



Investing in Washington's Future

The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

Pierce County Region

\$767 million toward 24 projects in the Pierce County Region to keep traffic moving and make highways safer.

High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes

• I-5, SR 16 and SR 167 New Carpool Lanes, Tacoma

Adds carpool lanes on I-5 from 38th Street to the Port of Tacoma Road as well as carpool lane connections between SR 16 and I-5. Increases peak-hour travel speeds by 20 percent.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2015

SR 410 New Lanes, Bonney Lake

Adds 1.25 miles of new lanes in each direction between 214th and 234th. Adds a median barrier and a traffic signal to improve safety and reduce collisions by 68 percent.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2010

SR 161 Rebuild, Clear Lake North Road, Eatonville

Realigns and widens the roadway to reduce collisions by 56 percent.

Construction begins: 2010 Completion: 2011

SR 704 New Highway, Lakewood/Spanaway

Builds a new intersection at 176th and SR 7, a portion of the new six-mile four-lane highway will directly connect the I-5 corridor with the mid-county area.

Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2015

Pedestrian Footbridge For Kids, Orting

Constructs a dedicated pedestrian footbridge from Orting school campuses to a safe location on the Orting Plateau to provide a workable emergency evacuation route.

Construction begins: 2005 Completion: 2007

SR 302, Widen Roadway, Purdy/Creviston

Widens the roadway and provides intersection improvements to reduce collisions.

Construction begins: 2012 Completion: 2013

SR 162 Puyallup River Bridge, Tacoma

Replaces the existing bridge with a new bridge designed to current standards.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2011

SR 167 Extension, New Freeway, Fife

Purchases a portion of right of way for a project that will build a new freeway between SR 509 and I-5.

Cable Barrier Projects

• SR 167/SR 410, Sumner

Installs new cable guardrail in the median to reduce head-on collisions by 10 percent.

Construction begins: 2006 Completion: 2006

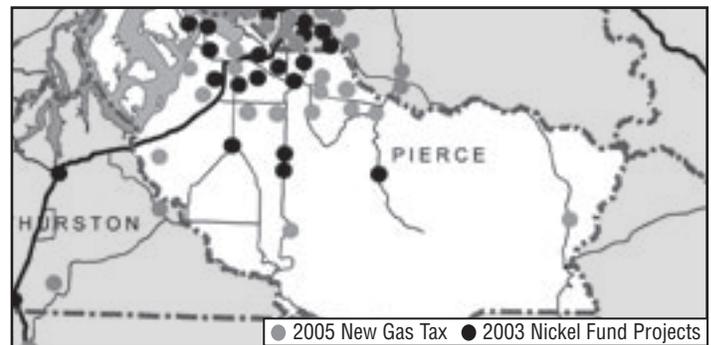
Rail

Funded by Weight Fees, not Gas Tax

• Amtrak Cascades tracks Pt. Defiance, Lakewood

Constructs and upgrades mainline tracks and results in a six-minute travel time reduction for passengers on the Seattle-Portland Amtrak Cascades train.

Construction begins: 2009 Completion: TBD



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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