



Investing in Washington's Future

The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

Kittitas, Grant, Klickitat and Yakima County Region

\$391.5 million toward 4 projects in the Kittitas County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

I-90 Highway Widening, Snoqualmie Pass East

Constructs a new six-lane roadway to solve weekend backups and eliminate or reduce avalanche closures from Hyak to the Keechelus Dam.

Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2015

US 97 New Lane, Blewett Pass

Constructs a new passing lane for northbound US 97 traffic to reduce the risk of head-on collisions.

Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2011

\$24 million toward 10 projects in the Grant County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

SR 17, Widening to four lanes, Moses Lake

Widens the last 3-mile section of SR 17 between the Port and I-90.

Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2007

I-90 Potato Hill Bridge

Includes addition of pedestrian and bike pathways on the new bridge.

Construction begins: 2006 Completion: 2006

\$61.7 million toward 13 projects in the Yakima County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

US 12 and SR 410 New Guardrail, West Yakima

Installs guardrail, removes fixed objects and improves roadsides to enhance motorist safety and reduce the severity of collision.

Construction begins: 2006 Completion: 2006

SR 24 and SR 241 New Lane, West of Hanford

Adds an additional lane for passing in both directions to reduce collisions.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2008

Bridge Replacements

• **US 12 Tieton River Bridge, west of Naches**

Construction begins: 2006 Completion: 2010

• **SR 241 Dry Creek Bridge, north of Sunnyside**

Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2011

Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on US 12, SR 241 and 821.

Construction begins: 2006 Completion: TBD

SR 823 Goodlander to Harrison Road Sidewalk Completion

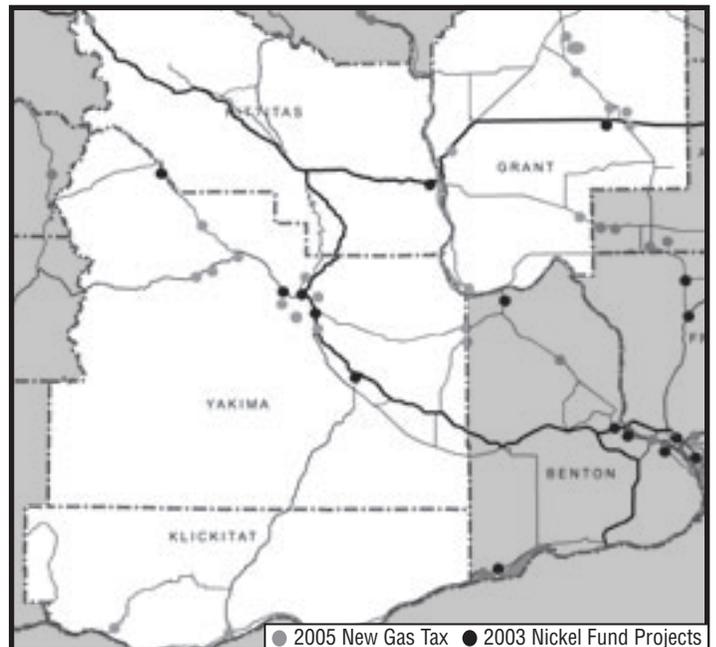
Constructs a sidewalk on the east side of SR 823 from the intersection of Goodlander Road to Harrison Road, completing a direct pedestrian connection from parks and schools to Harrison Road.

Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2007

\$2.9 million toward 2 projects in the Klickitat County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

Safety Work

Adds guardrails and removes hazards on US 97 and SR 142.



**Washington State
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:

Or contact Customer Service:

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