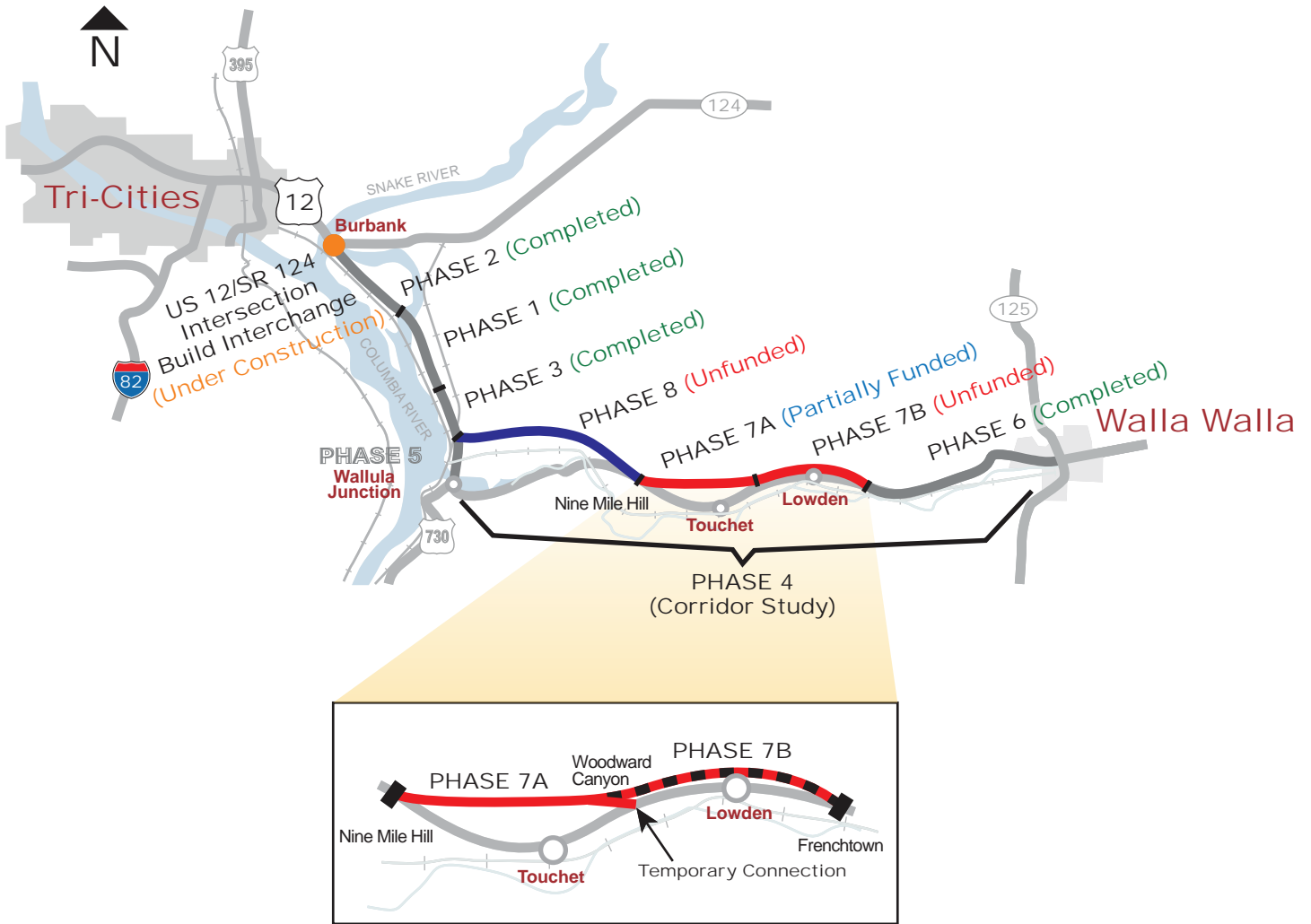




Four-laning US Highway 12

Highlighting Phases 7 and 8

January 2012



PHASE 7A PARTIALLY FUNDED

- US 12/SR 124 Intersection** Build Interchange - \$22.3 million
- PHASE 1** McNary Pool to Attalia - \$11.2 million
- PHASE 2** SR 124 to McNary Pool - \$12.1 million
- PHASE 3** Attalia Vicinity - \$16.0 million
- PHASE 4** Wallula Junction to Walla Walla Corridor Study - \$5.4 million
- PHASE 5** Attalia Vicinity to US 730 – Preliminary Design Only - \$0.8 million
- PHASE 6** Frenchtown Vicinity to Walla Walla - \$51.9 million
- PHASE 7** Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity - Partially Funded
- PHASE 8** Wallula to Nine Mile Hill - Unfunded

US 12 – Wallula to Frenchtown Vicinity – Add Lanes

Four-laning US Highway 12 (Phases 7A, 7B, and 8)



Corridor study background and history.

