

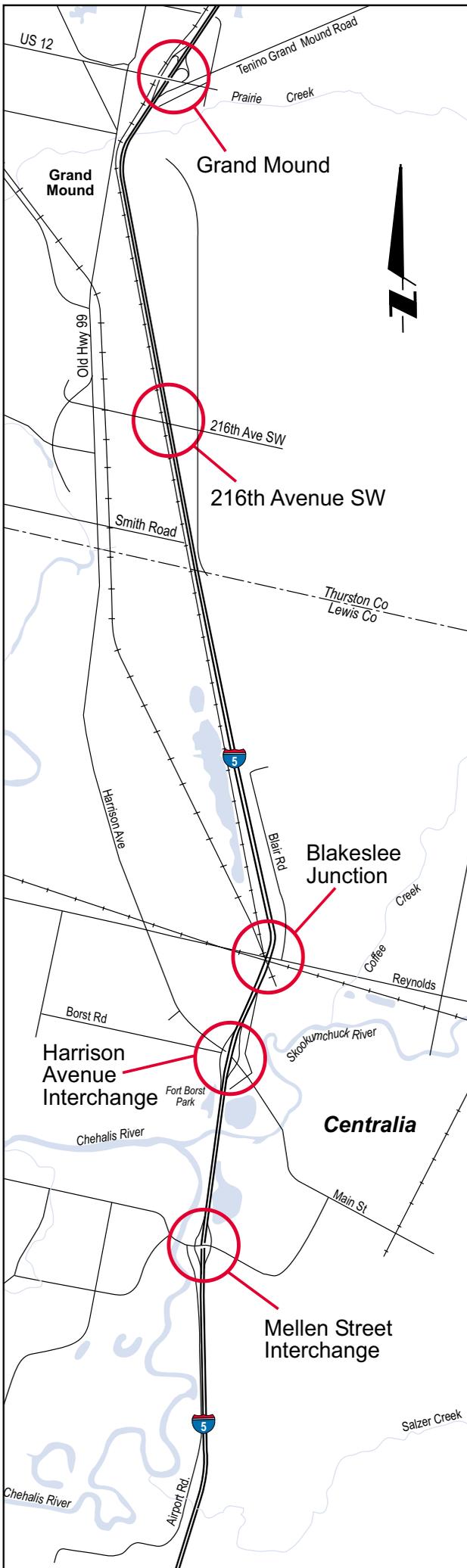
I-5, Mellen Street to Grand Mound: A Safety and Capacity Improvement Project



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Open House on March 7, 4 - 7 PM

WSDOT invites you to an open house at Centralia Middle School to learn more about a significant new project to improve I-5 from Mellen Street to Grand Mound. Project team representatives want to hear your thoughts about the problems in the project area and possible solutions. The WSDOT project team will use your input to generate alternatives to address the problems. WSDOT will analyze and present alternatives for your review and comment at an open house in the summer of 2006.

What is the purpose of this project?

Improving safety and mobility and increasing capacity on I-5 are the primary goals of the I-5, Mellen Street to Grand Mound project. The project area is a seven-mile stretch of I-5 that runs through portions of Thurston and Lewis Counties and the City of Centralia. Key features of the project, which will be implemented in phases, are to:

- Widen I-5 from two lanes to at least three lanes in each direction, continuing the widening of I-5 to the north between Maytown and Grand Mound that is scheduled for construction in 2008
- Improve the existing interchanges at Mellen Street and Harrison Ave. to meet projected traffic demand
- Replace existing bridges to accommodate the widening of I-5
- Examine the causes of the high accident rate on the I-5 mainline and design changes to improve safety
- Upgrade I-5 to meet current design standards
- Accommodate planned improvements to the railroad system in the project area

What are the expected benefits?

These improvements are expected to:

- Reduce accidents and increase safety on I-5 and at freeway interchanges
- Reduce congestion
- Improve mobility for the local community and long-distance traffic
- Improve freight mobility along the I-5 corridor

What has been done to date?

In 2003 WSDOT completed a programmatic environmental impact statement for a longer stretch of I-5, from Toutle Park to Maytown. The current project will provide the required environmental analysis and documentation and the engineering plans for transportation improvements on I-5 from Mellen Street to Grand Mound.

How is the project funded?

The 2005 Legislature earmarked \$160 million in gas tax money in the state's Transportation Partnership Funding Package to complete the I-5, Mellen Street to Grand Mound project. A limited amount of federal funding is also available for this project.

PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public Involvement Activities	Project Activities	Schedule
	Initiate Project	Fall '05 - Winter '06
Open House	↓	
	Evaluate Alternatives	Spring '06
Open House	↓	
	Select Preferred Alternatives	Fall '06 - Summer '07
	↓	
	Conduct Design and Environmental Review	Summer '06 - Fall '07
Open House	↓	
	Submit Permits	Fall '07 - Winter '08
Public Review	↓	
	Phase 1 Construction	2009-2012
	Phases 2 and 3 Construction	2011-2014

How can you get more information?

Visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/MellentoGrandMound/>

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Please Come to a Public Open House

Tuesday, March 7, 2006
 4 to 7 PM
 Centralia Middle School Cafeteria
 901 Johnson Road in Centralia

- Find out more about the project
- Identify problems and suggest solutions

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