



Washington State
Department of Transportation

SR 510 Yelm Loop Project Design Process Underway

New Funding Allows Design to Begin on SR 510 North Loop

During the 2004 legislative session, \$1.2 million was appropriated to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to begin the preliminary design of the SR 510 North Yelm Loop. The 2005 legislative session provided \$33 million to continue with the right of way purchase over the next six years. As a result of the failure of Initiative 912, in the 2005 general election funding for the project remains in place.

The loop is a 4.2 mile, two-lane corridor to be posted at 45 mph. There will be nine intersections along the new highway, and several existing streets will become cul-de-sacs (see map on other side). The new road – which is anticipated to cost more than \$70 million for design, property acquisition, and construction will reduce traffic impacts in the City of Yelm and allow traffic to move more efficiently between Spanaway, Roy, and McKenna in Pierce County and Thurston County destinations. Separated non-motorized pathways will enhance bike and pedestrian mobility.

Design and Right of Way

Funding is in place for design and property acquisition. WSDOT and its contractor Parametrix are working closely with local agencies to finalize the Environmental Assessment, roadway design and the hydraulic report.

In addition, a right of way plan is in development, which will lead to future property acquisition.

Next Steps

An access hearing is planned for the summer of 2006. An access hearing is a formal hearing that promises local public officials, owners of abutting property and other citizens an opportunity to be heard concerning any plan that proposes the limitation of access to the highway system.

Reaching Out

WSDOT and the design team have held several public meetings and spoken with property owners adjacent to the new SR 510 North Yelm Loop. Efforts to reach out to the greater community will continue, including a planned open house this summer in conjunction with the access hearing.

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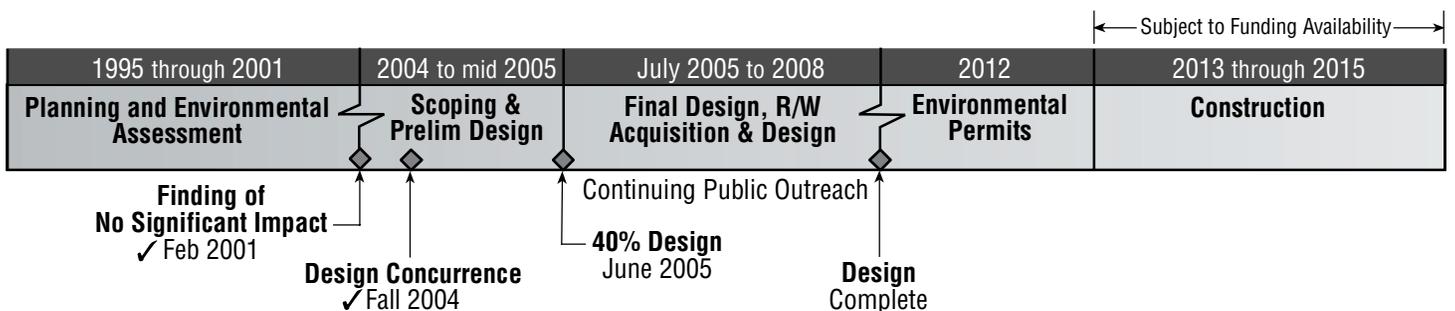
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Milestones

WSDOT and the City of Yelm have been working to identify solutions to the increasing traffic along Yelm Avenue (SR 510) and First Street (SR 507) since the mid 1990s. Milestones include:

- 1995: Yelm Transportation Plan identifies Y2 and Y3 as needed improvements
- 1997: Route Development Plan prepared by WSDOT
- 1997 - 1999: "loop" road alternatives analyzed; significant public outreach conducted
- 2000: alternatives documented in an Environmental Assessment
- 2000: FHWA issues a "Finding of No Significant Impact"
- 2004: WSDOT begins highway design process
- 2005: Additional project funding provided

