

SR 520 Sentinel Lighting Change Request Form

Overview

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) opened the new SR 520 Floating Bridge in April 2016. The bridge crosses Lake Washington and serves as a major regional corridor between Seattle and the Eastside. The new bridge is equipped with four, large architectural elements called 'sentinels' that mark the ends of the floating bridge. The design of these sentinels includes illumination with multi-color LED lights that are activated from dusk to dawn.

The sentinel lights can serve to promote the region, its civic institutions, state and federal holidays, and other public events of community significance. WSDOT will review requests from the community for temporary changes to the sentinel lighting to recognize a specific cause or to commemorate a specific event consistent with this purpose. (See criteria below.)

Criteria

All requests must be received **30 days prior to requested date of sentinel lighting change**. Requests to change sentinel lighting color will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. To support nationally recognized campaigns.
2. To support locally recognized campaigns that meet additional criteria:
 - a. The campaign must originate from the Seattle area and benefit local organizations or charities and have a minimum of 1,000 people involved.
 - b. The campaign must be organized by a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.
3. To support Seattle's sports franchises or regional college teams. Other sports-related events or tournaments occurring in Seattle may be considered but will be up to WSDOT's discretion and will be determined based on level of community involvement. Similar to the note above, a minimum of 1,000 people must be involved to be considered.
4. To recognize or memorialize well-documented local or national figures/service members.
5. To support events of historical significance to the region, at WSDOT's discretion.
6. To support national and local holidays, as designated by the federal [Office of Personnel Management](#) or the [Washington RCW 1.16.050](#).
7. WSDOT has final decision-making authority on all requests and may light the sentinels at our discretion.

The following reasons for requesting sentinel lighting **will not be considered**:

- To celebrate birthdays, personal anniversaries, or events primarily private in nature.
- To recognize events or campaigns related to political, religious, or social causes.

Additional notes to applicant:

- Requesters will receive a response within approximately two weeks after a completed request form is received via email to: NWPublicAffairs@wsdot.wa.gov.
- Requests will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Requests will be evaluated against the above-listed criteria. WSDOT has sole discretion over the approval process.
- Annual or recurring events must be requested each year.
- WSDOT strives to be inclusive and supportive of many organizations and causes through requests for sentinel light color changes. It may not be possible to accommodate all lighting change requests.

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To submit a request, please complete the following form and submit to: NWPublicAffairs@wsdot.wa.gov.

Contact name:		
Contact email:		
Contact phone:		
Organization:		
Organization type:		
Which of the above criteria does your request meet?		
Description of request:		
Dates of requested lighting change:	Begin Date	End Date

Twitter handle (if applicable):

Campaign hashtag (if applicable):

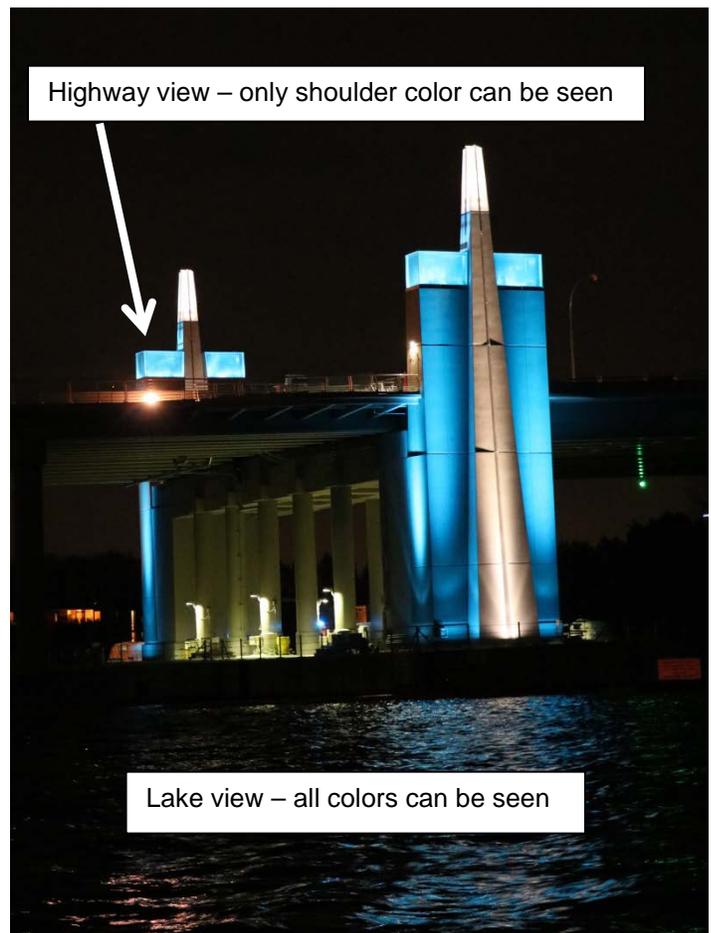
Color Request

Please fill out all color information below. You do not have to have different colors for each section of the sentinel noted below but you are able to choose as many as 4 different RGB* colors.

Considerations:

- The top lantern is always white and can't be changed.
- For the best visual impact, we suggest picking one or two colors for the sentinels.
- The lake view is considerably different than the view drivers will see. Drivers will only see the mesh "shoulders."

* RGB refers to a system for representing the color of light when digitally displayed. Red, Green, and Blue can be combined in various proportions to obtain any color in the visible spectrum. Levels of R, G, and B can each range from 0 to 100 percent of the light displayed, thereby adjusting the visible color of the light.



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View from Lake Washington

