



## Project features

- Four miles of 6-lane highway between Puyallup and Interstate 5 (2 general purpose and 1 transit/carpool in each direction)
- Two miles of 4-lane highway between SR 509 and Interstate 5 (2 general purpose in each direction)
- Interchanges at SR 161 (N. Meridian), Valley Ave. E, Interstate 5, 54th Ave. E and SR 509
- Two weigh stations
- Two park and ride lots



## Current status

The primary focus of the project is to continue property acquisition. The team is also coordinating with local agencies as they plan for infrastructure upgrades.

Governor Chris Gregoire signed the largest two-year construction budget ever for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on May 13, 2009. Included in the \$7.5 billion transportation budget is \$63.4 million for continued right of way purchasing and the requirement to conduct a tolling feasibility study.

The project has a budget totaling \$159.9 million for design and to purchase right of way. These funds are provided by the following sources:

- 2003 Gas Tax (Nickel funding) - **\$63.3 million**
- 2005 Gas Tax (Partnership funding) - **\$70.0 million (\$63.4 million in '09-'11)**
- Other State Funds - **\$13.1 million**
- Federal Funds - **\$13.0 million**
- Local Funds - **\$484,792**
- Total Funding Available From All Sources - **\$159.9 million**

## Future funding

To build the entire corridor, the project will need approximately \$1.9 billion in additional funds for design, right of way and construction. Current funding will allow us to purchase approximately 50 percent of the corridor and continue design through June 2011.

Although the signing of the 2009-2011 transportation budget on May 13, 2009 provided \$63.4 million in right of way funding for the project, there is no construction funding at this time. Until additional funding is identified, construction dates will remain undetermined.

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## Completing a vital Pierce County freeway to keep people and freight moving

State Route 167 is the primary freeway connecting the Kent and Puyallup River valleys to the Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue metropolitan area. The highway's original planned route ran from Renton to Tacoma, but construction halted near Puyallup in the 1980s as engineers worked from north to south with available money. The SR 167 Extension is a critical missing link in the state's highway network. Its completion is expected to improve safety and reduce congestion along local roads and freeways in the surrounding area.

To provide this missing piece of the highway system, WSDOT is designing an extension to the existing SR 167 from SR 161 in Puyallup to Interstate 5 in Tacoma, with a connection to SR 509 near the Port of Tacoma. The new six-mile highway extension, with carpool/transit lanes, park-and-ride lots and weigh stations, will complete the SR 167 corridor from Renton to Tacoma helping to:

- Relieve congestion on local roads and other highways by providing new travel options

- Move freight faster, more safely and more economically
- Improve regional mobility
- Enhance surface water quality and improve stream habitat feeding into Commencement Bay

Governor Chris Gregoire signed the \$7.5 billion transportation budget for the 2009-2011 biennium on May 13, 2009. In this budget there is \$63.4 million directly allocated to continued right of way purchasing along the SR 167 Extension project corridor.

WSDOT will continue to purchase property along the corridor until current funding is exhausted. In addition, designers continue to coordinate with the local jurisdictions to make sure projects being constructed now are consistent with future construction of SR 167. We will also continue to advance the design and try to find ways to further reduce impacts and costs, as well as project complexity.



Increase freight mobility



Enhance stream habitat



Relieve traffic congestion

