

# Wenas Corridor Improvements

## South Wenas Avenue & East Fifth Avenue

**Location:** Naches Avenue to East Fifth Avenue to South First Street

**Description of work:**

- Extend South Wenas Avenue to East Fifth Avenue.
- Reconstruct and widen the road to accommodate truck traffic.
- Construct new curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both sides of the road.
- Reconstruct the storm drainage system.
- Reconstruct the intersection of Wenas Avenue and Naches Avenue (SR 823) and add a traffic signal system.

SR 823 is the primary connection between Selah and I-82. The route passes through the busy downtown area along Naches Avenue, which is frequently congested and lined with parking on both sides of the street. The planned improvements to South Wenas Avenue and East Fifth Avenue will move truck traffic away from the downtown area and provide better access to the city's industrial food processing businesses.

## East Fremont Avenue & SR 823

**Location:** Intersection of SR 823/North Wenas Road and Fremont Avenue

**Description of work:**

- Reconstruct intersection and add a traffic signal system.
- Add left turn lanes to North Wenas Road.

Fremont Avenue is a collector for many city streets and is the primary route to one of the city's schools.

## Railroad Avenue

**Location:** Food Processing Industrial Area

**Description of work:**

- Reconstruct and widen the road.
- Reconstruct the storm drainage system

Railroad Avenue is the primary access route for Selah's food processing plants and cold storage warehouses. Businesses in this area are expanding, and road improvements are needed to better accommodate the commercial truck traffic.

# SR 823 – Selah Vicinity Re-route Highway

**Why is WSDOT improving this corridor?**

The City of Selah and WSDOT recognize that traffic congestion has plagued the downtown area of Selah for years. This congestion has discouraged patrons from stopping at downtown businesses and has been a contributing factor in a number of collisions. Substandard intersections make the movement of truck traffic to and from fruit warehouses difficult. The improvements scheduled to be constructed on this project will improve safety, relieve congestion, and enhance economic development.

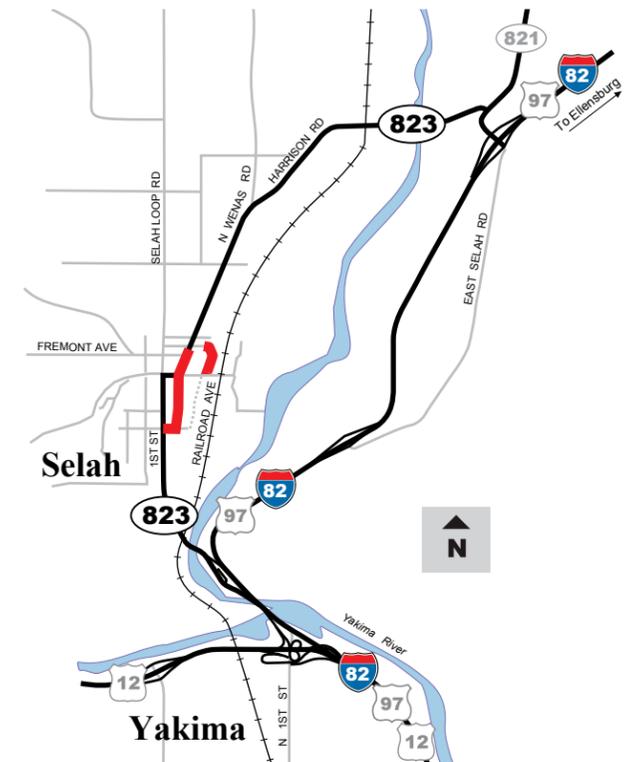
**Project Description**

This project will route truck and automobile traffic smoothly through the downtown area by widening South Wenas Road to three lanes and extending it south to connect into the signalized intersection at South First Street and East Fifth Avenue. Traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Naches Avenue and Wenas Road, and at the intersection of North Wenas Road and Fremont Avenue. These new traffic signals will help to relieve traffic congestion and make the route safer for pedestrians. Railroad Avenue will be resurfaced with concrete to accommodate the heavy truck traffic on the roadway.

**Project Benefits**

Allowing traffic to move freely through the downtown area and resurfacing Railroad Avenue will provide several benefits:

- Relieve traffic congestion in downtown Selah.
- Improve the truck route for farm-to-market agricultural products.
- Increase freight mobility and efficiency for Selah's major food processing industries including Tree Top, Larson Fruit, Matson Fruit, and Yakama Nation Juice.
- Provide the needed infrastructure for developing Wenas Road's commercial area, which is planned to include a fitness and aquatics center, entertainment, lodging, restaurants, and other retail businesses.
- Increase safety for motorists and pedestrians.



**Project Cost Estimate**

Total: \$11.6\* million

Note: This estimate includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs. \*As approved in the 2009 Transportation Budget.

**Project Timeline**

Start design:	Summer	2007
Complete right of way acquisition:	Fall	2009
Advertise contract for construction:	Fall	2009
Improvements open to traffic:	Summer	2011

**For More Information**

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## Current Design Concept

