



SR 516 Corridor Planning Study from SR 167 to SR 169

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is working with local communities in King County on a transportation study of SR 516 between Kent and Maple Valley. The 2010 Washington State Legislature appropriated \$150,000 for WSDOT to evaluate and develop recommendations to address preservation, safety, and mobility issues along the corridor. The study limits are shown below.



The WSDOT Urban Planning Office is leading this study in partnership with the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, Kent, and Maple Valley. King County Metro and the Puget Sound Regional Council are also participating in the study. Tribes and other interested groups are welcome to participate.

A corridor study looks at current transportation conditions along the corridor and develops forecasts of future traffic volumes based on adopted land uses and comprehensive plans. The study identifies preservation, safety and mobility deficiencies, and proposes a range of sustainable and multimodal transportation improvements that would address those deficiencies over a 20 year time period. As directed by the legislature, planning level cost estimates will be produced for the improvements identified in the study.

The End Result

WSDOT will develop recommendations that are prioritized into near, middle, and long term timeframes that address lower, medium, and higher cost options. The recommendations will be in alignment with six investment guidelines, which are Economic Vitality, Preservation, Safety, Mobility, Environment, and Stewardship. The study could also help inform updates to WSDOT’s Highway System Plan, the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Transportation 2040, and local planning activities.

This study began in late 2010 and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2012.

The information about the study can be found at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/planning/Studies/SR516Corridor/

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