

# US 12/Attalia Vicinity – Add Lanes

## Four-laning US Highway 12 (Phase 3)



**Existing Condition**



**Proposed New Construction**

### Project Timeline



**Initial Planning**

Get a general idea of what needs to be done and how much it will cost

- January 1995 the corridor appeared in the State Highway Systems Plan
- August 2001 US 12 Highway Coalition was formed
- August 2000 Preliminary Route/Design Analysis - Snake River to Wallula Jct.

**Securing Funding**

Generate support and obtain project funding

- March 1999 funding was secured for Environmental Assessment (EA)
- July 2003 funding for the construction was secured through the Nickel Revenue Package

**Project Design**

Thoroughly evaluate the problem and engineer a detailed solution

**Environmental Documentation and Compliance**

Ensure that all environmental statutes and regulations are followed

- January 2001 the Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved
- January 2006 to Winter 2007 scheduled monitoring of construction project

**Public Hearings and Open Houses**

Opportunities for WSDOT designers to present their ideas, answer questions, and listen to public input

- Spring 1999 Preliminary Route/Design Analysis - Snake River to Wallula Jct. Public Meeting
- January 2001 Environmental Assessment (EA) Meeting
- October 2003 Access Hearing
- March 2004 Burbank and Walla Walla Open Houses
- May 2005 Burbank and Walla Walla Open Houses
- June 2006 Walla Walla Open House

**Real Estate Acquisition**

Determine project area needs and purchase property for new roadways

**Contract Preparation**

Prepare a detailed set of plans to tell the contractor what to build

- March 2004 contract plans started
- December 2005 advertised contract for bids

**Project Construction**  
Private contractors bid for and build the project as designed by WSDOT

- Contract awarded May 2006
- Scheduled open to traffic Winter 2007

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This project is funded in part by the 2003 Legislative Transportation Funding Package. The main source of funding is a 5¢ increase in the gas tax. The package also includes an increase in the large truck gross weight fee and a 0.3 percent vehicle sales tax.