



# Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

## SR-520 Project Now In Construction Design

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The SR-520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project is moving forward with the environmental review and the construction design. The project is now about 30% designed. The study is evaluating the "Four Lane", "Six Lane", and the "No Build" alternatives, with the six-lane option being the only viable alternative. The eight-lane bridge has been dropped from the study, and the six-lane option will be formally selected in 2006.

We are now beginning to see the specific design of the bridge, and its relationship to Hunts Point. The Town is pleased with the current design, which keeps the corridor in the present right of way. There will be no homes taken on Hunts Point, and all freeway improvements will stay in the existing right of way. In Medina, one or two homes will be taken.

A new floating bridge will be built about 200 feet north of the existing bridge. New bridge approaches will be built on the west and east sides of the lake, allowing boats to pass under each end. The alignment will

straighten on the west end as the curve of the bridge is being removed. On the west side it appears that the Seattle Yacht Club will remain intact, but the Queen City Yacht Club may lose one dock. The Museum of History and Industry, near the UW will be taken, and relocated to the Seattle Convention Center. Other than that, there are very few property takings.

The Town of Hunts Point will receive a 500 foot wide landscaped lid at the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue overpass. Additionally, 12 to 14 foot sound walls will be erected along the right of way in Hunts Point, and in the entire corridor. The Points Loop Walking Trail will remain in its existing location, separated by a sound wall from the freeway. A new bike path will be built on the south side of SR520, connecting the Eastside bike trails across the new bridge to the UW.

Actual construction is scheduled to start in about 4 years, pending funding. The bridge construction will take 6 to 8 years.

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## Local News

### Message From Your Mayor...

Dear Residents,

The SR520 bridge project is closer to becoming a reality. The only missing ingredient is funding. When the EIS is completed in 2006, the regional leaders will need to organize a public awareness and promotional campaign to get a vote passed to fund SR520 and other projects. SR520 has to be replaced soon, as its useful life only extends to 2020.

We are happy to report that the Hunts Point Road project is underway. It will be a beautiful road when it is completed, much the same as it is today, only with a new drainage system and new underground utilities.

We hope to see many of you at the OSL Fall Feast. It is a great way to meet and socialize with your neighbors, while supporting a good cause.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey  
Mayor

## SR-520 Project Now In Construction Design (Cont'd From Page 1)

Most of the 520 corridor improvements will be completed in 2014.

If Sound Transit's Phase 2 funding is approved, light rail will come over the I-90 bridge in 2012 to 2015, go through Bellevue, and possibly extend out SR-520 to Microsoft and Redmond Town Center.

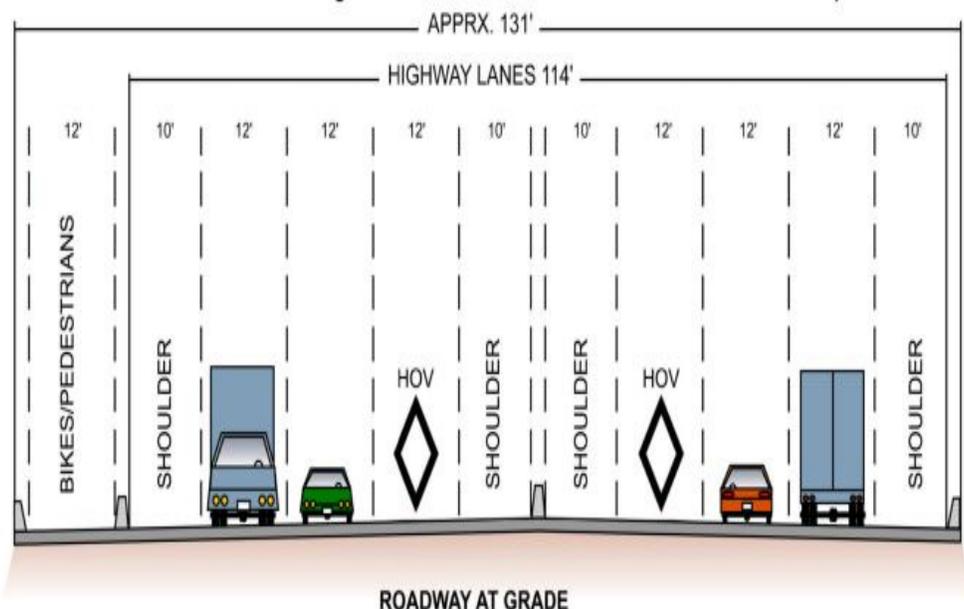
The new 520 bridge will accommodate Bus Rapid Transit in the center HOV lanes, with flyer stops at Evergreen Point and Yarrow Point. High Capacity Transit will not come to the SR-520 bridge until 2025 to 2050, although the pontoons are now being designed to accommodate High Capacity Transit.

