

Ready to Roll...

To date \$17 million dollars have been committed for environmental and preliminary design work. Funding to complete the design, first phases of construction and all right-of-way purchases will be determined by the vote on Referendum 51 in November.

Funding for the construction of SR-509 consists of two phases. If Referendum 51 passes, the project would receive \$500 million of new funding to purchase the right of way and construct the SR-509 extension to SR-99 in SeaTac. Additional wall construction and roadway excavation along the west side of I-5 will also begin.

In addition, the Regional Transportation Improvement District is developing a Puget Sound tri-county transportation tax package, which may

be included in a 2003 ballot. The initial versions of this package include additional funding to complete the SR-509 extension and I-5 corridor lanes.

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Design Progresses

Design work for the SR-509 preferred alternative is nearly complete. Over the past six months, the project team (cities of SeaTac and Des Moines, Port of Seattle, King County, the Washington State Department of Transportation) surveyed utilities and existing structures, refined the storm water drainage system, detailed the interchanges and evaluated cost reduction strategies. The latest design will be available for public comment at the Design Hearing in October. See below and inside for details.



Final Environmental Impact Statement Soon To Be Released

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be released before the end of the year. The FEIS will describe the project and associated environmental improvement opportunities and contain responses to public and agency comments on the Revised Draft EIS. A separate newsletter will be issued to announce when the FEIS is available.

Design Hearing

- » October 17, 2002
- » 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- » Highline High School Cafeteria
225 South 152 Street
Burien, Washington

The purpose of the hearing is to present and solicit comments on preliminary design work for the preferred alternative.

Many Opportunities to Comment

Comments on the preliminary design for the preferred alternative can be made in writing or verbally—a court reporter will be present for the entire hearing. You can also submit your ideas on the comment form provided at the hearing, or via e-mail, fax, or letter. Contact information can be found on the back of this newsletter.



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Preferred Alternative Design Progresses

An integral aspect of design for the preferred alternative was to protect and enhance the environment. Air quality will be improved by reducing congestion and by providing shorter routes for many drivers. Wetlands will be preserved, streams will be protected and enhanced with bridges and plantings, and storm water detention facilities will reduce erosion.

Design elements of the preferred alternative to be presented at the Design Hearing include:

- » Basic roadway alignment design
- » Grading limits
- » Storm water facilities design
- » Locations and sizes of bridges, retaining walls, and drainage structures
- » Locations of proposed noise barriers
- » Preliminary right-of-way acquisition limits
- » Cost estimates

Benefits are Statewide, Regional and Local

The SR-509 extension project will improve freight mobility, traffic flow and access while protecting the environment.

Project Benefits

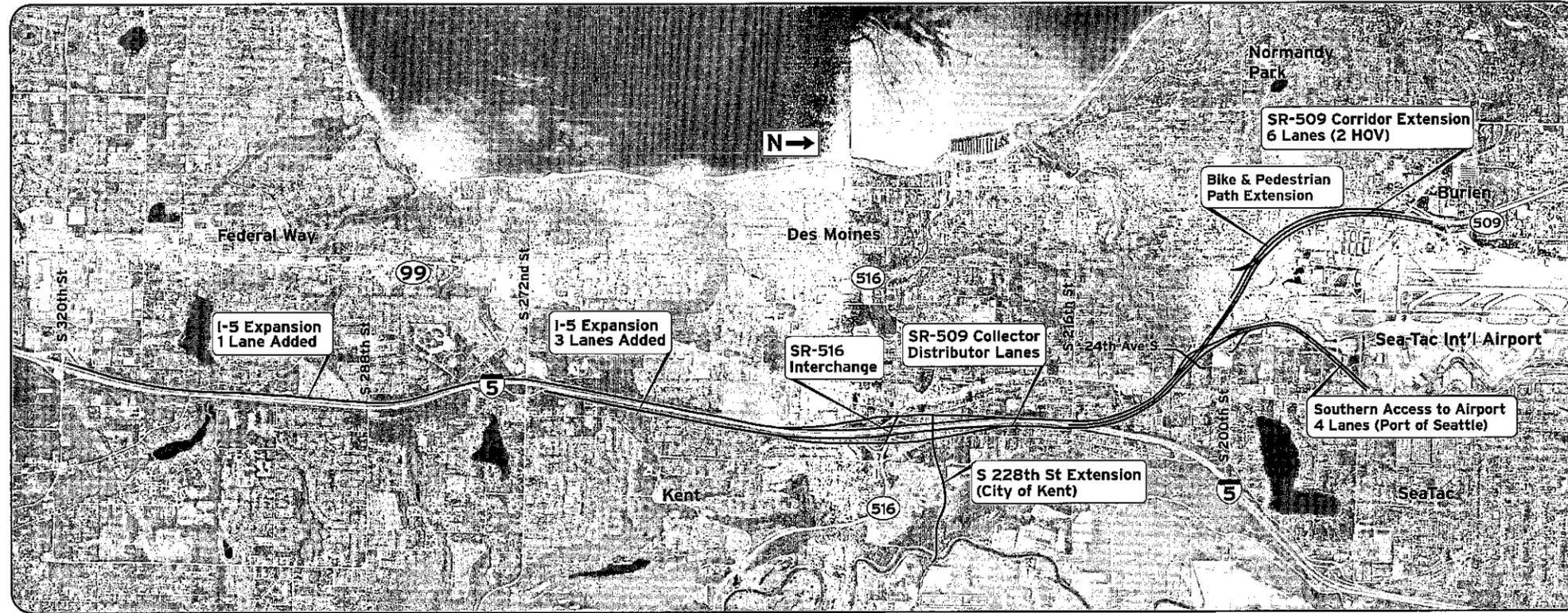
- » Alleviate congestion in urban areas of South King County, including I-5 between I-405 and SR-18.
- » Provide a direct link between I-5 and Sea-Tac International Airport to and from the south.
- » Allow future HOV access between South Seattle and South King County via the SR-509 corridor.
- » Alleviate congestion and improve air quality on neighborhood streets in SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, and Normandy Park.
- » Protect local ecosystems by enhancing air and water quality.

