

## SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

### Sign up and get ten bucks in free SR 520 Bridge tolls

[Tolling starts on the SR 520](#) floating bridge this spring. Sign up for a *Good To Go!* Account by April 15 and we'll give you a [\\$10 credit towards SR 520 tolls!](#) You can choose from five different [Good To Go! Passes](#) online, or head over to one of [84 participating Safeway stores](#) throughout Puget Sound and buy the cool new [Sticker Pass](#). Upgrades to the sign-up website are planned for tonight, so you may want to wait until Saturday to sign up online.

We strongly encourage those who can to wait a few days to sign up once the website is optimized and initial customer demand levels out. Those who wait to purchase a *Good To Go!* pass and activate an account will still be eligible for introductory offers of \$10 in free SR 520 tolls announced earlier this week.

### Pontoon project breaks ground, construction begins in Aberdeen!

Sideways rain in Grays Harbor last weekend couldn't stop more than 200 people from cheering the start of construction on the SR 520 pontoon project in Aberdeen. Gusts from the coast that roared up Saturday only underscored the need for the project everyone was celebrating: replacing the aging SR 520 floating bridge on Lake Washington that is vulnerable to windstorms

The 33 pontoons (giant floating concrete boxes) to be built in Aberdeen starting this year will form the backbone of a replacement bridge. We've been working hard to get started on construction, and Grays Harbor is eager for the work. The \$367 million project will ramp up to 300 direct construction jobs later this year.

Work started Thursday on a casting basin – a big bathtub of a work zone on Grays Harbor. The basin will be connected to the water so new pontoons – many as long as a football field – can be built in the basin, floated out and towed to Seattle. They'll each be three stories tall and narrow enough to fit through the Ballard Locks when complete. Some of the 33 new pontoons will weigh 11,000 tons each – as much as 23 Boeing 747s

Check out the Flickr photos, our YouTube video or our project page for more about the project.

### Closures and congestion this weekend on SR 520 in Redmond

Drivers headed to the Eastside may face some congestion on Saturday afternoon near Marymoor Park.

We're closing lanes on SR 520 in Redmond this weekend to put the finishing touches on the widening project. Two eastbound lanes near West Lake Sammamish Parkway will be closed to restripe a short section of road. One lane will close from 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and a second lane will close from 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19.

### Coming to a Seattle neighborhood near you: SR 520 drop-in information sessions continue

Staff from the SR 520 program will answer questions and share what's next for the I-5 to Medina Bridge Replacement and HOV Project at our ongoing drop-in information sessions. Come see us at the following locations in coming weeks:

- **Main University of Washington campus:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 23, UW Suzzallo Library, west entrance near Red Square.
- **University District:** 1-3 p.m., March 9, Tully's Coffee, 4700 University Way.
- **Seattle Central Community College:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 14, Edison Building Commons, 1701 Broadway.
- **Eastlake:** 5-7 p.m., March 30, Voxx Coffee, 2245 Eastlake Avenue E.

Visit our [website](#) for more information, or contact us by phone 1-888-520-NEWS (6397) or by [e-mail](#).