The project cost has increased from \$2.1 Billion to \$2.7 Billion, from the added scope to untangle

traffic weaves at the I-5 and I-405 interchanges. Funding for the project will come from a Regional Transportation Improvement District (RTID) public vote, likely in 2006. The RTID will finance improvements to SR520, I-405, and the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

The new 520 bridge will carry 25% more passengers with 3% more car volume, primarily due to the added HOV capacity over the bridge. An electronic toll system will also be imposed on the 520 bridge, and this is expected to divert 30% of the traffic to I-90. For more information and pictures, visit the SR520 website at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge).

Typical mainline cross-section for a 6 lane SR 520.  
Areas near interchanges could be wider to accommodate on and off ramps.



## Medina Police Report

Police activity has been very quiet on Hunts Point over the past few months. The Medina Police Department still advises residents to set their security alarms, and to use locking mailboxes.

## Security Gates

For those homes with driveway security gates, the Medina Police needs a Knox Box key to open the gates in the event of an emergency. If you have a gated entry, please contact the Medina Police at (425) 454-1332 so we can coordinate Knox Box keys with the Police and Fire departments. Without the key, the Fire or Police vehicles would have to crash through the gate to gain access in the event of a fire or a burglary.

## Hunts Point Road Update

The Hunts Point Road reconstruction project is moving forward. The Town has awarded the bid to Gary Merlino Construction. The utility work has started and will be completed by the end of the year. The road replacement project will begin June 15, 2005 and be completed by September 30, 2005. The project is on schedule and on budget.

## 50th Anniversary For Hunts Point

The Town of Hunts Point was incorporated in 1955, and will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. We are making plans for a special, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clean Up Day, in 2005, and will be researching our history, to bring some nostalgia to this event.

## Benefit Auction

The third annual Benefit Auction for Ronald McDonald House Holiday Cruise will be held on Sat., Nov. 6 at Overlake Golf & Country Club in Medina. Proceeds go toward cruise expenses and Christmas gifts for the patients and their families, who are spending the holidays in Seattle while receiving cancer treatment. An elegant dinner will be served to each guest attending this worthwhile benefit auction. Reserve a table for 8 for only \$600, or individual tickets at \$75. For reservations or questions, please call Linda Crum at 425-454-1332 or email: lcrum@medina-wa.gov.

## Overlake Service League, Fall Feast

The OSL Fall Feast Cocktail Party and Fundraiser will be on Thursday, November 4, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the beautiful home of Richard and Marilyn Herzberg, at 4064 Hunts Point Road. Since 1920, the OSL Hunts Point Circle volunteers have provided services and donations to benefit families in need on the Eastside. The Fall Feast is a great party and all residents of Hunts Point are invited to attend. Personalized invitations are in the mail to you. We hope to see you there.

## Ivy On Trees



Many trees on Hunts Point Road have Ivy growing up the tree trunks. The Ivy is spreading and will eventually overtake these trees. We ask that you trim the Ivy from tree trunks to keep our trees healthy in Hunts Point.



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**SR-520 Time Schedule**

