Public Place Authorization
State Route 520 Bridge Replacement
Lake Washington
King County
Washington State Constitution

• Article XV mandates the establishment of harbor areas along the navigable waters of the state and requires that Harbor Areas be forever reserved for landings, wharves, streets, and other conveniences of navigation and commerce

• Authorizes Harbor Line Commission to change, relocate, or reestablish Harbor Areas
HARBOR AREAS
(2) “The department of transportation may acquire an easement for highway, or toll facilities purposes or for ferry terminal or docking facilities, on, over, or across harbor areas...but only when the areas are approved by the harbor line commission as a public place...”
Harbor Area
Historic & Current Conditions
Proposed Public Place Designations
Impacts to the Harbor Area and Navigation

- There are no impacts to the harbor area.
- Adjacent land uses do not require support for water-dependent navigation and commerce.
- Although there is some level of navigation (recreational) this will not be impacted by the designation of the four public place sites.
Staff recommend approval of proposed public place designation sites

• A segment of the harbor area acquired upland characteristics
• Current land uses provide recreation and open space activities
• Approval would bring up to date SR 520 right of way with harbor area plat requirements