

## The City's "Champion" Role for SR-520

**Background.** The City continues to work with WSDOT under a 2011 MOU (Ordinance 123733) for the SR-520 project. SDOT is the primary point of contact for SR-520 project management and for coordinating with other Seattle Departments on project issues under the MOU.

Per the MOU, WSDOT hosted the Seattle Community Design Process (SCDP) to refine the vision and design elements of the SR-520 corridor between the floating bridge and I-5. This included the north half of the West Approach Bridge, which has received construction funding, and remaining unfunded west-side elements. The City made recommendations based on the results of the SCDP by Resolution 31427 in 2013.

Specifically related to future design processes around SR-520, Section 5 of Resolution 31427 calls for a City "Champion" to coordinate across City departments and for the on-going involvement of the Seattle Design Commission in those design issues.

**Implementation.** To implement this legislative direction, SDOT and DPD have established an overlapping management structure. Lyle Bicknell from DPD is the Urban Design Lead, with the primary responsibility for advancing the City's priorities as articulated in the SCDP and Resolution 31427. Calvin Chow from SDOT is the Project Management Lead, with the primary responsibility for managing the City's obligations under the 2011 MOU (Ordinance 123733).

The Urban Design Lead and the Project Management Lead are expected to work closely together to balance the City's design priorities and MOU obligations and fulfill the roll of the "Champion". While these goals generally overlap, this separation of responsibilities recognizes that there is some inherent conflict in these roles. The Urban Design Lead is expected to have a more external focus in engaging the Seattle Design Commission and community stakeholders. The Project Management Lead is expected to have a more internal focus on City Department stakeholders.

In the event of conflicting positions, the Urban Design Lead and the Project Management Lead will take direction from the City's representatives on the MOU Executive Advisory Group, and will engage DPD and SDOT management as appropriate.