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Big news this week is yesterday's introduction of the SR 520 bill, HB 2211, by Rep Clibborn. (Analysis is being coordinated across the department.)

Other items.

Monday:

- The Legislature works on Monday. Please check your blackberries.
- Senate is hearing SB 5499. Agency request bill to authorize surety bonds in amount less than full contract price. (House has companion bill scheduled for exec action on Tuesday.)
- Also on Monday, the Senate will hear the bill on realignment of WSDOT regions.

Tues:

- HB 1591 scheduled for exec action. (Bill would allow Metro to partner on AWV project.)

Wednesday:

- HB 2211 will be heard in the House Transportation Committee
- SB 5689 directs the JTC to analyze long-term sustainable sources of transportation funding. Nothing much for us to do, but good to know it's happening.
- HB 1499 (notice of utility facilities relocation) is scheduled for exec session. WSDOT is monitoring. On the one hand, local agencies already follow these guidelines. On the other hand, it's a problem when we get quick turnaround projects such as the stimulus pkg.

Friday

- SB 5966 directs DOE to report to Leg on situations in which there have been charges that the responsible agency improperly segmented an action with the result that SEPA compliance was avoided. Includes "an examination of projects that were broken into a series of projects regardless of the cumulative effects." Also wants to take a look at potential conflict of interest when lead agency conducts an environmental review and is a proponent of the projects. (Sen Fraser's bill)
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Bills that have been introduced and heard - no further movement to date:

- AWV bill (SB 5768) that states the bored tunnel is the preferred alternative
- SB 5493 that creates corridor-specific regional transportation authorities. (Sen Murray's bill)
- SB 5683 toll penalties for HOT lane violators
- HB 1392 regarding eminent domain