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David Schumacher, Director  
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 P.O. Box 43113  
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The Honorable Marko Liias, Chair  
 Senate Transportation Committee  
 P.O. Box 40444  
 Olympia WA 98504-0414

The Honorable Jake Fey, Chair  
 House Transportation Committee  
 P.O. Box 40600  
 Olympia WA 98504-0600

RE: Implementing Practical Design Connecting Washington Project Title and Scope Change Request

Dear Director Schumacher, Senator Liias and Representative Fey,

The Washington State Department of Transportation requests legislative approval for scope changes for projects consistent with the process outlined in RCW 47.01.480(1)(a). The statute states practical design-related changes to the scope of a Connecting Washington project may be proposed by the department for legislative approval, " ... if the projects' intended performance is substantially unchanged and the local governments and interested stakeholders impacted by the project have been consulted and have reviewed the proposed changes." Consistent with the process established by the Office of Financial Management and the Legislature, the Washington State Department of Transportation is submitting the required documentation (see attachment) for review and legislative approval of the proposed changes.

Project List ID	LEAP Document 2024-1 Title	Proposed Project Title
M00400R	SR 520 Seattle Corridor Improvements - West End	SR 520 Seattle Corridor Improvements - West End

LEAP Document 2024-1 Project Description		Proposed Project Description
L2000223	Completes corridor improvements between I-5 and the West High Rise to address congestion and safety needs of the corridor. \$1.1 million of the amounts provided are provided solely for noise mitigation. The scope of this project shall not include replacing existing sign bridges on Montlake Boulevard.	Completes corridor improvements between I-5 and the West High Rise to address congestion and safety needs of the corridor. \$1.1 million of the amounts provided are provided solely for noise mitigation.

Please contact Troy Suing at (360) 705-7121 or [suingt@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:suingt@wsdot.wa.gov) if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Roger Millar, PE, FAICP, Dist. M. ASCE  
Secretary of Transportation  
Washington State Department of Transportation

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Enclosure

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**Type of Change:** Title ✓ **Scope**

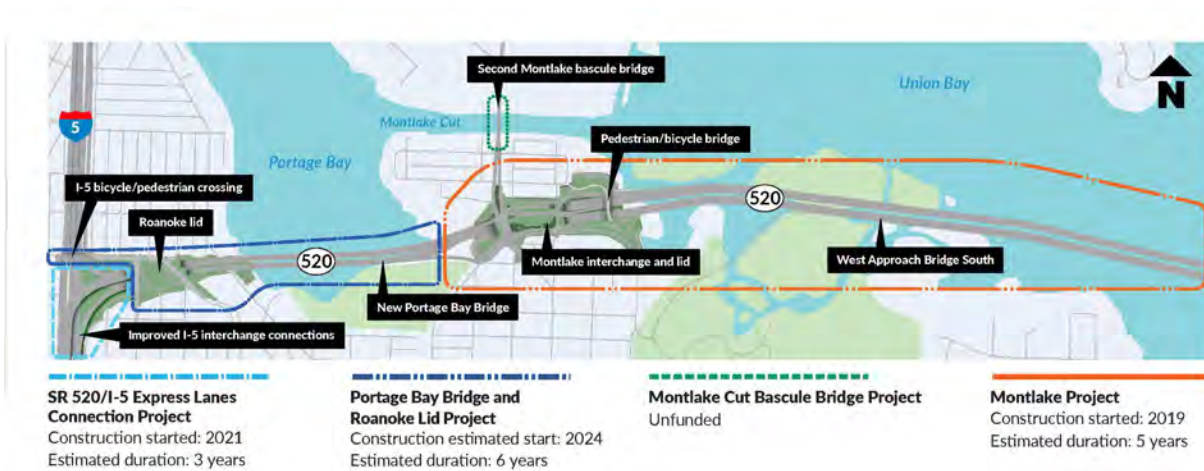
**LEAP Transportation Document 2024-1 Passed March 7, 2024**

**Project Title:** SR 520 Seattle Corridor Improvements – West End (M00400R)

**Project Description:** Completes corridor improvements between I-5 and the West High Rise to address congestion and safety needs of the corridor. \$1.1 million of the amounts provided are provided solely for noise mitigation. The scope of this project shall not include replacing existing sign bridges on Montlake Boulevard.

**Program:** Improvement **County:** King

**WSDOT Region:** 520 **Leg. District:** 43,46,48



**Proposed Project Description:**

Completes corridor improvements between I-5 and the West High Rise to address congestion and safety needs of the corridor. \$1.1 million of the amounts provided are provided solely for noise mitigation.

**Justification of Need:****1. What is the requested change to this project description?**

The requested change to the project description revises the scope by removing the prohibition of replacing existing sign bridges on Montlake Boulevard. This will allow recommendations made via the Montlake signage public process to be implemented.

**Why is this change requested and does it impact the intended performance of the legislative scope? Describe the change.**

Subsequent to the 2024 legislative session, legislators recognized that the revised project description did not align with the intended scope and next steps for the Montlake signage adjustments. By removing the restriction, it allows the project to implement the recommended modifications to the signage and sign structures on Montlake Boulevard using cost savings from the Portage Bay Bridge value engineering process.

**2. Have the impacted local governments and stakeholders been consulted and reviewed the proposed change? What are the reactions to the requested change?**

Yes. The City of Seattle, University of Washington, and a stakeholder working group were involved, aware, and supportive of the proposed change of scope so that signage adjustments can be made on Montlake Boulevard.