All major improvements on State Route 520's Eastside corridor opened to the public in mid-2014, approximately three years after crews started reconstructing the highway from Lake Washington's eastern shore in Medina to I-405 in Bellevue. All construction in the corridor wrapped up in mid-2015. The project improves safety, mobility and accessibility throughout the highway’s Eastside corridor, and helps to reconnect the communities that were separated when the highway was built in the 1960s.

**Key highway improvements:**
- Transit / HOV lanes along the entire Eastside corridor, in both directions.
- Median transit stops at Evergreen Point Road and 92nd Avenue Northeast that are ADA-compliant.
- Wider, safer shoulders.
- An improved, reconstructed Bellevue Way interchange.
- Direct-access ramps at 108th Avenue Northeast for carpools and transit.
- The first leg of a new, regional bicycle and pedestrian path that eventually will run from Redmond to I-5 in Seattle.

**Other key Eastside enhancements:**
- Eight fish-friendly culverts, six under the highway, to improve fish migration.
- Restoration of Eastside creeks and wetland areas.
- Three lidded, landscaped overpasses above SR 520.
- Corridor walls to reduce highway noise for nearby homes and businesses.
- Stormwater-detention facilities to capture highway runoff and improve water quality.

SR 520's reconstructed six-lane Eastside corridor includes three new highway lids, including one at 84th Avenue NE (in foreground) and one at Evergreen Point Road, near the new SR 520 floating bridge.
Community and environmental enhancements

New transit / HOV lanes
New bus / carpool lanes, direct-access ramps, and median transit stations on the Eastside corridor improve travel safety and reliability.

New lids at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Ave NE and 92nd Ave NE
We built three lidded overpasses above SR 520 that feature improved traffic interchanges, landscaped open space, neighborhood-connecting trails and access to new median transit stops.

Noise-reduction techniques
We built noise walls along the roadway between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Avenue Northeast to help reduce noise from highway traffic.

Fish-habitat improvements
We made improvements to the surrounding watershed by installing larger culverts with simulated streambeds under the roadway to reduce barriers to fish migration patterns. We also completed 32 acres of wetland restoration at Evans Creek in Redmond.

Stormwater-detention facilities between Evergreen Point Road and 108th Ave NE
We improved water quality by detaining and naturally filtering stormwater before it enters local streams, creeks and Lake Washington.