



Investing in Washington's Future

The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

Spokane and Lincoln County Region

\$201.4 million towards 11 projects in the Spokane County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

I-90 New Pedestrian Bridge, Liberty Lake

Constructs a second pedestrian bridge at the Liberty Lake freeway interchange.
Construction begins: 2006 Completion: 2006

US 2 New Signal/Roundabout, Spokane

Constructs a signal or roundabout at North Glen/Elk Chattaroy intersection to improve safety and reduce severity of collisions by 57 percent.
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

US 2 New Signal/Roundabout, Spokane

Constructs a signal or roundabout at Colbert Road to improve safety and reduce severity of collisions by 58 percent.
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

I-90 New Signals, Medical Lake

Adds a signal at the I-90/SR 902 interchange ramps.
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

US 395, New Highway, Spokane

Continued design of future construction projects for new highway and purchase of property within the 10.5-mile corridor.
Construction begins: 2001 Completion: TBD

Rail

• Geiger Spur Railroad, New Rail Connection, Airway Heights (Funded by Weight Fees not Gas Tax)

Builds a new 3.5-mile rail to tie into the state-owned Palouse River Coulee City Railroad Line.
Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2009

• Bridging the Valley, New Rail Connection, Spokane

Combines the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads into one rail corridor. Will eliminate the area where rail and roadway cross at 75 locations. Constructs or modifies 20 bridges.
Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2016

Bridge Replacements

- **SR 290 Spokane River Bridge**
Construction begins: 2012 Completion: 2014

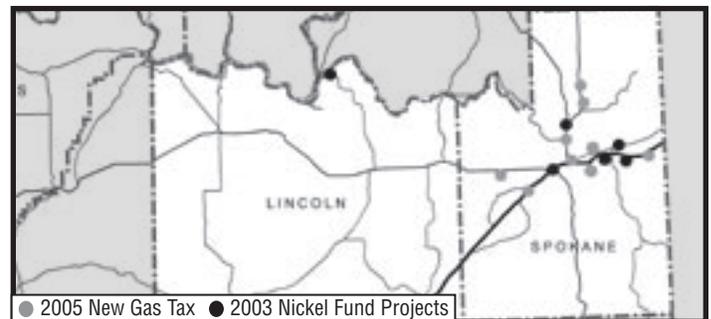
Safety Work

Installs guardrail, removes hazards and improves roadsides to enhance motorist safety by reducing the severity of collisions on SR 27 and 278.

\$1 million towards 1 project in the Lincoln County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

Safety Work

Installs guardrail, removes hazards and improves roadsides to enhance motorist safety on SR 21, 25, 28 and 174.



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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