



# Investing in Washington's Future

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

# Snohomish and Island County Region

**\$472 million toward 34 projects in the Snohomish County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### Bridge Replacement

- **SR 529 Ebey Slough Bridge, Everett**  
Construction begins: 2008      Completion: 2009
- **Pilchuck Creek Bridge on SR 9**  
Replaces 75-year-old bridge.  
Construction begins: 2011      Completion: 2012

### SR 9 Corridor, Woodinville to Arlington

- **Marsh Road Intersection**  
Adds turn lanes which will reduce accidents by 25 percent.  
Construction begins: 2008      Completion: 2008
- **New Lanes and Signals**  
Adds new lanes and signals at SR 96, SR 92, Hewitt Ave., Soper Hill Road/Lundeen Parkway, SR 528, 84th St. NE, and SR 531. Reduces collisions by 12 percent.  
Construction begins: 2010      Completion: 2012

### I-5 Corridor

- **SR 525, Lynnwood**  
Improves access from southbound I-5 to Lynnwood by building a new off-ramp.  
Construction begins: 2010      Completion: 2011
- **196th (SR 524) at Alderwood Mall**  
Eliminates a chokepoint on southbound I-5 caused by cars merging from SR 524 and I-405 and exiting to 196th Street.  
Construction begins: 2010      Completion: 2012
- **Smokey Point Interchange at 172nd in Arlington**  
Builds a ramp to connect westbound 172nd Street to southbound I-5 and improves all other ramps.  
Construction begins: 2009      Completion: 2010
- **41st Street Interchange, Everett**  
Eliminates a major chokepoint on I-5 by building a new interchange.  
Construction begins: 2007      Completion: 2009
- **SR 532 Corridor, Camano Island to I-5**  
Eliminates choke points and increases safety by improving intersections and consolidating business driveways.  
Construction begins: 2011      Completion: 2013
- **Cable Median Barrier, Mt. Vernon area**  
Installs cable median barriers to reduce head-on collisions.  
Construction begins: 2007      Completion: 2008

### Seismic Upgrades

Reinforces bridges throughout Snohomish County to make them safer in the event of an earthquake. This is part of a larger program to make seismic improvements to bridges across western Washington.

**\$76 million toward 7 projects in the Island County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### SR 532 Corridor, Camano Island

Improves intersections and consolidates business driveways. Reduces collisions by 23 percent.  
Construction begins: 2011      Completion: 2013

### SR 525, New Park and Ride, Langley

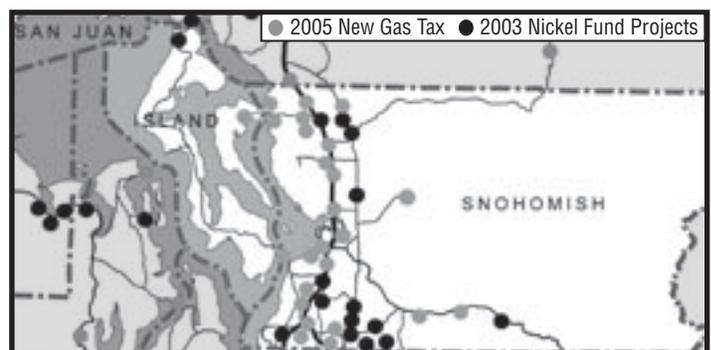
Builds an 80-stall park and ride at the intersection of Langley Road and Sandy Point Road, on Whidbey Island. Also builds other park and ride lots adjacent to SR 20 and SR 525.  
Construction begins: 2011      Completion: 2011

### Bridge Replacement

- **SR 532 - Gen. Mark Clark Memorial Bridge - Stanwood area**  
Construction begins: 2010      Completion: 2011

### Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Route 20 and 525. Reduces accidents and reduces severity of crashes.  
Construction begins: 2007      Completion: 2010



**Washington State  
Department of Transportation**

# 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:

Or contact Customer Service:

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