Project Schedule

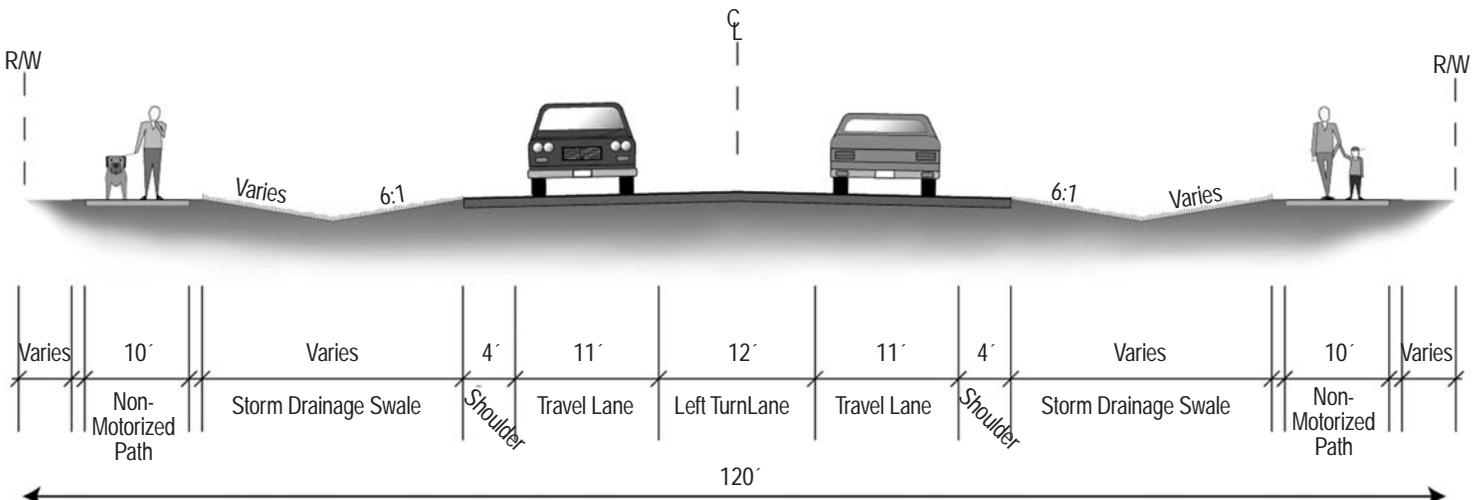
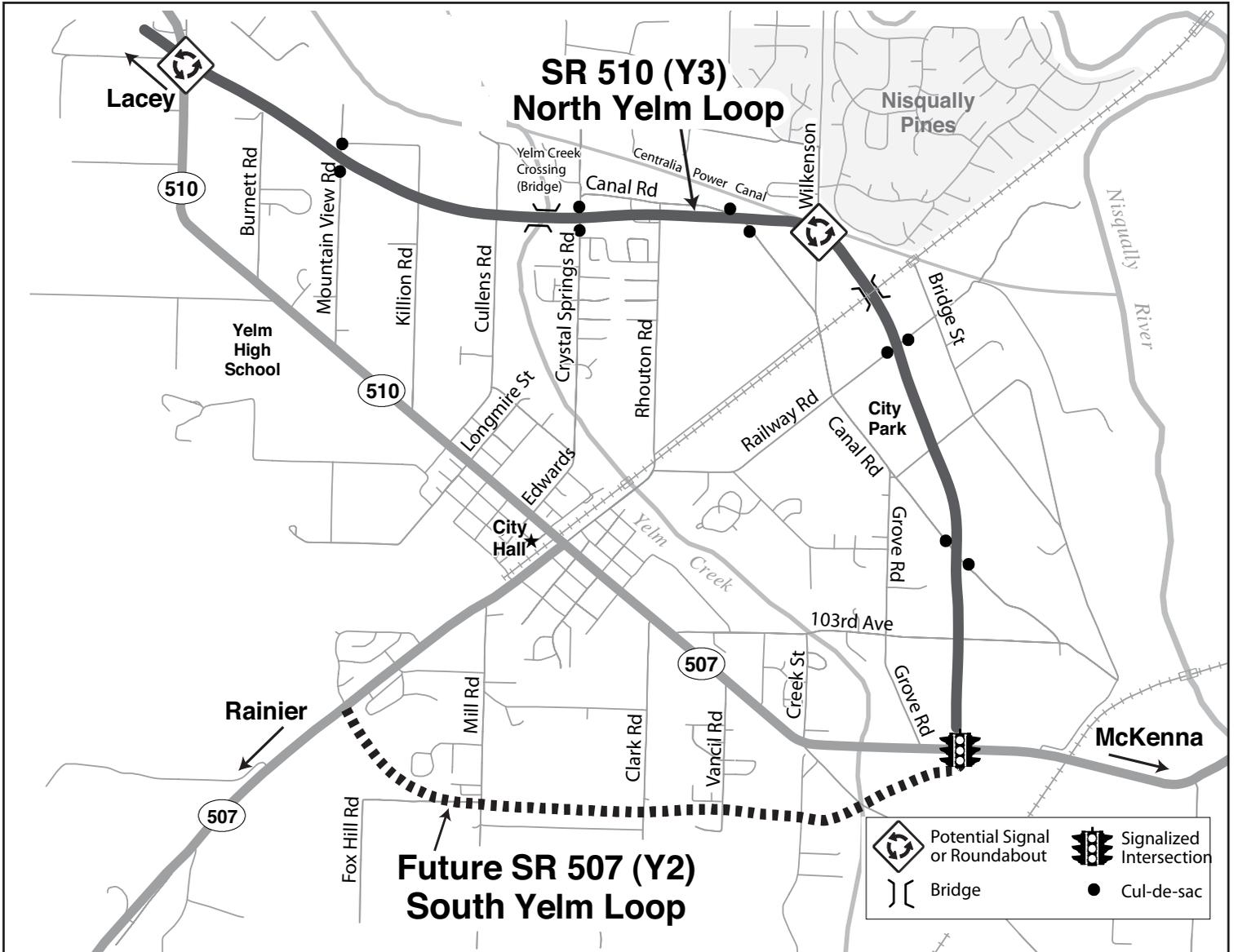


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