



## Washington State Legislature

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David Becher  
SR 520 Director of Construction  
SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program  
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Dear Mr. Becher,

We recently learned from the City of Medina that they have received several noise-nuisance complaints after the opening of the new 520 bridge. Constituents living within two miles of the bridge landing to the north, south and east of SR-520 have described intermittent "booming" or "thumping" noises that occur after a car drives over the bridge's expansion joints. This noise affects their daily lives, sleep quality, and general sense of comfort and well-being in their own homes.

We understand from the City that noise from the expansion joints can be caused by a multitude of factors and the investigation and subsequent fix may take time. We wish to lend our support to the City's inquiry and would like to be apprised of the situation as issues are identified and solutions implemented.

Thank you for your prompt assistance in finding effective and data-driven solutions to the noise-nuisance complaints. We appreciate that WSDOT is taking this problem seriously and actively searching for solutions, and look forward to a continued dialogue on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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State Representative  
48th Legislative District

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State Senator  
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