

Safety Improvements



Only a painted center line separated opposing traffic on the once-rural highway. Some intersections had no traffic signals and there was no safe place for bikes or pedestrians. Drivers had a difficult time seeing oncoming and cross traffic along the corridor.

- More than 1,100 collisions were reported from 1995 to 2007.
- Two of the collisions were fatalities, and 501 people were injured in 387 collisions.
- More than half of the total collisions – 664 – were rear-end collisions.
- WSDOT targeted the area for needed safety improvements.

Many improvements make the corridor safer for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

- Landscaped medians, turn lanes and barriers now separate opposing traffic.
- Intersections have improved and better coordinated traffic signals.
- Turn lanes allow through traffic to continue flowing.
- Left turns are limited to certain intersections.
- Street lights and improved sight distance better help drivers to see the roadway and each other.
- Sidewalks and bike lanes make the route safer for cyclists, walkers and joggers.



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SR 202 – SR 520
to Sahalee Widening



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