The US 12 Wallula to Walla Walla corridor study originally considered alignment alternatives and documented environmental impacts for a new four-lane highway from Wallula to Walla Walla. When a portion of the funding became available, WSDOT designed and built the section of US 12, from Frenchtown vicinity to Walla Walla (Phase 6). The remaining portion of the corridor study is developing a recommendation for the final location from Wallula to Frenchtown vicinity, and finalizing the environmental documentation. The new four-lane highway will be north of the existing US 12 highway.

Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon Vicinity (Phase 7A)

Phase 7A is the Touchet portion of the project, from Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon vicinity. WSDOT will build a new intersection in the Nine Mile Hill vicinity to connect the new highway to existing US 12. Crews will build cul-de-sacs on Cummins Road to block direct access to the new US 12. WSDOT will construct bridges to carry US 12 over Touchet North Road. Touchet North Road will connect to US 12 via two new roads. One road will begin at the intersection of Touchet North Road and Cummins Road. It will form a T-intersection with US 12 to the southeast. The other road begins at Touchet North Road on the south side of US 12 to form a T-intersection with US 12. On the east side of Phase 7A, WSDOT will build a temporary connection to the existing US 12 until funding for Phase 7B is available to construct the permanent alignment.

Woodward Canyon Vicinity to Frenchtown Vicinity (Phase 7B)

Phase 7B is the Lowden portion of the project, from Woodward Canyon vicinity to Frenchtown vicinity. Phase 7B will begin where 7A ends and connect with the current construction at Frenchtown, to the east. WSDOT will build intersections at Woodward Canyon Road and Buckley Road. Bridges will carry the new US 12 over Lower Dry Creek Road. Crews will build cul-de-sacs on Nibler Road to block direct access to the new US 12.

Wallula to Nine Mile Hill (Phase 8)

Phase 8 will complete the four lane roadway from Burbank to Walla Walla, connecting to existing US 12, near Boise Inc. at Wallula. WSDOT will build the roadway north of the Walla Walla River and Wallula. WSDOT will also construct an interchange at the future junction of US 730 and US 12.

What are the next steps?

The Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed February 2010. The NEPA decision document, or Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI), was completed in September 2010. The US Highway 12 Coalition secured federal funds to design the Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon vicinity (Phase 7A) segment. Currently, there is minimal funding for right of way acquisition and no funding for construction.

Recording the environmental process.

The EA records the evaluation process used to select the preferred alternative and evaluate the potential effects to key social, economic, and natural resources - both negative and positive - of the alternatives. WSDOT engineers make an effort to avoid and minimize negative effects to several resources during the project's planning and preliminary design phases. Following is a list of the resource reports completed as part of the EA:

Geology and Soils	Air Quality	Public Services and Utilities	Wetlands
Cumulative Effects	Hazardous Materials	Land Use and Farmlands	Water Resources
Biological Resources	Visual Resources	Archaeological, Historical & Cultural	Noise
Transportation	Socio-Economic	Environmental Justice	

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WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT SO FAR?

Phase 1 – COMPLETED - August 2004

Four-laning McNary Pool to Attalia

Total Project Cost \$11.2 million

Phase 2 - COMPLETED - November 2005

Four-laning SR 124 to McNary Pool

Total Project Cost \$12.1 million

Phase 3 - COMPLETED - October 2007

Four-laning Attalia Vicinity

Total Project Cost \$16.0 million

Phase 4 – COMPLETED - June 2009

Wallula Junction to Walla Walla Corridor Study

Total Project Cost \$5.4 million

Phase 5 – COMPLETED - Fall 2009

Attalia Vicinity to US 730 - Preliminary Design Only

Total Cost \$0.8 million

Phase 6 – COMPLETED Summer 2010

Four-laning Frenchtown Vicinity to Walla Walla

Estimated Total Project Cost \$51.9 million

US 12/SR 124 Intersection – UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Build new interchange at US 12 and SR 124

Build new over pass at Humorist Road

Estimated Total Project Cost \$22.1 million

WHAT WOULD IT COST?

Phase 7A – Design only funded \$3.2 million

Right of way - partial funding \$2.1 million

Construction - unfunded

Four-lane Nine Mile Hill to Woodward Canyon Vicinity

*Estimated Total Project Cost \$93.0 million

Phase 7B – UNFUNDED

Four-lane Woodward Canyon Vicinity to Frenchtown Vicinity

*Estimated Total Project Cost \$67.0 million

Phase 8 – UNFUNDED

Four-lane Wallula to Nine Mile Hill

Building new interchange at US 12 and US 730

*Estimated Total Project Cost \$250 million

*Note: These estimates are total costs for engineering, right of way, and construction, and assume funding becomes available by the end of 2013.

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