Executive Committee

- City of SeaTac, Council Member, Chair
- Washington State Department of Transportation, Urban Corridors Administrator
- City of Des Moines, Council Member
- King County Council, Council Member
- Port of Seattle, Commissioner
- City of Kent, Mayor

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- Washington State Department of Transportation, Co-Chair
- City of Des Moines
- City of Burien
- City of Kent
- City of Federal Way
- King County
- Port of Seattle
- City of Normandy Park
- Federal Highway Administration
- Sound Transit
- Public Citizen

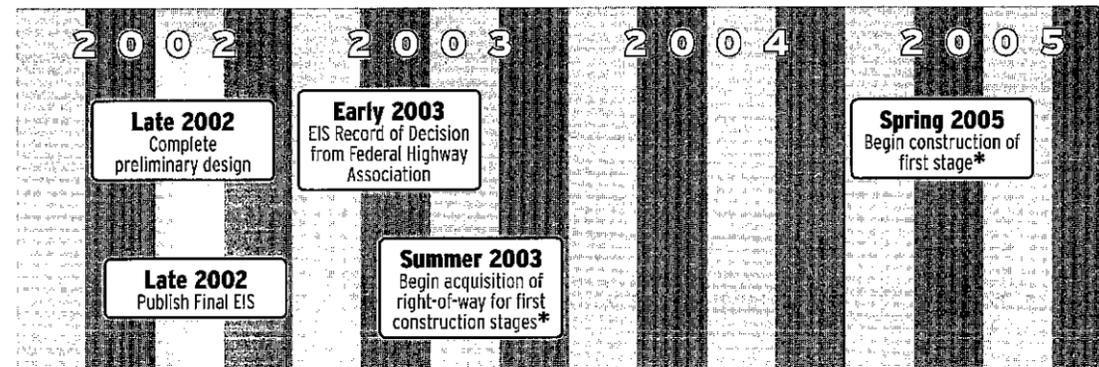


Coordination with Other Projects

The SR-509 extension will complement and integrate with other projects in the surrounding area. These include:

- » City of Kent's proposed extension of 228th Street
- » Development of the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan
- » Extension of the City of SeaTac's 28th/24th Avenue arterial
- » City of SeaTac's future widening of S. 200th Street
- » Sea-Tac International Airport Master Plan projects
- » Sound Transit's LINK Light Rail and HOV Direct Access programs
- » City of Des Moines Pacific Ridge Neighborhood Improvement project

PROJECT SCHEDULE



*Uncertain Due to Funding (assuming Referendum 51 passes in November 2002)

ROAD MAP TO THE FUTURE

SR-509 is part of a regional transportation network. Plans are moving forward on most of the region's highways to make congestion and safety improvements and provide people choices — buses, HOV lanes, and single-occupant cars. By completing SR-509, we gain a critical link to move people and freight around the region.

