



# Investing in Washington's Future

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

### Skagit County Region

**\$73.4 million toward 14 projects in the Skagit County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

#### **SR 20 near Anacortes at Thompson Road**

Adds new traffic signal, and right and left turn lanes to relieve congestion and improve safety.

Construction begins: 2007                      Completion: 2007

#### **SR 20 Sharpes Corner**

Intersection improvements at Fildalgo Bay Road

Construction begins: 2011                      Completion: 2012

#### **SR 11 Corridor**

##### **• Park and Ride**

Adds park and ride at the I-5 and SR 11 interchange in Burlington.

Construction begins: 2007                      Completion: 2007

##### **• Interchange at I-5**

Improves and realigns Josh Wilson Road to relieve congestion and improve safety.

Construction begins: 2009                      Completion: 2009

#### **I-5 Corridor**

##### **• Cable Median Barrier**

Installs cable median barrier to prevent crossover accidents along I-5, both north of Burlington and south of Mount Vernon.

Construction begins: 2007                      Completion: 2007

##### **• Local Creeks**

Improves the quality of water draining into Fischer Creek.

Construction begins: 2009                      Completion: 2009

##### **• SR 530 Realignment, near Darrington**

Realigns sections of State Route 530 away from the Sauk River. This work will help preserve and prevent flooding from damaging the highway.

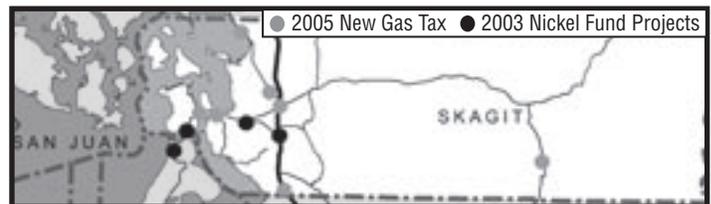
Construction begins: 2009                      Completion: 2009

#### **Safety Work**

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 9, 11, 20, 92, 520, 525, 530, 534 and 900. Reduces accidents and reduces severity of collisions.

#### **Seismic Upgrades**

Reinforces bridges throughout Skagit County to make them safer in the event of an earthquake. This is part of a larger program to make seismic improvements to bridges across western Washington.



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Department of Transportation**

# 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:

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