

PROJECT TITLE: SR 167 – PUYALLUP TO SR 509

Project Location: This portion of the project will replace the existing northbound State Route (SR) 167 Puyallup River Bridge. This phase would be constructed within Pierce County, Washington in the City of Puyallup.

Project Description: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is planning the completion of the SR 167 freeway between SR 161 (Meridian Street North) in north Puyallup and the SR 509 freeway in the City of Tacoma, otherwise known as the SR 167, Puyallup to SR 509 project or the 167 Extension project. The 167 Extension project includes an interchange between SR 167 and SR 161, just north of the Puyallup River. The *preferred alternative* entailed removing the Meridian Street Bridge and constructing a new five-lane northbound bridge in its place. The Tier II Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the SR 167, Puyallup to SR 509 project was completed in November, 2006 and the Record Of Decision (ROD) was issued in October, 2007. WSDOT received funding for engineering and to purchase right of way around this time.

The SR 167 Puyallup River Bridge Replacement project is a phase of this larger project. The scope of the bridge replacement project is to construct a new bridge that meets current design standards, preserving the structural and functional integrity of the roadway and that is compatible with the ultimate crossing design of the SR 167 Puyallup to SR 509 project. The current northbound Meridian Street Bridge was constructed in 1925 and has reached the end of its life span. This phase will remove this existing historic steel truss bridge and modify the deck of the existing southbound concrete bridge to handle northbound traffic. A new concrete bridge will be built on the west side of the existing southbound bridge to handle southbound traffic. It will have a span of 560' with five piers. The existing Meridian Street Bridge will be dismantled and preserved offsite. WSDOT has negotiated with King and Pierce Counties regarding the potential for use of the Puyallup River steel truss on the Foothills Trail between Enumclaw and Buckley. If this plan is not feasible, WSDOT will advertise the historic bridge in an attempt to find an entity that is willing and capable of using or displaying the bridge, while maintaining its historic integrity.

This proposed design will serve existing traffic, and will accommodate the ultimate configuration of the proposed SR 167/SR 161 interchange and proposed five-lane northbound bridge of the 167 Extension project. When funding becomes available to complete the 167 Extension project at a later date, construction crews will be able to utilize the footprint of the Meridian Street Bridge to construct the first two lanes of the five-lane northbound bridge. The modified two-lane concrete bridge handling northbound traffic would then be demolished to make room to finish construction of the remaining three lanes of the ultimate five-lane bridge for northbound traffic. This Draft Supplemental EIS provides updates and additional analyses, and a comparison of impacts and benefits associated with a

proposed design change for the Puyallup River crossing aspect of the 167 Extension project.

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Proposed Implementation Date

This phase is currently scheduled to begin Advertisement for bids in the summer of 2013. This phase will be design-build and construction will last approximately two years.

Required Permits, Approvals and Licenses

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- **Section 404 Permit**

Office of Archeology & Historic Preservation

- **Section 106**

Washington State Department of Ecology

- **Certification of Consistency with Coastal Zone Management**
- **Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification**
- **NPDES Permit**

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

- **Hydraulic Project Approval**

Pierce County/City of Puyallup

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permits
- Noise Variance

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Project Schedule

Date of Issue of Draft Supplemental EIS Jan. 7, 2013
 Date Comments Due Mar. 15, 2013
 Issue Final Supplemental EIS following comment period.

Agency Action and Projected Date for Action

Record of Decision following issue of Final Supplemental EIS

Additional Documentation

The Draft Supplemental EIS contains a Summary that will be available on the project website

(<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr167/puyallupriverbridge/>). The complete Draft Supplemental EIS and support materials, including all Discipline Reports will also be available for review at:

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