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Subject: SR 520 bill approved, 52 to 46

Seattle Chamber Transportation Committee members,

Good news, the SR 520 bill was approved this afternoon in the House by a vote of 52 to 46. This moves the SR 520 bridge replacement project forward in a positive direction (attached is a recent Seattle Chamber letter urging legislators to do just that). The vote today also clears the path for a vote on the Bored Tunnel to replace the Viaduct, possibly as early as next week.

The 520 bill, SHB 2211, designates a toll-corridor on 520 and allows for variable tolling. It caps the total cost of the replacement project at \$4.6B, of which the westside projects cannot exceed \$2B and eastside projects cannot exceed \$800M. The bill states that \$1.7B can be raised through tolls. On a side note, if the tolls are put in place by October, the federal government is likely to pay for installation of the tolling equipment.

As we discussed at yesterday's meeting, we'll keep you posted on any new developments. --Charles

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