



## APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Mike McGinn**  
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Planning Director, DPD

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**Mary Fialko**

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**Shannon Loew**

**Tom Nelson**

**Julie Parrett**

**Osama Quotah**

**Norie Sato**

**Donald Vehige**

**Debbie Wick-Harris**

**Valerie Kinast**  
Coordinator

**Tom Iurino**  
Senior Staff

**April 19, 2012**

Convened 12:00pm  
Adjourned 4:30pm

### Projects Reviewed

Mercer West II  
SR 520 I5 to Medina

### Commissioners Present

Julie Bassuk, Chair (excused 3:15-4:30pm)  
Tom Nelson  
Julie Parrett (excused from 12:30-2:30pm)  
Shannon Loew  
Osama Quotah  
Don Vehige  
Debbie Wick-Harris

### Commissioners Excused

Norie Sato  
Mary Fialko  
Laurel Kunkler

### Staff Present

Valerie Kinast  
Tom Iurino



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**Project:** SR 520 I5 to Medina  
**Phase:** Design Update  
**Last Reviewed:** Dec 1, 2011; 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, WSDOT consultant  
 Don Forbes, WSDOT consultant

**Attendees:** Audrey Maloney, UW  
 Candace Goodrich, WSDOT consultant  
 Davidya Kasperzyk, WSDOT consultant  
 Dawn Yankauskas, WSDOT  
 Elizabeth Umbanhowar, WSDOT consultant  
 Gayna Nakajo, UW  
 Greg Ball, WSDOT consultant  
 Lindsey Yuen, UW  
 Scott Jones, UW  
 Stephen Triguero, UW

**Time:** 2:30pm-4:30pm

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## Disclosures

Commissioner Bassuk's firm has an on-going contract with NOAA but not it's related or affected by this portion of the project.

Commissioner Vehige is part of WSDOT's Westside Design Collaborative.

Commissioner Parrett teaches at the University of Washington.

## Summary of Project Presentation

The design team presented its approach for refining the design of the Seattle side of the SR520 corridor. The team proposed to return to the full commission for review of draft design refinements once a month through the summer, while simultaneously working with the commission in subcommittees on a more detailed exploration of the design. The team discussed the overlays – sustainability, elements of continuity and distinction, and connectivity – it used to understand the issues surrounding the design refinement and exploration process.

The design team divided the Seattle side of the SR 520 corridor into four geographical areas: Shelby/Hamlin and Lake Washington Boulevard; Portage Bay Bridge; 10th and Delmar/I-5; and Montlake Lid and All West Side Areas. The team recently held a public meeting to identify issues and get feedback on the design of the Shelby/Hamlin and Lake Washington Boulevard area; similarly, it will hold public meetings this summer to discuss the design of the remaining three areas. The team plans to issue a report in October to set the project's design direction, though the design will still be at a conceptual level. The design direction will assist WSDOT in approaching the legislature for the needed funding, build advocacy for the project, and set the stage for future design work.

The team gave an overview of the initial concepts for the design refinement of the Shelby/Hamlin and Lake Washington Boulevard area. The team broke the area down further into six subareas: East Lake Washington

Boulevard; Montlake Lid Operations and Maintenance Facility; East Montlake Shoreline; East Montlake Park; Canal Reserve; and Montlake Boulevard East. For each subarea, the team presented a baseline design as well as additional design refinement options. The team divided the project into these subareas and created the initial concepts in order to study the design challenges and to solicit feedback from the public. The team will share its ideas for a framework at future reviews and subcommittee meetings.

### **SUMMARY (by Vehige)**

**The Design Commission thanked the team for its presentation of the approach to the design of the lids of the SR 520 I5 to Medina project, and the initial concepts of the Shelby/Hamlin and Lake Washington Boulevard area. The commission believed the team's design approach was appropriate and looked forward to reviewing the project as a whole and in subcommittees over the next several months. The commission made the following recommendations:**

- **Develop a large scale model and cross sections to help understand the project's topography. Prepare these materials so the commission and its subcommittees can use them in the upcoming reviews.**