

Traffic Improvements

For more than a decade, **stop-and-go traffic on SR 202 frustrated drivers** and was only expected to get worse with more housing and population growth on the Sammamish Plateau.



SR 202 was one lane in each direction. Sahalee Way was one of just a handful of ways off the Sammamish Plateau to Eastside job centers and shopping.

The road was maxed out as far back as 1998 as nearly 3,900 cars crawled westbound on SR 202 during the three-hour morning commute time. Backups stretched for miles.

Each weekday, up to 45,000 cars travel the highway.

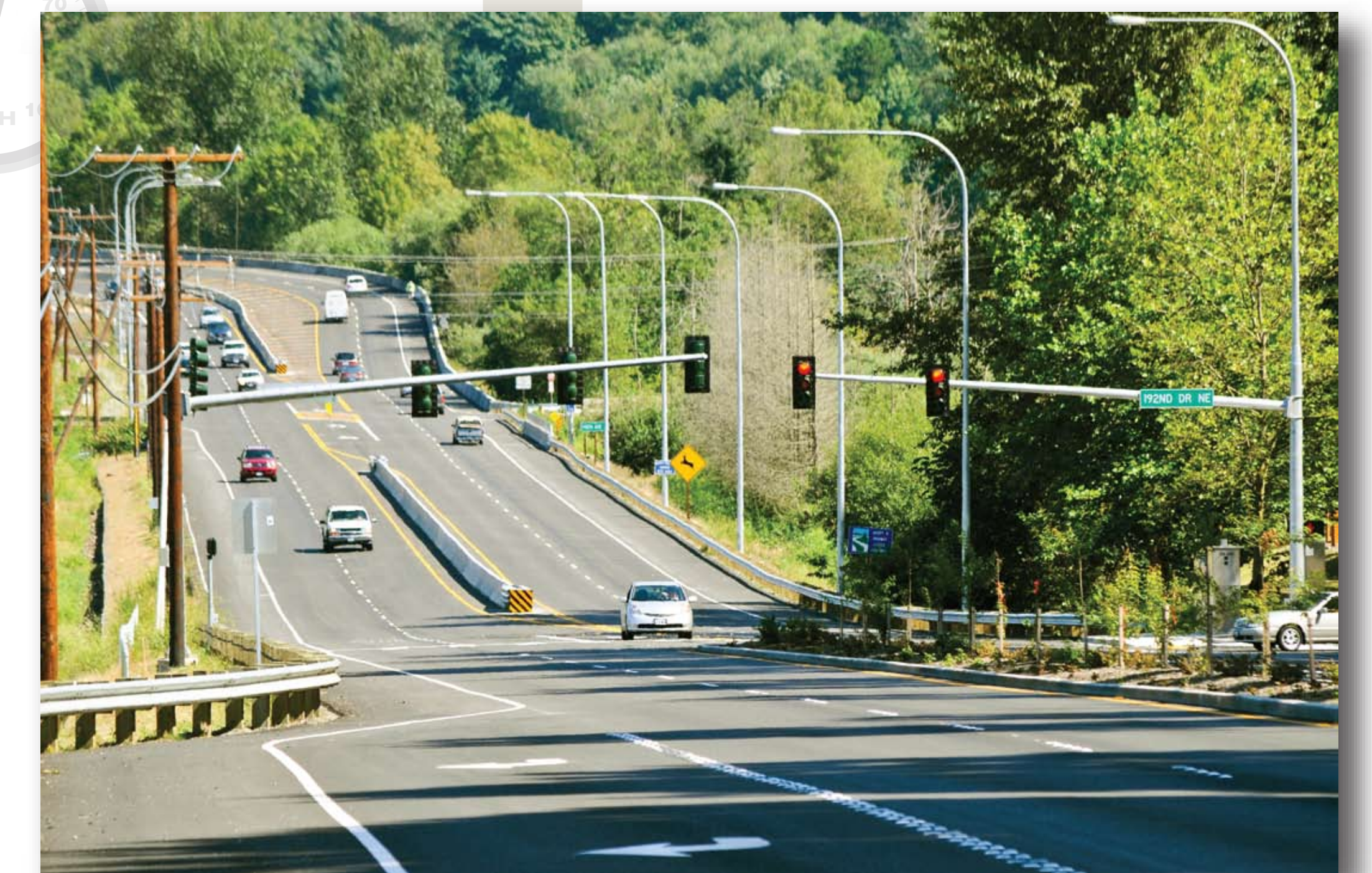


WSDOT opened another lane in each direction this spring to give drivers a faster, more predictable morning commute.

As expected, **we're moving more cars and people** through the corridor.

The additional westbound lane is **saving people time** and carrying nearly 500 more cars per hour – a 35 percent increase since 2001 – during the morning commute at East Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Drivers can make it to Redmond in three minutes or less when traveling before 7:30 a.m. on weekday mornings. Between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on weekdays, it can take an average of nine minutes to get to Redmond.



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**SR 202 – SR 520
to Sahalee Widening**