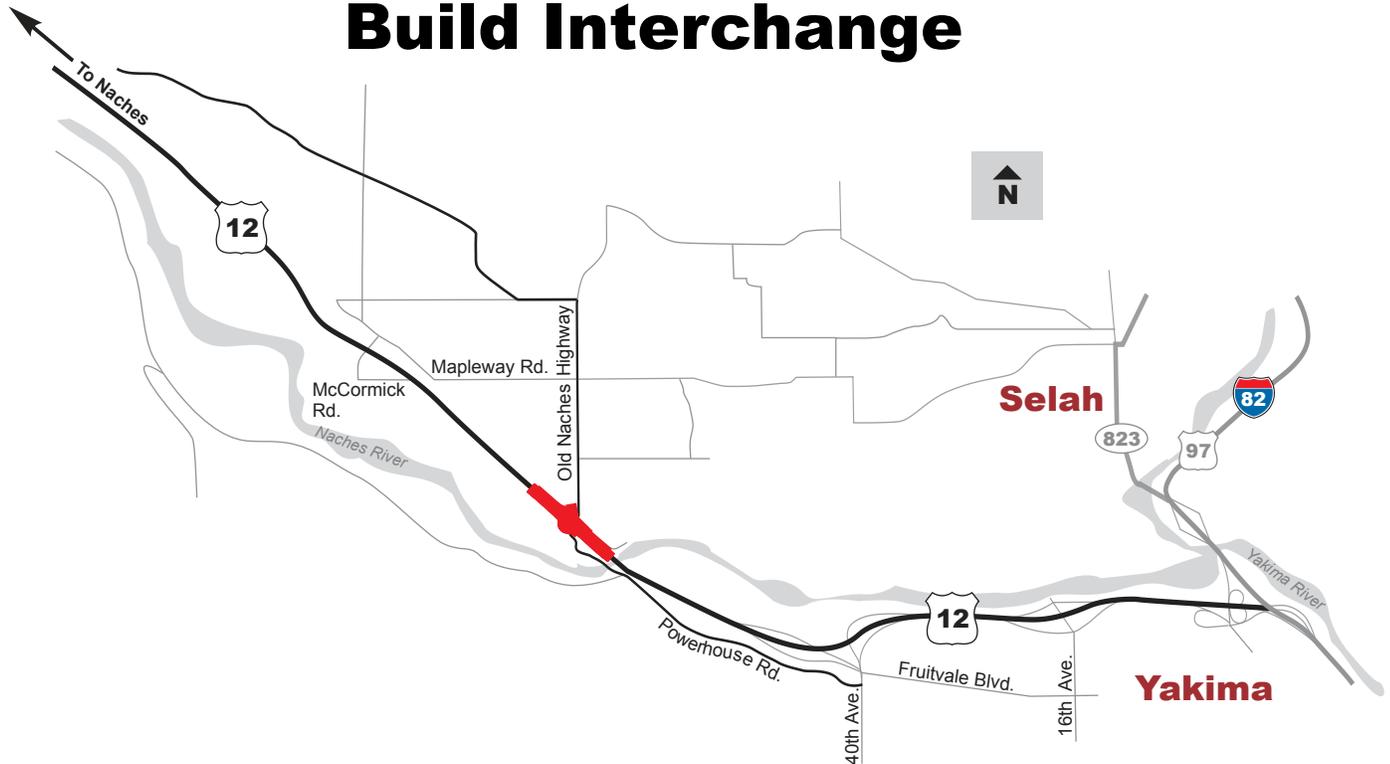


US 12 – Old Naches Highway Build Interchange



Purpose

Improve safety and mobility by reducing collisions and congestion.

US 12 is a major east-west transportation corridor, serving both regional and local traffic. Population growth and economic development in the Yakima area have caused increased traffic, collisions, and congestion at existing intersections on US 12 west of Yakima. This project will reduce collisions and relieve congestion at the intersection of US 12 and the Old Naches Highway.

Project Description

Construct a new interchange at the intersection of US 12 and the Old Naches Highway. A new interchange will remove the existing traffic signal, improve route capacity, and reduce collisions in this area.

WSDOT is in the process of evaluating locations and configurations for the new interchange. Public involvement and participation in the design process will be encouraged.

Estimated Total Project Cost

Total: \$38.5* million

Note: This estimate includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs.

*In order to balance the 2008 Supplemental Transportation Budget, the Washington State Legislature deferred further spending on this project out of the 16-year highway construction program.

Project Timeline

Start Design:	Summer 2006
Advertise Project:	Deferred beyond 2023
Open to Traffic:	Deferred beyond 2023



Old Naches Highway/US 12 Intersection

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When will the interchange be built?

In 2001, HDR Engineering Inc., a consulting firm, conducted a study of the Old Naches Highway and US 12 intersection and surrounding vicinity. The purpose of the study was to gather information and develop possible interchange alternatives to guide the preliminary planning process. Various public meetings were held to both inform the public and to solicit input and guidance in the design of the project.

February 2001	HDR Engineering Inc. contracted to study this section of US highway 12 at the intersection of Old Naches Highway.
April 2001	HDR conducts the first open house event intended to inform the public and gather their input and ideas.
May 2001	HDR conducts a second open house event to keep the public apprised, gather additional input, and to refine possible design alternatives.
June 2001	HDR conducts a third open house event further refining the design alternatives and continuing to engage the public in the selection process.
June 2001	HDR completes the study for preliminary design concepts.
March 2002	WSDOT conducts a Value Engineering Study to review and make suggestions on the HDR study.
September 2002	WSDOT holds a fourth open house to update the public and gather further information and public opinion.
July 2003	Legislature passes Transportation Funding Package which provides \$37.3 million to construct this project.
Summer 2007	WSDOT starts right of way acquisition.
June 2009	The Washington State Legislature deferred additional funding for this project to a later date.
Deferred beyond 2023	Advertise the project for construction.
Deferred beyond 2023	Project will be complete and open to traffic.

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