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US 101 – Shore Road to Kitchen-Dick Road - Widening

To increase safety and relieve congestion on US 101, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is developing plans to widen the last remaining section of two-lane roadway between Sequim and Port Angeles.

Current Work

Field visits to the project vicinity are an important part of the design process. Recently, WSDOT survey crews gathered topographical data for the project. Soon, biologists and engineers will be in and around the project area to collect additional data.

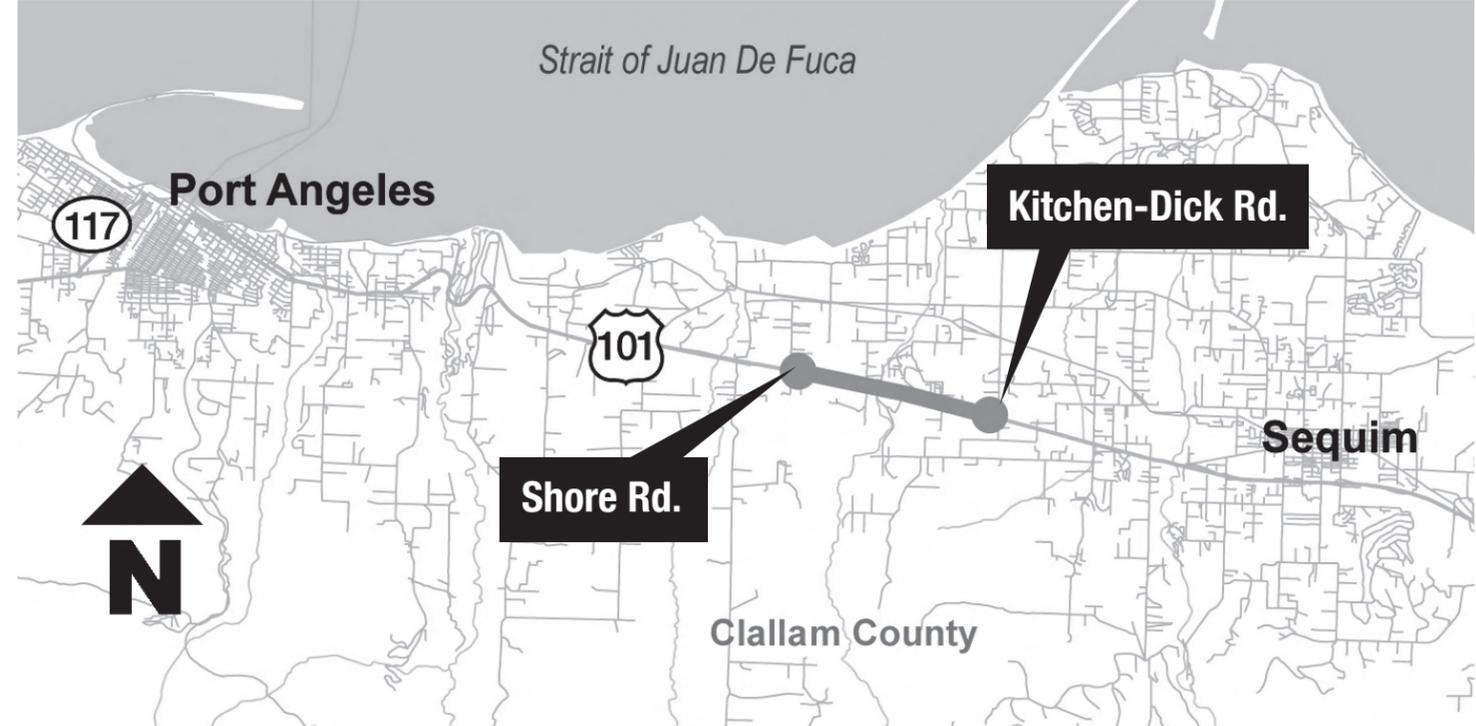
Developing a roadway design that minimizes impacts to the environment is a priority for the engineering team.

Project Description

This project widens US 101 to four lanes between Shore Road and Kitchen-Dick Road. When construction is complete in 2013, the new roadway will have two lanes in each direction and a wider median.

The additional lanes will help reduce congestion and a wider median will improve safety by reducing the potential for head-on collisions.

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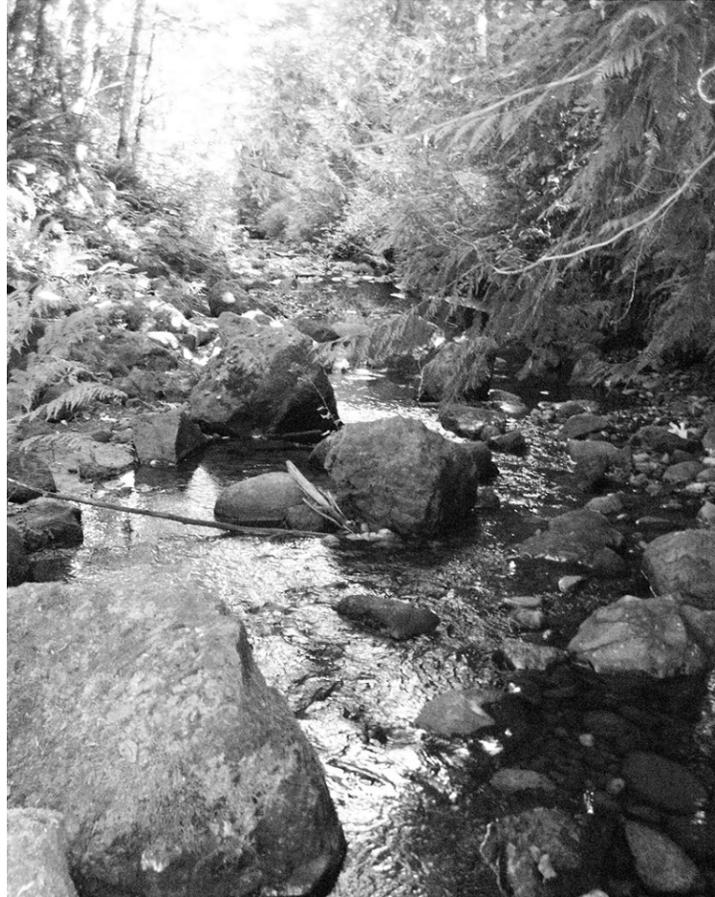
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Project Funding

Currently, \$50.9 million is appropriated for the project. This funding is not sufficient to build the entire project as currently designed, therefore, the design team is preparing the feasibility of various alternatives.



