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# Multi-\$billion toll projects move in Seattle WA - 520 floating bridge, Alaska Way toll tunnel

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Legislation has been passed in Washington state that allows two huge toll projects to proceed in the Seattle metro area - state route 520 (WA520) floating bridge replacement and state route 99 (WA99) Alaskan Way toll tunnel. Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) plan to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a 520 toll system and customer service. They want to begin tolls on the 520 bridge in less than 18 months - in the fall of 2010.



Legislation just signed into law (SB5768) also enables a doubledeck two-on-two lane toll tunnel to be bored deep under the Seattle central business district to replace the troubled Alaskan Way viaduct. Both will be traditional public toll projects with governments raising the capital and taking the traffic and revenue risk, not concessions.

The WA520 project is a major advance in that it will be the first time in the US that tolls are imposed on an existing untolled bridge. In an innovative approach WSDOT will use an all-electronic toll (AET) system covering both directions of traffic on the eastern shore with dynamic pricing to manage traffic and to begin an early revenue stream for the construction of a tolled replacement span.

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/LkWaMgt/library.htm>

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