



I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East

Hyak to Easton Corridor Project

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I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Corridor Program

I-90 is a critical link connecting the large population and business centers of Puget Sound with the agricultural industries and recreational activities of eastern Washington. To ensure the continued availability and reliability of this important statewide corridor, WSDOT has started construction on the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project (I-90 Project), a 15-mile corridor improvement program that begins at Hyak (milepost 55.2) and ends near Easton (milepost 70.3).

The 2005 Transportation Partnership Account provided funding for WSDOT to design and construct approximately five miles of I-90 between Hyak and Resort Creek near Keechelus Dam. Current funding for the project is \$551.4 million.



Crews place girders for temporary bridges over Gold Creek during Phase 1A.

Construction on I-90 Snoqualmie Pass is underway

Due to the complexity of this project, WSDOT divided construction into three contracts. WSDOT started and completed the first construction contract (Phase 1A) in 2009, two years ahead of schedule.

In 2010, WSDOT and contractor crews started construction on Phase 1B, which improves the first three miles from Hyak (milepost 55.2) to the Lake Keechelus Snowshed (milepost 58.1). Contractor crews started work to add a new lane in each direction, replace the deteriorating concrete pavement of existing lanes, add and replace bridges and culverts, stabilize rock slopes, extend chain-up/off areas, and add illumination, traffic cameras, and variable message signs. This work is scheduled to be complete in 2013.

In 2011, WSDOT and crews will start construction on Phase 1C, which improves the remaining two project miles from the Lake Keechelus Snowshed to Resort Creek near Keechelus Dam (milepost 60.2). This work includes continuing to add a new lane in each direction, replacing the existing deteriorated concrete pavement, replacing the snowshed, stabilizing rock slopes, and replacing bridges and culverts. WSDOT plans to close the roadway nightly to perform controlled rock blasting and to place girders. This work is scheduled to be completed by 2017.

WSDOT's commitment to keep traffic moving across Snoqualmie Pass during construction

As one of Washington state's most critical transportation corridors, the uninterrupted movement of freight and passenger vehicles across I-90 Snoqualmie Pass is essential to our economy. WSDOT is committed to keep Washington moving across I-90 Snoqualmie Pass by maintaining two travel lanes in each direction during peak daytime travel hours through the construction zone. Drivers may experience single-lane closures during nighttime hours or as needed to perform critical daytime activities.

