



# Investing in Washington's Future

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

# Pacific, Wahkiakum, and Cowlitz County Region

**\$59.5 million towards 6 projects in the Pacific County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### Bridge Replacements

- **SR 6 Lilly Wheaton Bridge over the Willapa River near Menlo**  
Construction begins: 2009      Completion: 2010
- **US 101 Bone River Bridge south of South Bend**  
Construction begins: 2012      Completion: 2013
- **US 101 Middle Nemah River Bridge north of Johnsons Landing (SR 4)**  
Construction begins: 2012      Completion: 2013
- **SR 105 Smith Creek Bridge north of Raymond**  
Construction begins: 2011      Completion: 2012
- **SR 105 North River Bridge north of Raymond**  
Construction begins: 2010      Completion: 2011
- **SR 4 and 401 Roadside Safety**  
Installs guardrail, removes hazards and improves roadsides to enhance motorist safety by reducing the severity of collisions.  
Construction begins: 2009      Completion: 2010

**Provides \$.7 million towards 1 project in the Wahkiakum County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

- **SR 4 and 401 Roadside Safety**  
Installs guardrail, removes hazards and improves roadsides to enhance motorist safety by reducing the severity of collisions.  
Construction begins: 2009      Completion: 2010

**Provides \$61.6 million towards 5 projects in the Cowlitz County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### **I-5 Reconstruct Interchanges, Longview**

Rebuilds the existing SR 432 interchange and the adjacent SR 432 interchange at Talley Way.  
Construction begins: 2009      Completion: 2011

### **SR 4 Bridge Replacement, Wahkiakum County line**

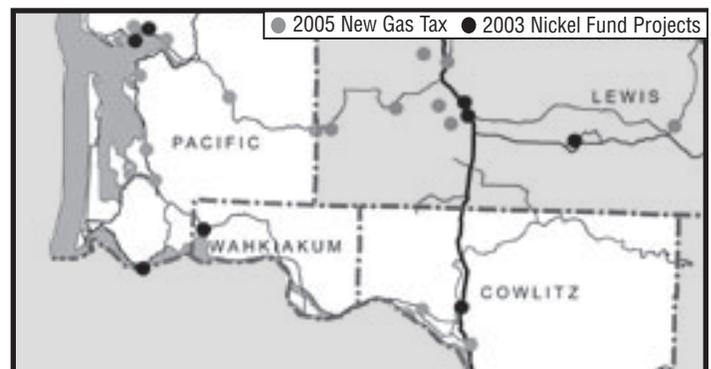
Replaces the Abernathy Creek Bridge and realigns Cameron Creek Road at the west end of the bridge.  
Construction begins: 2011      Completion: 2012

### **I-5 Study and Development Plan for SR 503 Interchange, Woodland**

Conduct an Access Study and Development Plan to improve the existing I-5/SR 503 interchange project.  
Construction begins: TBD      Completion: TBD

### **Safety Work**

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 4, 401 and 432. Reduces accidents by 30%.  
Construction begins: 2007      Completion: 2010.



# Statewide

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

### 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:

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