Four-laning US Highway 12

WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT SO FAR?

Phase 1 – COMPLETED - August 2004
Four-laning McNary Pool to Attalia
Total Project Cost . . . . . $11.2 million

Phase 2 - COMPLETED - November 2005
Four-laning SR 124 to McNary Pool
Total Project Cost . . . . . $12.1 million

Phase 3 - COMPLETED - October 2007
Four-laning Attalia Vicinity
Total Project Cost . . . . . $16.0 million

Phase 4 – COMPLETED - June 2009
Wallula Junction to Walla Walla Corridor Study
Total Project Cost . . . . . $5.4 million

Phase 5 – COMPLETED - Fall 2009
Attalia Vicinity to US 730 - Preliminary Design Only
Total Cost . . . . . $0.8 million

Phase 6 – COMPLETED Summer 2010
Four-laning Frenchtown Vicinity to Walla Walla
Estimated Total Project Cost . . . . . $51.9 million

US 12/SR 124 Intersection – COMPLETED May 2012
Build new interchange at US 12 and SR 124
Build new overpass at Humorist Road
Estimated Total Project Cost . . . . . $21.3 million

WHAT WOULD IT COST?

Phase 7
Four-lane Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity
*Estimated Total Project Cost . . . . . $126.0 million
Funding secured to-date. . . . . $ 5.3 million

Phase 8 – UNFUNDED
Four-lane Wallula to Nine Mile Hill
Build interchange at US 12 and US 730
*Estimated Total Project Cost . . . . . $250 million

*Note: These estimates are total costs for engineering, right of way, and construction, and assume funding becomes available by the end of 2013.

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- 2003 Nickel Gas Tax
- 2005 Transportation Partnership Account (TPA)
- Pre-existing Funds
- Federal Appropriations

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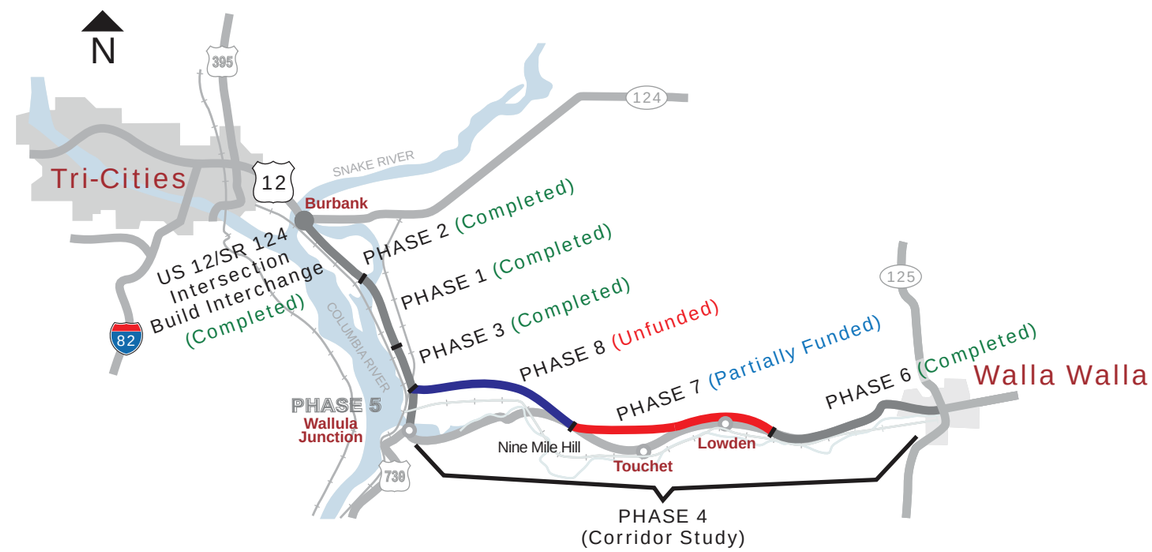
Highlighting Phases 7 and 8



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PHASE 7 Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity - Partially Funded
PHASE 8 Wallula to Nine Mile Hill - Unfunded

US 12 – Wallula to Frenchtown Vicinity – Add Lanes

Four-laning US Highway 12 (Phases 7 and 8)

Corridor study background and history

The US 12 Wallula to Walla Walla corridor study originally considered alignment alternatives and documented environmental impacts for a proposed four-lane highway from Wallula to Walla Walla. When a portion of the funding became available, WSDOT designed and built the section of US 12, from Frenchtown vicinity to Walla Walla (Phase 6). Using the remaining funding from the corridor study, WSDOT developed a recommendation for the final location from Wallula to Frenchtown vicinity and finalized environmental documentation. The proposed four-lane highway will be north of the existing US 12 highway.

Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity (Phase 7)

Phase 7 is the portion of the project that is north of the communities of Touchet and Lowden. There will be four intersections with local roads in this section. They are from west to east: Nine Mile Hill, Touchet North Road, Woodward Canyon Road and Lower Dry Creek Road. The intersections will have acceleration and deceleration lanes to both the eastbound and westbound US 12 traffic. The median at these intersections will be 100 feet wide to allow trucks to stop between the eastbound and westbound lanes and wait for the next lanes to clear before traveling the rest of the way across the proposed highway.

Cummins Road and Nibler Road will end in cul-de-sacs north and south of the proposed highway. An equipment undercrossing will be constructed at Cummins Road to allow for farming equipment to travel between north and south Cummins Road. The proposed highway will cross the Touchet River and the Dry Creek floodplains. The crossings will be designed to not impede a storm with a 100-year frequency.

Wallula to Nine Mile Hill (Phase 8)

Phase 8 will complete the four-lane roadway from Burbank to Walla Walla connecting at existing US 12 near Boise Inc. at Wallula. WSDOT will build the roadway north of the Walla Walla River and Wallula community. WSDOT will also construct an interchange at the new junction of US 730 and US 12.

What are the next steps?

The US Highway 12 coalition secured federal funds to begin design of Phase 7 from Nine Mile Hill to the Frenchtown vicinity. WSDOT is preparing right of way plans and has partial funding to acquire right of way between Nine Mile Hill and Woodward Canyon. Additional funding is needed to complete the contract plans and finish right of way acquisition.

WSDOT is considering using the Design/Build process to complete Phase 7. Using this process, a company or group of companies including designers and builders would submit bids for the opportunity to finish the design and build Phase 7 as one project. WSDOT would oversee the process and ensure the final highway meets the needs of the land owners and the traveling public. Currently, there is no funding for the design or construction of Phase 8.

Recording the environmental process.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for Phases 7 and 8 was complete in February 2010. The NEPA decision document, or Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), was complete in September 2010. These documents record the evaluation process used to select the preferred alternative for Phases 7 and 8.