

SR-520 Year-End Update 12/15/18

Construction on the highway where it crosses under Montlake Blvd. is expected to begin early next year and finish in 2023. Staging will be done from the property now housing the Montlake Market and 76 gas station. David Goldberg, Community Liaison for WSDOT, is charged with representing community interests as details of the project design are finalized.

Construction of a new transit/HOV lane connecting SR-520 to the I-5 express lanes is expected to take place 2020-2023. Staging will be done in the area under I-5 just south of the Ship Canal. Construction on the Portage Bay Bridge and Roanoke lid will begin in 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2029.

At NCHNA's request, WSDOT and SDOT met with 30 interested neighbors 11/27/18 to review the status of these projects.

Neighborhood concerns overall include:

- Loss of the Montlake Market and gas station,
- Permission the City has given allowing 24-hour-a-day construction noise much louder than normally legal,
- Potential contamination of Portage Bay from the demolition of the old Portage Bay Bridge,
- Lack of neighborhood input to final design details,
- Local traffic and safety impacts.

NCHNA has joined with the Roanoke/Portage Bay and Montlake Community Councils to ask Mayor Durkan and the City Council to create an SR-520 Project Oversight Commission with the aim of protecting our health, mobility and unique urban environment.