

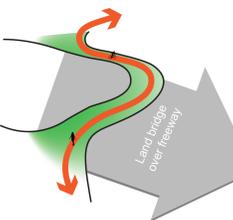
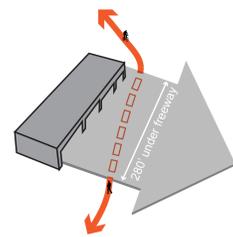
SR 520 Montlake Lid Area

Key Benefits of the Refined Concept

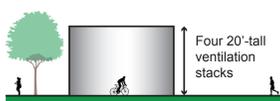
The refined vision for the Montlake Lid Area responds to feedback gathered during the 2012 Seattle Community Design Process from the Seattle Design Commission, Seattle City Council, and community stakeholders. Several examples of the key benefits of the refined concept for the Montlake Lid are highlighted below. Although only one example per key design response is illustrated here, these benefits have been incorporated in many instances throughout the project. The refined concept provides comparable benefits to the Baseline Design in terms of air quality and noise levels.

1. Better regional connections

The principal north-south shared use regional path passes under 280 feet of freeway with 10' of clearance; the experience of the shoreline is compromised by an operations and maintenance facility. The gentle slope of the land bridge creates an at-grade, accessible north-south regional connection across the SR 520 corridor and enables more intuitive wayfinding along the pathway.



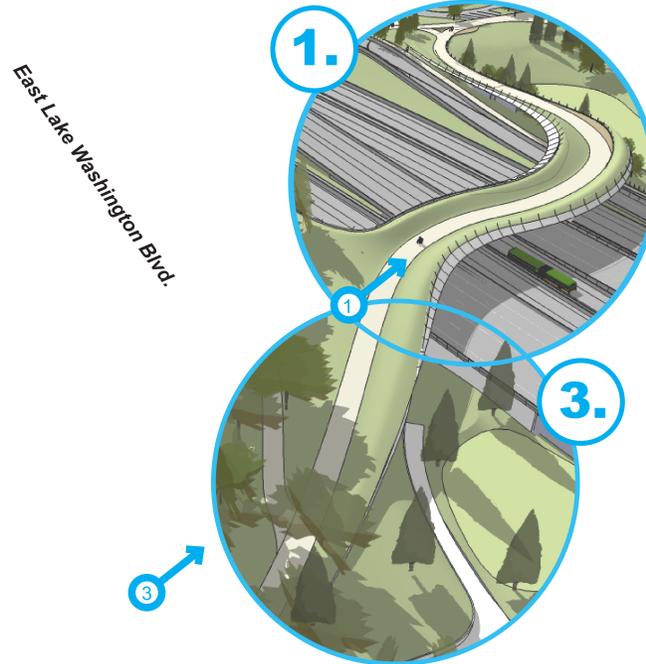
2. More useable open space



The baseline lid requires four 20'-tall vent stacks on the west lid, resulting in low-quality open space

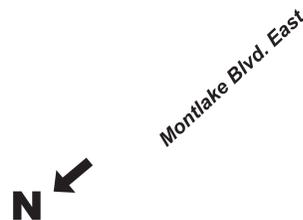
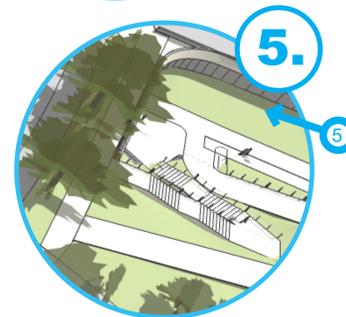
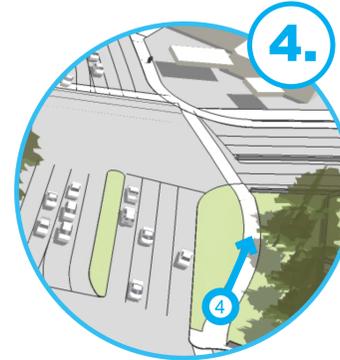
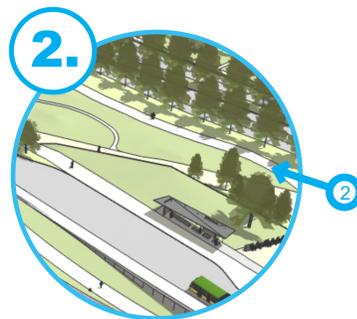


The tall vent stacks are no longer required, resulting in more useable and enjoyable open spaces

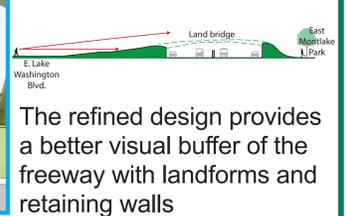


East lid, refined concept (bird's-eye view looking northwest)

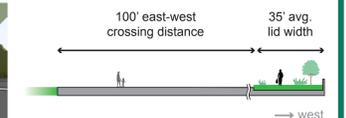
West lid, refined concept (bird's-eye view looking southeast)



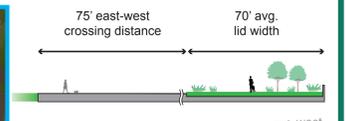
3. Buffered views of the roadway



4. Improved pedestrian experience

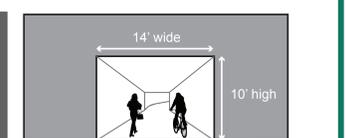


Community members requested better pedestrian spaces and buffers along Montlake Blvd.

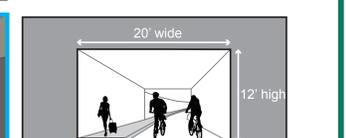


Improvements on Montlake Blvd. include a lid extension to the west and a shorter E-W crossing distance

5. Safer undercrossings



Feedback was received regarding safety and quality of undercrossings



Passages have been redesigned to provide mode separation and improved sightlines