



WSDOT consulted with the City of Yakima, Yakima County and the Yakima Greenway path officials during the design phase of this project.

US 12 – Yakima – 40th Avenue Interchange Improvements



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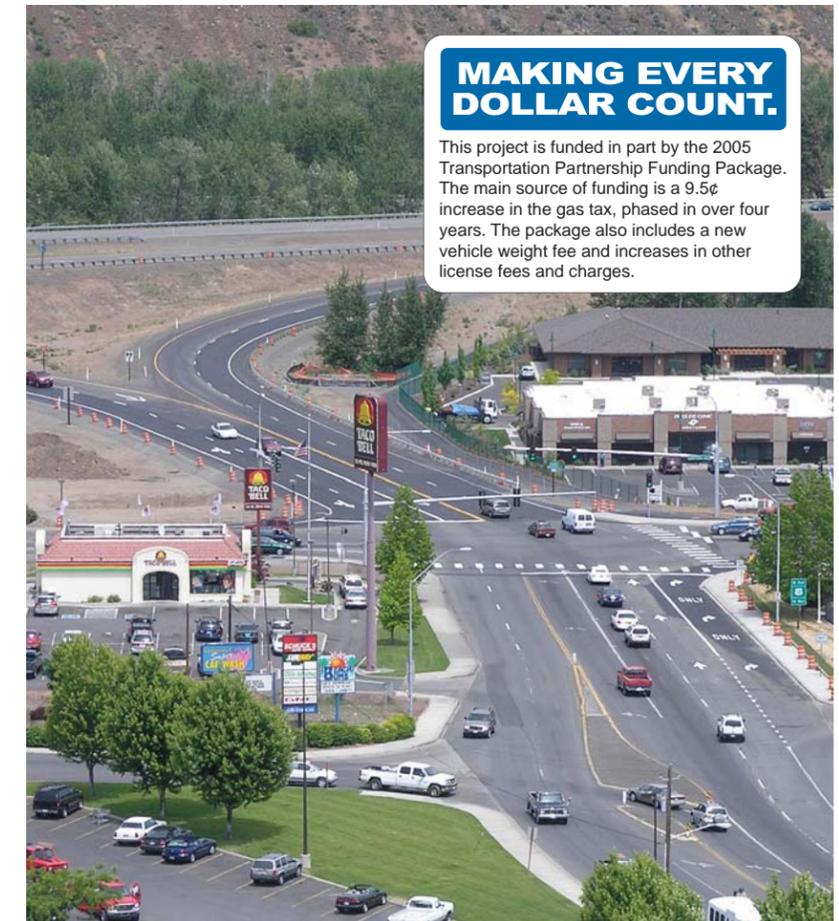
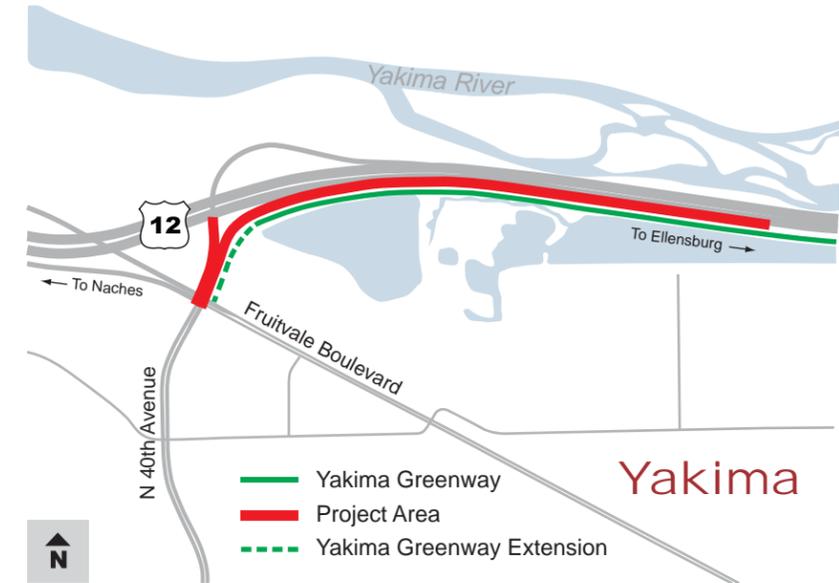
Project Purpose
 In the past, this interchange has experienced long traffic delays and heavy congestion during peak travel hours resulting in accidents and substantial backups. This project will reduce congestion and increase traffic flow providing a safer and more efficient driving condition for the public.

