

# 823 Selah Vicinity

## Re-route Highway

September 2011



### Why did WSDOT improve the SR 823 corridor?

WSDOT and the city of Selah recognized traffic congestion plagued the downtown area of Selah for years. This congestion discouraged patrons from stopping at downtown businesses and was a contributing factor in a number of collisions. Substandard intersections made the movement of truck traffic to and from fruit warehouses difficult.

### Project Description

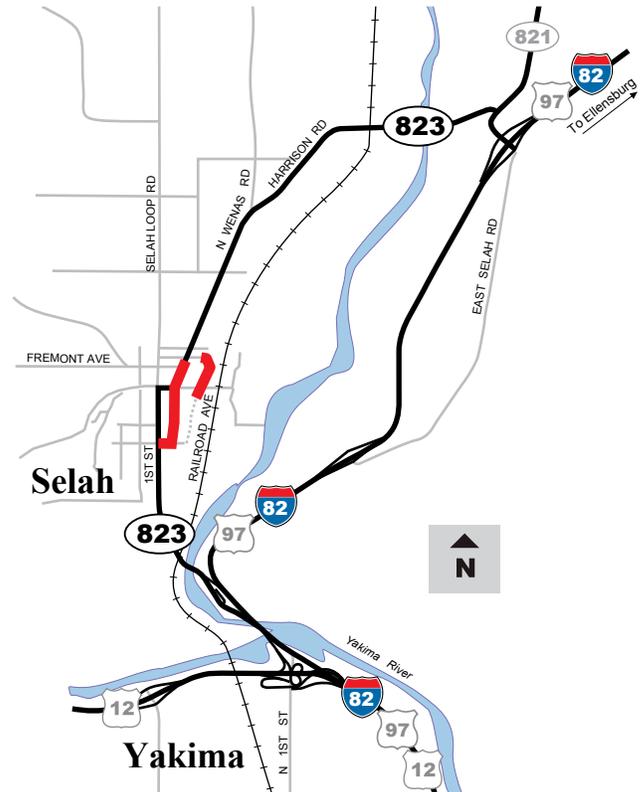
This project routes truck and automobile traffic smoothly through the downtown area by widening Jim Clements Way (South Wenas Avenue) to three lanes and extending the roadway south to connect into the signalized intersection at South First Street and East Fifth Avenue. Crews installed traffic signals at the intersection of Naches Avenue and Jim Clements Way, and at the intersection of North Wenas Road and Fremont Avenue.

In fall 2012, crews will resurface Railroad Avenue 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 provides several benefits:

- Relieves traffic congestion in downtown Selah.
- Improves the truck route for farm-to-market agricultural products.
- Increases freight mobility and efficiency for Selah's major food processing industries including Tree Top, Larson Fruit, Matson Fruit, Zirkle Fruit, and Sunrype.
- Provides the needed infrastructure for developing Wenas Road's commercial area.
- Reduces the risk of collisions for pedestrians and motorists.



### Project Cost Estimate

Total: \$9.3 million

Note: This estimate includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs.

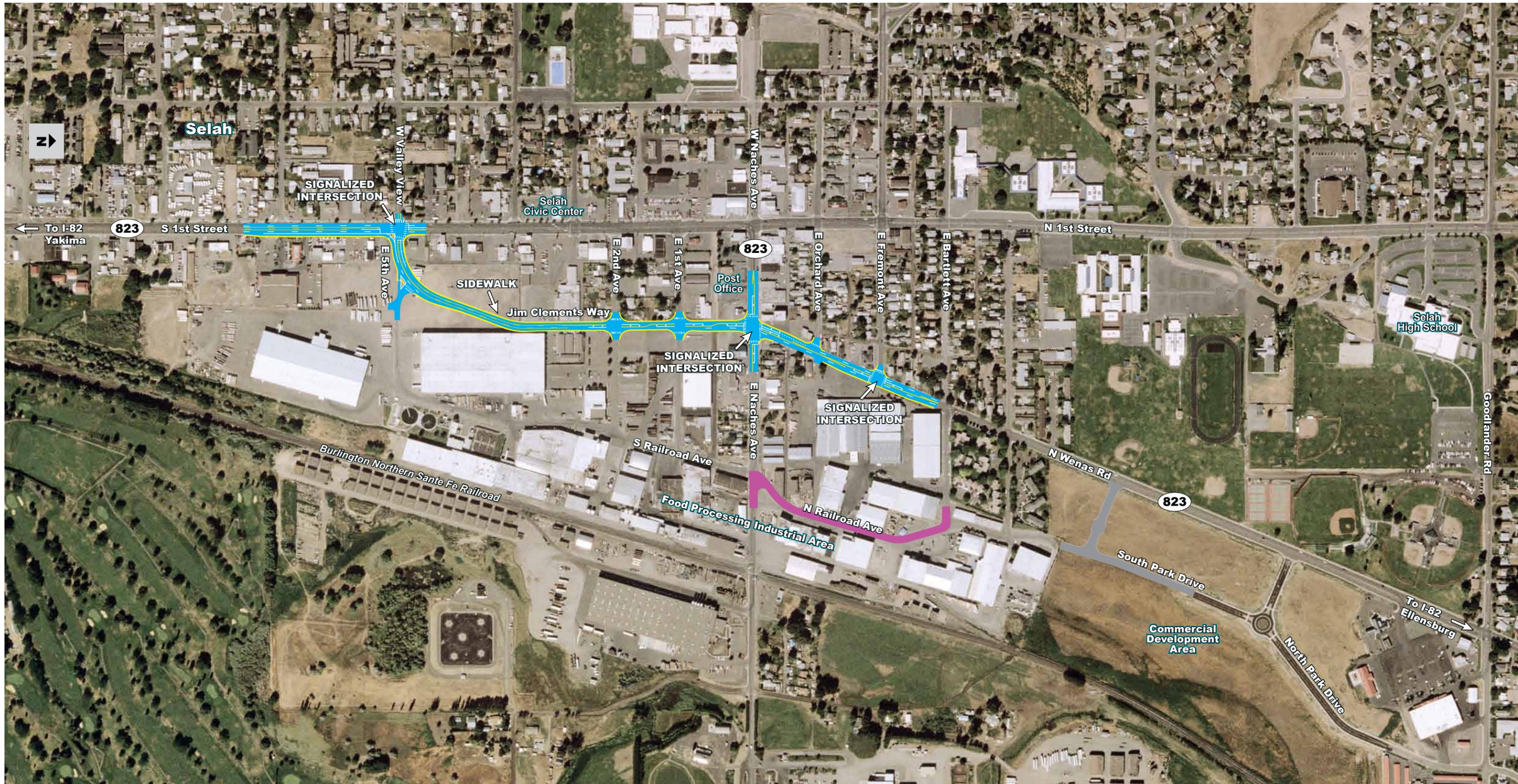
### Project Timeline

Start construction:	Spring 2011
Improvements open to traffic: (Phase 1 - SR 823 Re-route)	Summer 2011
Improvements open to traffic: (Phase 2 - Railroad Avenue)	Summer 2012

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## Current Design Concept

- █ Completed summer 2011
- █ Complete fall 2012



# 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 South 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 mostly four-lane route passes through the busy downtown area. A short two-lane section (Naches Avenue) 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 pockets on East Fremont and 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 - Open to traffic fall 2012

**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.

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