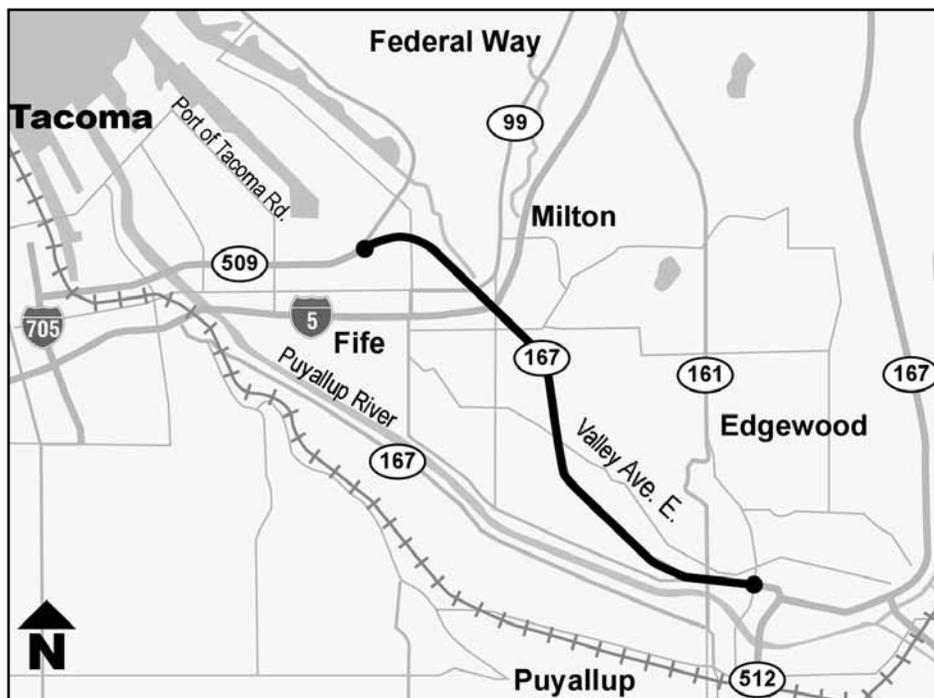




Completing SR 167: Keep people moving

To complete State Route 167, engineers are designing an extension from SR 161 in Puyallup to Interstate 5 in Tacoma, with a connection to SR 509 near the Port of Tacoma. The new six-mile highway will relieve congestion on local roads and other highways by providing commuters and regional travelers with quicker, safer travel options.



How will this project help commuters?

Simply put, this new highway offers more options to relieve congestion. Extending SR 167 provides a vital link between south King County and east Pierce County and an alternative to I-5. The more direct connection from SR 161 in Puyallup to SR 509 in Tacoma will reduce freeway congestion and relieve traffic from city streets.

How will it help me travel more safely?

Designed to the latest highway standards, the extension will have limited access points—freeway entrances and exits—to reduce traffic conflicts. The new highway also will be divided to help reduce the potential for head-on collisions.

What will the SR 167 extension look like?

When complete, the new section of divided highway will provide two general-purpose lanes in each direction and carpool/transit lanes from SR 161 in Puyallup to Interstate 5. Vehicles will enter the highway through interchanges at SR 161, Valley Avenue, I-5, 54th Avenue and SR 509.

How are you taking into account future growth along SR 167?

South King County and east Pierce County are two of the state's fastest-growing residential areas. This new highway provides additional travel connections for current and future residents. In addition to other congestion relief projects on the SR 167 corridor, the extension includes plans to accommodate future carpool/transit lanes from I-5 to I-405.

How is the SR 167 extension funded?

Money for current work comes from the 5-cent gas tax passed in 2003 and the Transportation Partnership Account the Legislature passed in 2005. The project team is using the allocated \$133 million to advance roadway design and buy property so that building can begin when project construction is funded.

The Regional Transportation Investment District, governed by elected officials from King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, plans to include extending

SR 167 on its list of projects proposed for a November 2007 funding ballot measure. The ballot measure would pay for additional property and construction.

When will you build it?

Construction of the highway is likely to be staged as money becomes available.

How can I find out more information about extending SR 167?

Contact our project staff directly or visit our Web site, which contains maps, links, notices about upcoming public events and more detailed information about the project:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/TacomaToEdgewood.



Completing SR 167 will relieve traffic congestion by providing more travel options.

SR 167 Facts

- Traffic has increased from less than 15,000 vehicles per day in 1970 to 125,000 vehicles per day in 2005.
- Almost 30 percent of Pierce County residents commute to jobs in King County.
- An additional 100,000 people are expected to live along the SR 167 corridor by 2030.

What other projects are being planned for SR 167?

The SR 167 Corridor Plan looks forward 25 years to include projects that foster livability for the region's current and future residents. The projects—including pilot High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes, extended carpool/transit lanes and improved interchanges—aim to move more people through the corridor, maintain the economic viability of the region and relieve congestion.

How do I find more information about all SR 167 projects?

Visit the SR 167 Web site that links to the many improvement projects happening along SR 167: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167.



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