a 21st century transportation corridor that we can all be proud of”, said Gary Stone, who represents the boating community. “We are pleased that the mayor has come forth with the light rail alternative and are very interested in exploring it further.”

The Coalition released a map of parks and open spaces which form an irreplaceable green link between North Capitol Hill and the Arboretum. This chain of green space and water parks extends for most of the SR 520 corridor in Seattle. Most of these parks would be damaged or taken by the current proposals for SR 520.

The Coalition for a Sustainable SR 520 represents the Seattle communities along SR 520: North Capitol Hill, Roanoke Park/Portage Bay, Montlake, Laurelhurst, Madison Park and the boating community associations.

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Linked parks near SR 520;
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- (1) Interlaken Park
- (2) Bagley Park Overlook
- (3) Parklands East
- (4) Parklands West
- (5) Roanoke Park
- (6) South Forest Area
- (7) North forest area
- (8) Bagley Stair Trail

- (9) Roanoke Street End Park
- (10) Portage Bay
- (11) Street End Parks
- (12) South Portage Bay Park
- (13) Montlake Playfield Park
- (14) Portage Bay Park Area in 520 Right of Way
- (15) Bill Dawson Trail
- (16) The Arboretum

- (19) McCurdy Park
- (20) East Montlake Park
- (21) Arboretum Waterfront Trail
- (16) LAKE WASHINGTON Blvd
- (22) RS Thompson area
- (23) University Canal Lands
- (24) Montlake Park in Portage Bay