



## WSDOT breaks ground on first American Recovery and Reinvestment Act transportation project in Washington state

ELLENSBURG – WSDOT celebrated the beginning of construction on the first American Recovery and Reinvestment Act [transportation project](#) in the state today.

“We are working hard to get projects on the road,” said Paula Hammond, Washington Transportation Secretary. “Today is evidence of the work we are doing to efficiently use the federal recovery dollars to build a stronger, more reliable transportation system, and support crucial jobs for our neighbors and families.”

Once this \$2.5 million [preservation project](#) is complete, drivers will experience a smoother, safer driving surface from west Ellensburg to Thorpe. WSDOT will also enhance drivability with updated safety features such as guardrails, signing, and striping. The project will open to traffic by mid-summer.

In addition to the Yakima River to west Ellensburg project, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has funded [four other pavement](#) rehabilitation and preservation projects on I-90 and will allow WSDOT to upgrade traffic cameras along Snoqualmie Pass.

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