

# MEDIA ADVISORY

## Concepts for lidding Interstate 5 to be revealed at October 3 event

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Seattle, WA – The Lid I-5 Steering Committee and the Pike/Pine Urban Neighborhood Council (PPUNC) are excited to present conceptual designs for lidding Interstate 5 in central Seattle on Wednesday, October 3, 5:30 PM, at Melrose Market Studios. The event is free and open to the public.

Guest speakers will include: Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw; Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) Director Sam Assefa; and Seattle Parks Foundation Director Thatcher Bailey.

The concept designs, produced by five volunteer teams, present options for increasing affordable housing, expanding public open space, and supporting community facilities like schools. The study area, between Madison Street and Thomas Street, represents approximately 15 acres of developable airspace above the freeway.

Known as the Central Hills Triangle Collaborative (CHTC or Collaborative), the program is supported by a \$48,000 Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund grant which required approval by multiple agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation. The work began at a public kickoff charrette in January 2018, followed by three public “Collabs” with updates from the design teams throughout the year.

The concept designs were developed by five design teams composed of volunteer professionals – working in architecture, landscape architecture, planning, engineering, and related fields – and community members representing a variety of interests. Each design team was assigned a sub-area, and they were assisted by an overarching Connections team that provided guidance on pedestrian and bicycle mobility and potential utility infrastructure that lids could support.

The illustrations and renderings produced by the CHTC are paralleling another major step in this community movement. By the end of 2018 Seattle OPCD will release a request-for-proposals to comprehensively study the engineering, economic, and urban design aspects of lidding I-5. The \$1.5 million study, funded by the Washington State Convention Center, was approved by Seattle City Council and will take one year to complete.

The Lid I-5 Steering Committee has been engaged in advocacy and intensive community outreach for three years. The campaign is inspired by the dozens of completed and planned freeway lids in King County and nationwide, including cities like Los Angeles, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Dallas, and Philadelphia. Freeway lids are proving to be cost effective alternatives to purchasing land and have the additional benefits of reducing local noise and air pollution and improving connections between neighborhoods that have been divided for decades.

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### EVENT DETAILS

Lid I-5 Collaborative – Final Presentations & Reception  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
Melrose Market Studios, 1532 Minor Avenue, Seattle, WA  
Doors 5:30 PM  
Program 6:00 – 8:00  
Conclusion 9:00

