



Investing in Washington's Future

The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

Chelan and Douglas County Region

\$32 million towards 9 projects in the Chelan County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

SR 285 New Lane, Wenatchee

- **Adds a lane and sidewalks to the George Sellar Bridge**
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

- **Modifies the existing access on the west end of the George Sellar Bridge to reduce congestion and back ups.**
Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2011

US 2

- **Adds new guardrail from Stevens Pass east to Lake Wenatchee**
Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2008
- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail, Wenatchee**
Provides a safe connection from the existing Apple Capital Loop Trail to US 97A.
Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2008

US 2 Bridge Replacements

- **Tumwater Canyon, Wenatchee River, west of Leavenworth**
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009
- **Chiwaukum Creek**
Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2008

US 97

- **Adds new guardrail through from outside Cle Elum to near the Canadian border.**
Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2007
- **Adds a passing lane on US 97 near Blewett Pass.**
Construction begins: 2010 Completion: 2010

Intersection Lighting

- **SR 150, east of Manson**
Adds new lighting at intersections through this 1-mile section of SR 150 on the north shore of Lake Chelan
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009
- **SR 971, Lake Chelan State Park**
Adds new lighting at intersections in this 1-mile section of SR 971 on the south shore of Lake Chelan
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

\$60 million towards 6 projects in the Douglas County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

SR 28 Extension, East Wenatchee

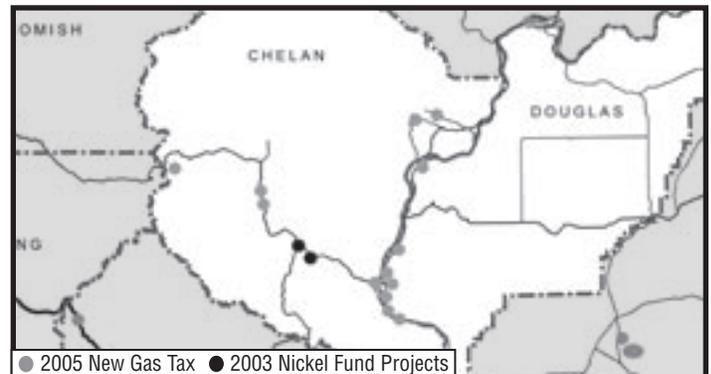
Extends Eastmont Avenue to the junction of SR 28 & US 2/97, relieving congestion on SR 28.
Construction begins: 2010 Completion: 2011

US 2 Passing Lane, Orondo

Adds a mile-long passing lane for slow moving vehicles. Prevents head-on collisions.
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

US 97 Passing Lane, Chelan Falls

Adds a ½ mile-long passing for slow moving vehicles. Prevents head-on collisions.
Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2011



Statewide

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A Comprehensive Approach

- ▶ **\$7.1 billion for 274 projects across Washington state to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**
- ▶ **Coordinates with prior transportation planning**
- ▶ **Phases in the gas tax increase over four years**
 - 3 cents a gallon in 2005
 - 3 cents in 2006
 - 2 cents in 2007
 - 1.5 cent in 2008
- ▶ **Supplemented by new vehicle weight fees**

Improved Safety and Traffic Flow

- ▶ **Eliminates choke points and improves traffic flow in 69 locations**
- ▶ **Fixes 100 high accident locations**
- ▶ **Upgrades 172 bridges to withstand earthquakes**
- ▶ **Replaces 53 deteriorating or outdated bridges**
- ▶ **Adds 150 new lane miles to our highways**
- ▶ **Keeps freight moving with 35 projects for trucks and trains**
- ▶ **Adds 73 miles of cable barrier to prevent cross-over accidents**

Increased Demand

Since 1980:

- ▶ **Washington's population has increased 45%**
- ▶ **There are 58% more licensed drivers**
- ▶ **The number miles traveled has gone up 88%**



**MAKING EVERY
DOLLAR COUNT.**

Accountable and Efficient

The Washington State Department of Transportation is audited regularly by four agencies to ensure it is spending taxpayer dollars wisely.

These include: State Auditors Office

Federal Highway Administration

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee

Transportation Performance Audit Board

Audits since 1998 have found only minor operating issues, which have been or are being addressed.

Summary

Highway Program

- Improve change order management
- Adopt cost savings ideas
- Reform project management and cost tracking activities

Aviation Division

- Conduct annual customer service surveys
- Integrate customer needs into programs

Environmental Permitting

- Strengthen coordination with environmental and resource agencies to standardize data, save money, and improve working relations.

Capital Project Management Study

- Implement agency-wide project management tools
- Integrate cost/risk estimation process across all programs and divisions

Washington State Ferries

- Implement an electronic fare collection system.
- Revise safety procedures
- Streamlining management
- Improving capital project cost-benefit analysis enhancements
- Upgrade contract management

On Time, On Budget

Of the first 39 highway construction projects funded by the 2003 Transportation Package, 26 projects are currently under construction and on schedule. 13 have been completed:



Early: 8 Projects
On Time: 4 Projects
Late: 1 Project

Early

- I-90 Cable Median Barrier
 - Geiger Road to US 2
 - Sullivan to State line
- I-90 Truck Climbing Lanes
 - Highline Canal to Elk Heights
 - Ryegrass to Vantage
- I-182 Interchange at US 395 near Pasco
- SR 97A Turn Lanes Entiat Park
- SR 203 Roundabout near Kirkland/Duvall
- SR 500 Interchange at NE 112th in Clark County

On Time

- SR 124 Reconstruction at US 12 near Tri-Cities
- SR 9 New Signal at SR 528 near Arlington
- I-90 Cle Elum River Bridge
- I-5 Noise Wall Roanoke in Seattle

Late

- US 395 Highway Information Sign near Kennewick

349 Projects: \$14 Million Under Budget

In the 2003-2005 budget cycle, WSDOT completed 349 construction projects at a cost of \$109 million, roughly 10 percent below the budgeted amount of \$123 million.

For more information on projects funded by the 2005 gas tax:

Or contact Customer Service:

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