

US 12 / East Lewis Street Interchange \$9.0 million
New interchange – **Completed**



US 12 / McNary Pool to Attalia
Completed August 2004



SR 397 / I-182 to SR 397 Intertie – August 2004



US 12 Attalia Vicinity – Add Lanes – April 2007



SR 240 – Tri-Cities Additional Lanes – May 2007



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WATCH IT WORK.**

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1996	US 12 / East Lewis Street Interchange – Completed	\$9.0 million	
1997			
1998	SR 240 / Stevens Drive to I-182 – Completed	\$ 4.5 million	
1999	US 395 / Hillsboro Street Interchange – Completed	\$ 12.3 million	
2000	US 12 – McNary Pool to Attalia – Completed Phase 1 – (Four-laning US Highway 12 – Add lanes)	\$ 11.4 million	
2001	I-182 – US 395 I/C – Roadside Safety – Completed	\$ 0.1 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2001	SR 240 / Yakima River Br. at Richland – Completed	\$ 15.8 million	
2001	US 395 – Kennewick V M S – Completed	\$ 0.3 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2002	SR 397 / I-82 to SR 397 Intertie (Benton County project)	\$ 5.9 million	
2002			Phase 1 Completed Phase 2 Completed Phase 3 Starts Summer 2007
2003	US 12 – Wallula to Walla Walla Corridor Study	\$ 2.6 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2003	Phase 4 – (Four-laning US Highway 12 – Add Lanes)		
2003	Determine preferred alternative	\$ 2.8 million	Federal Earmark
2004	SR 124 – East Jct. US 12 Reconstruction – Completed	\$ 0.3 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2004	Realign curve		
2004	Columbia Center Blvd. Railroad Crossing – Completed	\$ 6.0 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2004	(Local Road Project)		
2004	Construct grade separated railroad crossing and pedestrian facilities		
2005	US 12 – SR 124 to McNary Pool – Completed	\$ 12.3 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2005	Phase 2 – (Four-laning US Highway 12 – Add Lanes)		
2005	SR 240 – Tri-Cities Additional Lanes	\$ 58.2 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2005	(I-182 to Richland Wye – Add Lanes) – Open to Traffic		
2005	(Richland Wye to Columbia Center I/C) – Open to Traffic		(Includes \$4.6 million pre-existing funding)
2005	Add lanes, modify interchange, add roundabout		
2006			
2007	US 12 – Attalia Vicinity – Scheduled Completion	\$ 17.0 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2007	Fall 2007		
2007	Phase 3 – (Four-Laning US Highway 12 – Add Lanes)		
2008	US 12 – Attalia Vicinity to US 730	\$ 0.8 million	IT'S YOUR NICKEL. WATCH IT WORK.
2008	Phase 5 – (Four-laning US Highway 12 – Add Lanes)		
2008	Need for Phase 5 Eliminated		
2009	US 12/SR 124 Intersection	\$ 25.9 million	MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT.
2009	(Four-laning US Highway 12 – Build Interchange)		
Total investment for these projects in the Tri-Cities area:		\$ 185.2 million	

SR 240 – Tri-Cities Additional Lanes



SR 240 – Tri-Cities Additional Lanes Projects	Estimated Cost	Project Status
SR 240 / Stevens Drive to I-182	\$4.5 million	Completed 2001
SR 240 / Yakima River Bridge at Richland	\$23.0 million	Completed 2005
SR 240 / I-182 to Richland Wye	\$15.0 million (Includes \$3.3 million pre-existing funding)	Open to Traffic June 7, 2007
SR 240 / Richland Wye to Columbia Center Interchange	\$43.2 million (Includes \$1.3 million pre-existing funding)	Open to Traffic June 7, 2007

