APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

December 1, 2011
Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 4:30pm

Projects Reviewed
1150 Eastlake Street Vacation
SR520 I-5 to Medina

Commissioners Present
Julie Bassuk, Chair
Julie Parrett
Laurel Kunkler
Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah
Julie Parrett
Norie Sato
Donald Vehige
Debbie Wick-Harris

Commissioners Excused
Malika Kirkling

Incoming Commissioners Present
Mary Fialko (excused from 8:30-9:00am)

Staff Present
Valerie Kinast
Tom Iurino
**December 1, 2011**  
**Project:** SR520 I5 to Medina  
**Phase:** Design Update  
**Last Reviewed:** Oct 6, 2011; Sep 1, 2011; Jan 20, 2011; Aug 16, 2007; May 18, 2006; Aug 18, 2005; Jun 2, 2005; Jul 15, 2004  
**Presenters:** Rob Berman, WSDOT  
Alan Hart, VIA Architecture  
**Attendees:** Candace Goodrich, WSDOT  
Justus Stewart, Obrien and Company  
Michael Fong, Legislative  
Kerry Pihlstrom, WSDOT  

**Time:** 3:30pm-4:30pm  

**Presentation**  
The design team presented the community design process it has been using since September to engage the public as they begin to explore a range of potential design refinements of the preferred alternative of the Seattle segment of SR520. The project is not yet funded; the Seattle City Council, Mayor and WSDOT signed a MOU to commit to continued collaboration on design decisions, construction, and operations moving forward and to work together to secure full funding from the Legislature and other funding sources to complete the project. The team has been meeting with the Westside Community Design Collaborative and the boarder public to answer their questions about the project, to uncover community values related to design – such as “green or grey” and “see or hear” – and to translate those values into design opportunities for components of the project at specific sites. The team will write a summary report at the end of the year to provide an update on the process; the team asked the commission to participate in a workshop to provide their feedback on the range of potential design refinements and provide a regional, citywide perspective.

**SUMMARY**  
The Design Commission thanked the SR520 project team for its update on the design process to date for the Seattle segment and welcomed the invitation to participate in a workshop on design process in the new year.