McDonald Creek is one of many natural resources within the project area. Engineers are working to design the new roadway with minimal impacts to the environment.

Environmental Assessment

As part of the evaluation process, the state has undertaken a study to identify and forecast the project's potential social, economic and environmental impacts. This evaluation is called an Environmental Assessment (EA). Over the next 18 months, the bulk of the work for completing the US 101 Shore Road to Kitchen-Dick Road Widening project will be the assessment and documentation of the environmental impacts.

Over the next few months, you can expect to see biologists and engineers in and around the project site compiling data for the EA. The current schedule for publishing the preliminary Environmental Assessment for public comment is June 2010, followed by a combined public hearing and open house.

Acquisition of environmental permits is the last step in the environmental process prior to the start of construction. The permitting process is expected to be complete by spring 2012 and construction should begin by summer 2012.



The current plan to widen US 101 from Shore Road to Kitchen-Dick Road includes building another bridge over McDonald Creek. The existing bridge will carry two lanes of US 101 traffic headed toward Port Angeles and the new bridge will carry two lanes of traffic headed toward Sequim.

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History

The US 101 Shore Road to Kitchen-Dick Road Widening Project was identified in the SR 101 O'Brien Road to Palo Alto Road Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) published in 1993. This FEIS proposed the corridor be constructed as a "west half" and "east half."

The "east half," commonly referred to as the Sequim Bypass, was completed in 2001. The "west half" of the proposed action was planned to be constructed with three separate projects:

- O'Brien Road to Lewis Road – Construct two new lanes parallel to the existing roadway. (Constructed in 1999)
- Shore Road to Kitchen-Dick Road – Construct two new lanes parallel to the existing roadway. (Current Project)
- Lewis Road to Joslin Road – The existing four-lane highway would be widened to provide a median. (Final Project)

This FEIS followed the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process but was not reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

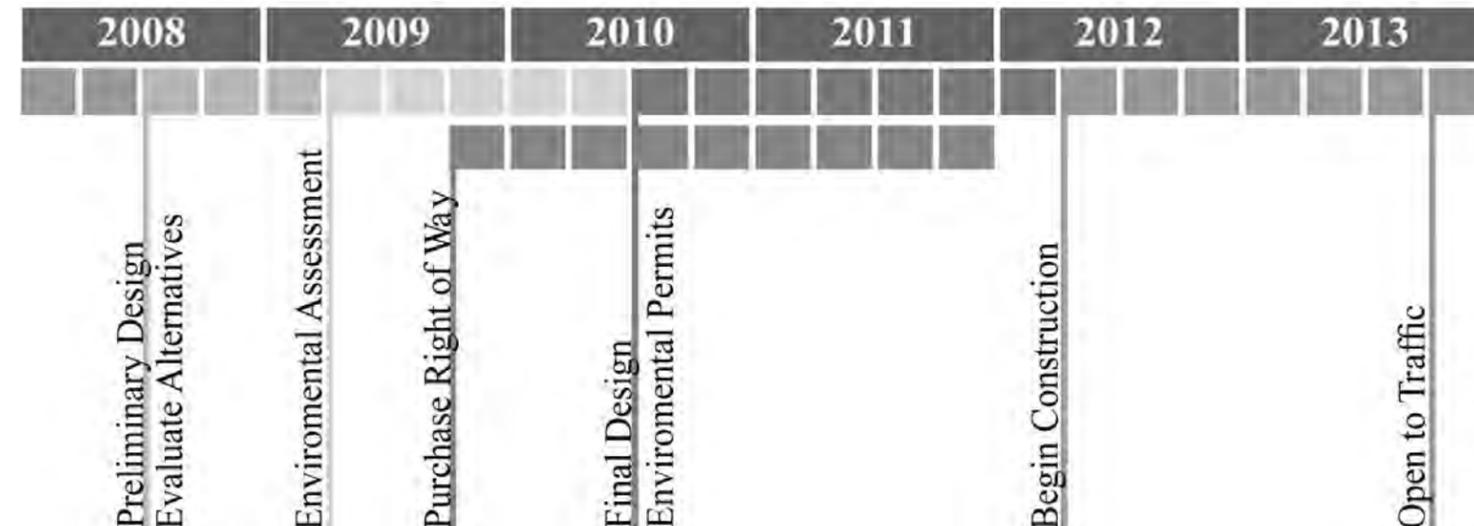
In 2007, project funding (federal) became available to begin preliminary engineering. In 2008, discussions with FHWA determined that NEPA approval is required and an EA will need to be prepared for the project.

Project Features

The current roadway design requires most of the highway widening to be done to the south of the existing right of way. However, some property may need to be purchased around the existing intersections to facilitate the connection of the new roadway with the existing highway and intersections. Other property may also need to be purchased for the purpose of wetland mitigation.

The project team will be working closely with Clallam County to coordinate improvement at existing county intersections.

Project Schedule



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