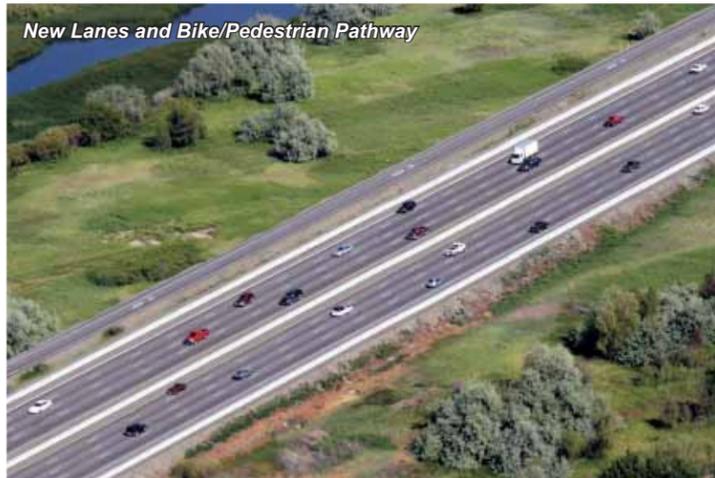
Why add lanes to SR 240?

This project constructed additional lanes on SR 240 between Richland and Kennewick, linking Interstate 182 with the US Department of Energy’s Hanford site, the Columbia Center commercial areas, and east Kennewick’s industrial zones. The project will save travel time for auto and vanpool commuters and expand the bicycle corridor.

SR 240 is a vital commuting route for the Tri-Cities area that experiences heavy traffic volumes. The roadway currently carries 54,000 commuters every day and is projected to reach about 110,000 by 2025. This project added lanes in each direction on SR 240 between George Washington Way Interchange and Columbia Center Boulevard, with an additional auxiliary lane in each direction from I-182 to the Richland Wye.

What else has been done?

The first phase of this project constructed additional lanes from Stevens Drive to I-182. These new lanes opened to traffic in October 2001. Construction of two new bridges on SR 240 crossing the Yakima River began in early summer 2003. These bridges were complete in fall 2005. Construction on the rest of this corridor has been completed, including a wider ramp and new roundabout at the Richland Wye Interchange.



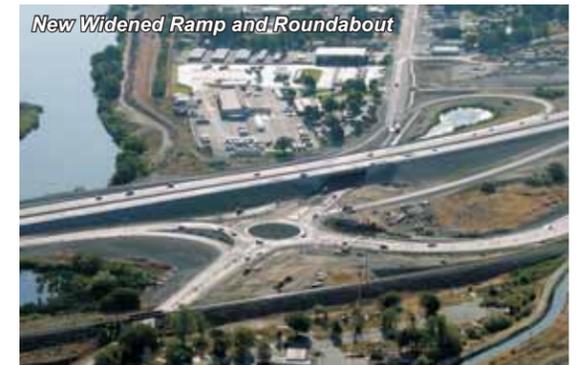
SR 240 Between Yakima River Bridge and Richland Wye



SR 240 Yakima River Bridge



SR 240 Richland Wye



Purpose

Improve safety, decrease congestion, enhance economic vitality, and facilitate alternate modes of transportation.

Project Description

An earlier project constructed two new four-lane bridges over the Yakima River, replacing the deficient four-lane SR 240 Yakima River Bridge. These bridges allowed the expansion of SR 240 to three lanes each way from I-182 to Columbia Center Boulevard, with a fourth auxiliary lane from I-182 to the Richland Wye. In addition to the new freeway lanes, this project improved interchanges with wider ramps and a new roundabout at the Richland Wye.

Environmental Features

- Shoreline erosion control plantings
- Backwater wetlands
- Ditch plantings for habitat enhancements
- Bridge for flood plain enhancement and wildlife passage
- Steep slopes and retaining walls to minimize wetland impact
- Wildlife fencing
- Wildlife crossing under SR 240

Additional Project Features

This project lengthened a bike/pedestrian path providing an improved connection to the Tri-Cities area trail system.

For More Information

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