

### SR-520 Update—September 2016

Construction on SR-520 between Montlake and I-5 is not expected to begin before 2020. But NCHNA, along with the community councils of Roanoke Park/Portage Bay, Montlake and Laurelhurst, is currently working to resolve several important issues *before* construction contracts are put out for bid, possibly early next year. For details, see the 520 Issues document we are circulating to state and city officials. In brief, our concerns are these.

- The city needs to designate a representative empowered to develop its vision of an acceptable interface between SR-520, local traffic, transit and neighborhoods and to negotiate with WSDOT.
- The state needs to coordinate its plans with the city, perhaps through an ombudsman reporting directly to the governor.
- Our neighborhoods need to be involved with the city and the state in the creation of traffic management and construction management plans.
- WSDOT's current plans for the Montlake Interchange (including but not limited to using the Montlake Market and 76 gas station properties as a construction staging area) are unsafe for pedestrians and bicycles.
- WSDOT's haul routes must be spelled out before construction contracts go out for bid.
- SR-520 lighting must be aimed down and shielded so that light does not travel into homes or into the water.
- Noise reduction levels promised in WSDOT's Environmental Impact Statement and its Section 106 Programmatic Agreement must be met.
- Measures to discourage encampments and budget to ensure ongoing maintenance of open spaces must be ensured.
- Procedures for removal of the old SR-520 and its bridges must not pollute surrounding waters.