

North Spokane Corridor QUICK FACTS



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BACKGROUND

- When complete, the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) will be a 60-mile per hour, 10.5 mile limited access corridor, linking I-90 on the south, to existing US 2 and US 395 on the north.
- The NSC is listed 19th on the Congressional High Priority Corridor List, for the National Highway System.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was approved in April 1997.
- An Environmental Impact Statement Reevaluation, for the section from I-90 to the Spokane River, was approved in May 2005.
- Spokane River to Francis/Freya Interchange Environmental Reevaluation, was approved in June 2012.

FINANCIAL

Funding to Date

Between 1990 and 2014 the NSC has received a total of \$615 million in funding - \$140 million in Federal funds and \$475 million in State funds. This funding has accomplished the following:

- Design, right of way, and construction of the north half of the NSC (5.7 miles).
- Spokane River to Francis/Freya interchange design work (funded) and right of way acquisition is progressing.
- Right of Way acquisition of residential parcels along I-90. This work began in 2007 and is in progress.
- BNSF Railway Realignment and Structures Project (TIGER IV Grant)

Current Emphasis

- Complete a drivable link to I-90. \$750 million will extend the corridor to I-90 and provide a connection to the interstate. This practical design allows use of the full length of the corridor and can be opened in sections as construction progresses south. This can be expanded to the ultimate design when additional funding is available and warranted by traffic demand.

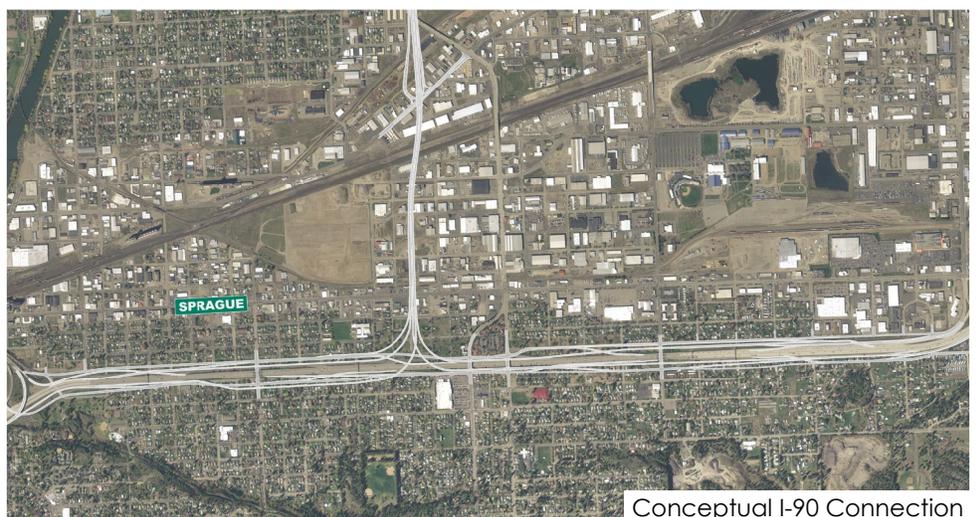
Cost to Complete

- Cost for a reduced practical connection to I-90 is \$750 million.
- Cost for the work between I-90 and the Francis/Freya Interchange, to the full build out design, is approx. \$1.3 billion.

- WSDOT uses independent budget risk assessment teams to verify estimates.

BENEFIT & NEED

- Creates or supports an estimated ten jobs for each \$1 million spent.
- Every year the US 395 Corridor carries over 7.2 million tons of freight (\$13.5 billion) through Spokane. Between 1993 and 2003, freight shipments on US 395 increased by 58%.
- Improves safety by an estimated \$22 million per year (2012 dollars) in societal costs from collision reduction.
- Currently, there are only two north-south trade routes through Spokane. Both are on local arterials that run through neighborhoods, past shopping malls, schools, and parks.
- Reduces travel time by an estimated 9.4 million hours each year, with an annual dollar savings of approximately \$240 million (2012 dollars).
- Provides economic growth opportunities for adjacent commercial and industrial development.
- Supports alternative transportation options by providing park and ride lots, accomodates for high capacity transit plans, and provides a multi-use trail along the facility.



Conceptual I-90 Connection

PROGRESS

- August 2001, "Ground-Breaking Ceremony", signaling the start of corridor construction.
- In 2008, WSDOT applied practical design to lower the cost of the Spokane River to Francis Avenue section. This resulted in significantly reduced construction costs, but still maintained the operational functionality, and allows for staged construction.
- On August 22, 2009, a "Ribbon Cutting Celebration" took place for the first driveable section.
- On October 2, 2012 a "Ribbon Cutting Celebration" was held, for the full completion of the northern 5.7 miles.
- Fall 2015, completion of the BNSF Structures and Railway Realignment, using TIGER IV Grant Funds.

FINISH WHAT WE STARTED

- Spring/Summer 2016, anticipate construction of a roundabout to improve the Wellesley/Freya intersection.
- Summer/Fall 2016, a construction project is scheduled to grade sections of the NSC, construct city street improvements, and relocate utilities from the Spokane River to Francis Avenue.
- Design, right of way, and construction of the north half of the NSC is complete and open to traffic.
- Design, right of way, and construction of the remainder of the NSC is crucial to realizing full benefits of the project.

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Wellesley Interchange Visualization
Looking Northeast

The North Spokane Corridor