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### WEB

Public RSVP <https://bit.ly/2wOUUgo>  
Program website <https://lidi5.org/chtc/>

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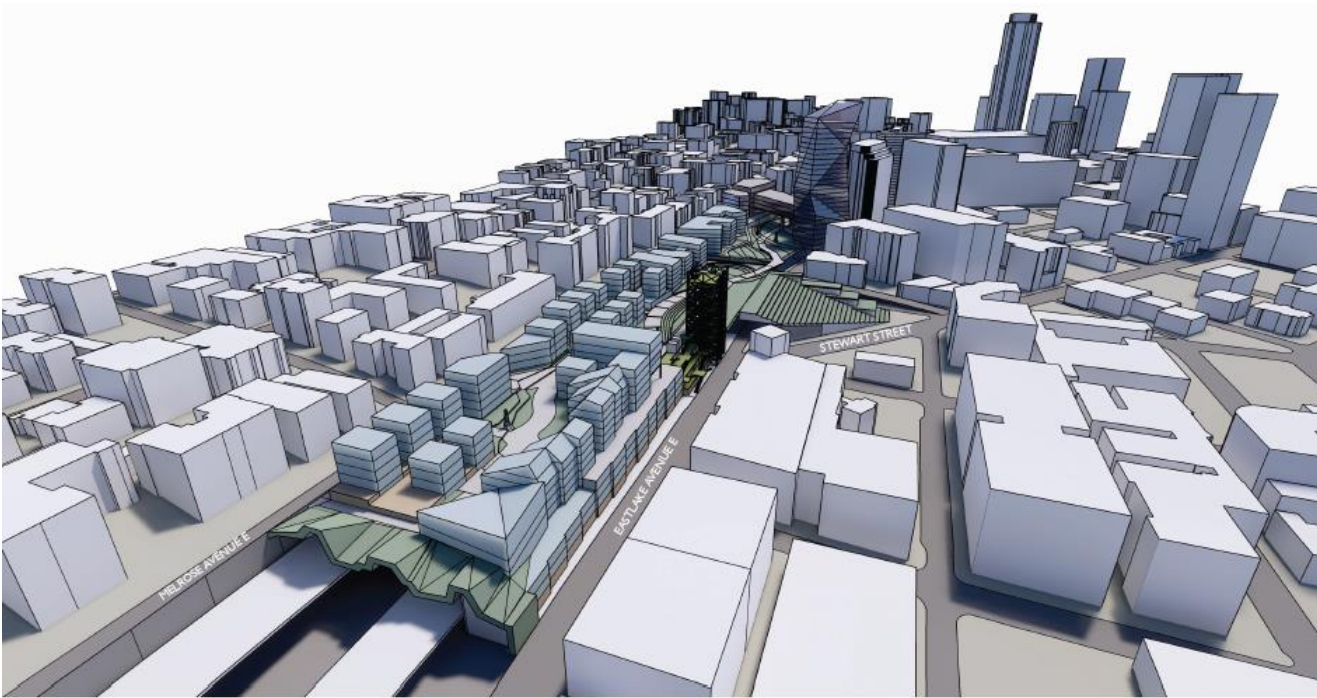
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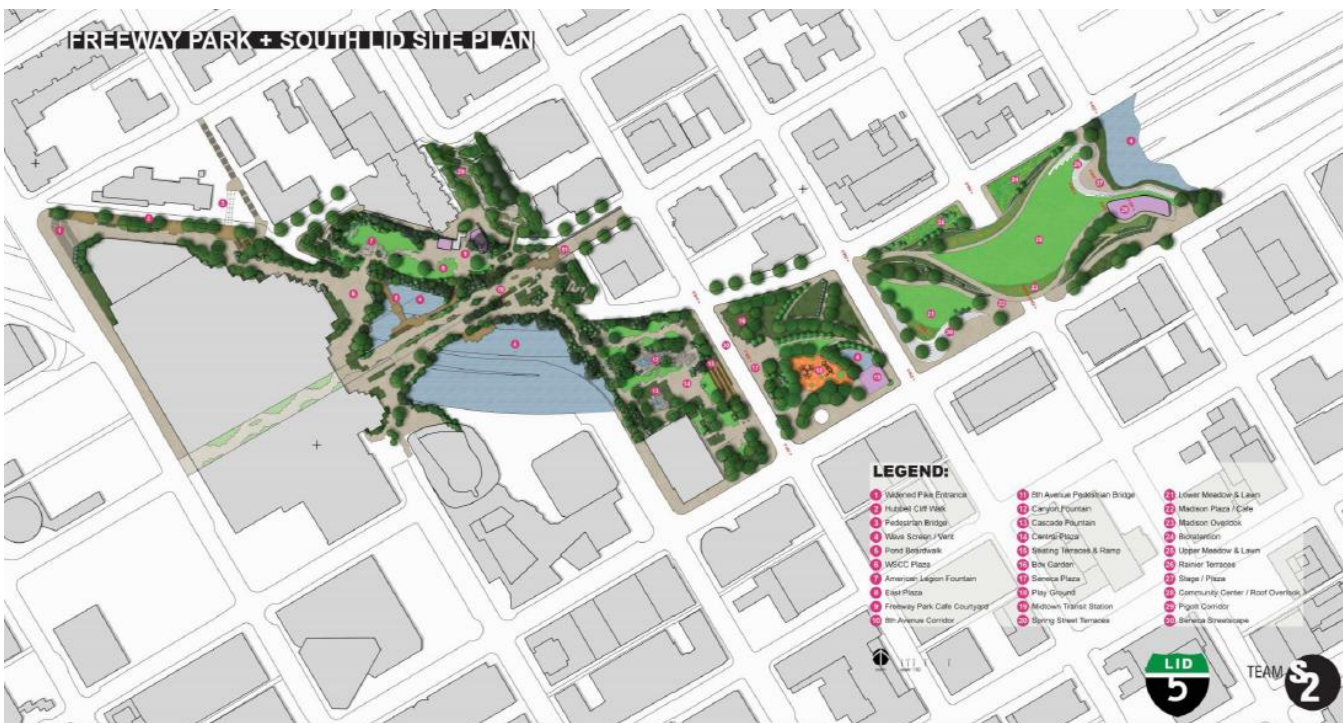


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COLLAB #2 – 6/5/2018

WEBER THOMPSON 

A conceptual 3D model for lidding I-5 north of Denny Way. Credit: Central Hills Triangle Collaborative



A conceptual site plan for improving Freeway Park and lidding I-5 south of Seneca Street. Credit: Central Hills Triangle Collaborative





Participants at the CHTC Kickoff Charrette in January 2018. *Credit: Central Hills Triangle Collaborative*



Participants at the CHTC Collab #1 in March 2018. *Credit: Central Hills Triangle Collaborative*





## Lid I-5 Media Coverage

["Convention Center expansion reroutes 800 bus routes in Seattle"](#)

*KING 5*, July 20, 2018

["Street Critic | The Audacity of Volunteers — an I-5 lid update"](#)

*Capitol Hill Seattle Blog*, June 18, 2018

["A perfect — and perfectly weird — view of Seattle's breakneck growth"](#)

*The Seattle Times*, April 24, 2018

["What Would Seattle Look Like if I-5 Was Covered?"](#)

*Seattle Magazine*, March 2018

["Affordable housing over I-5? It's not as crazy as you might think"](#)

*Capitol Hill Seattle Blog*, January 24, 2018

["Central Hills Triangle Collaborative kicking off I-5 lid visioning with charrette"](#)

*Capitol Hill Times*, January 16, 2018

["Alexa, fix Seattle"](#)

*Crosscut*, December 11, 2017

["One simple idea to open up Downtown Seattle"](#)

*Crosscut*, July 17, 2017

["Put a lid on it"](#)

*Capitol Hill Times*, April 12, 2017

["Support growing for a lid over I-5 in Seattle"](#)

*KING 5*, March 24, 2017

["Seattle council member throws support behind I-5 lid"](#)

*Capitol Hill Seattle Blog*, February 3, 2017

["Lid I-5 group wants to get the conversation started"](#)

*Curbed Seattle*, December 6, 2016

["Group Continues Push for Adding I-5 Lids in Seattle"](#)

*ENR Northwest*, December 5, 2016

["Campaign to build lid over I-5 in downtown Seattle"](#)

*KIRO 7*, June 29, 2016

["Gearshift creates community think tank"](#)

*Capitol Hill Times*, May 31, 2016