Project Description
 Before construction, the intersection on 40th Avenue was restricted to a single through lane to the US 12 eastbound on-ramp. Also, there was no dedicated left-turn lane from the US 12 westbound off-ramp onto Fruitvale Boulevard resulting in inefficient traffic signal operations. This project added a second lane to northbound 40th Avenue and the US 12 eastbound on-ramp. It also added a new left-turn lane for the westbound off-ramp onto Fruitvale Boulevard. Modified traffic signal phasing will allow traffic to move more efficiently through the intersection. The Yakima Greenway path, a local bike and pedestrian pathway, has been connected to the existing city street and sidewalk system.

- Project Benefits**
- **Safety.** This project will improve traffic flow and reduce accidents related to congestion.
 - **Economic Vitality.** Heavy rush-hour congestion and limited access has discouraged industrial and commercial development. The increased capacity and improved traffic flow will encourage economic growth and development for Yakima.
 - **Congestion Relief.** These improvements create a smoother traffic flow, help reduce congestion and lengthy vehicle backups, and provide better access on and off US 12.
 - **Health/Environment.** The Yakima Greenway path, a local bike and pedestrian pathway has been connected to the existing city street and sidewalk system which creates safer access to transit, businesses and recreational areas.

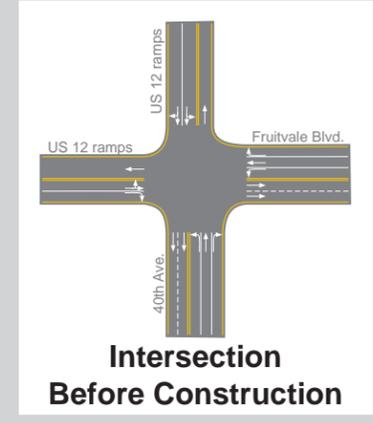
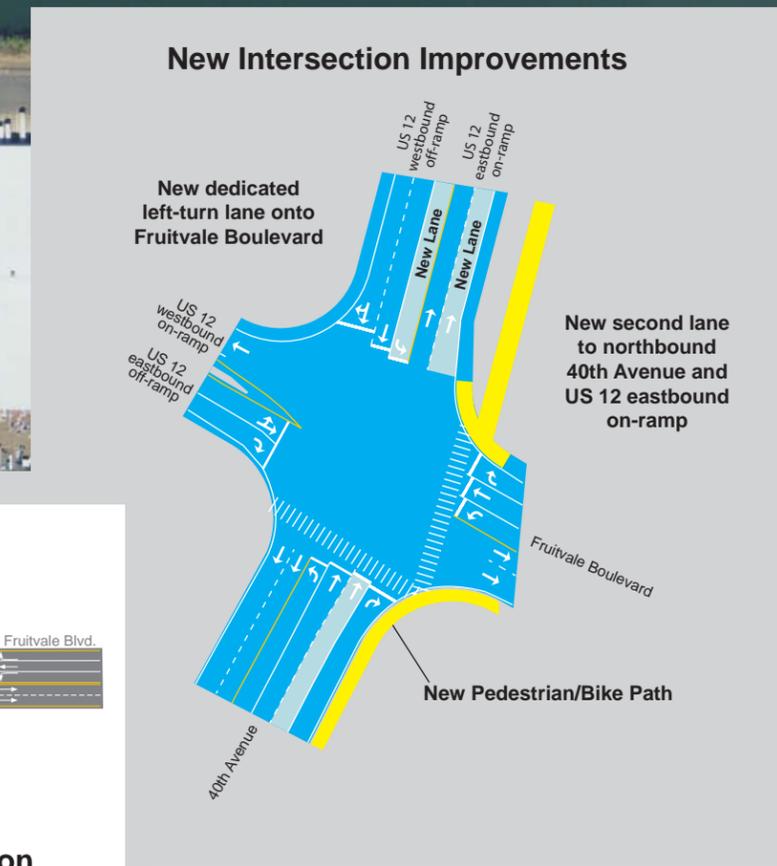
Project Cost Estimate
 \$2.1 million
(Includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs)

Construction Timeline
 Scheduled Start: March 2007
 Scheduled Completion: October 2007
 Actual Completion: May 2007
AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



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 This project is funded in part by the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package. The main source of funding is a 9.5¢ increase in the gas tax, phased in over four years. The package also includes a new vehicle weight fee and increases in other license fees and charges.

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