



Improving SR 167 Traffic Flow

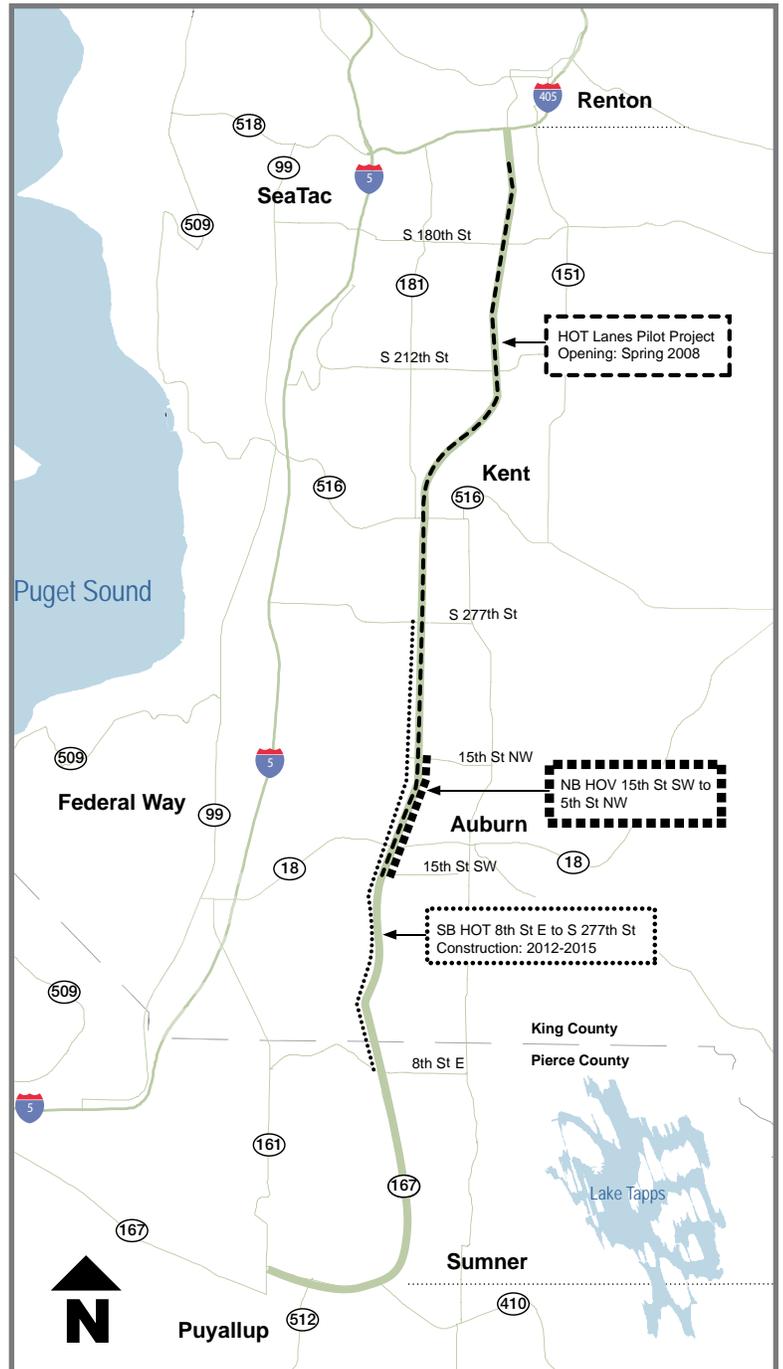
WSDOT is widening southbound SR 167 to build a new seven-mile high occupancy toll (HOT) lane from Kent to near the King/Pierce County line. This lane will give commuters a new option and help relieve SR 167 congestion, particularly for people heading south during the afternoon rush hour. This project will complete a continuous southbound HOT lane from I-405 to near the King/Pierce County line and improve safety and travel times.

How will I benefit from the project?

- Toll-free trips for carpools and transit. Carpools, vanpools, buses and motorcycles may continue to use the lane toll-free when it opens, like they use the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane today.
- Faster, reliable travel. HOT lanes are designed to keep transit on schedule and are expected to maintain highway speeds, even when the other lanes are congested.
- Increased roadway efficiency. Encouraging transit and carpool use and allowing solo drivers to use the HOT lanes when there is space available allows SR 167 to carry more people and more vehicles every day.
- Safety. New guardrail, barrier, lighting and pavement markings will improve safety for all drivers.
- Environment. Crews will build stormwater facilities to collect and filter roadway runoff before it is slowly released into area streams and wetlands, improving water quality for salmon and other wildlife.

What is the project schedule?

Environmental and engineering teams are currently designing the project. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2009.



The 8th to 277th Southbound HOT Lane and adjacent SR 167 projects.

What is the project cost?

\$85 million – Estimated project cost.

How is the project funded?

\$80 million – Funded by the 2005 Transportation Partnership Account.

\$1.52 million – Funded by 2003 Gas Tax (Nickel Funding).

\$3.48 million – Currently unfunded.

Expanding HOV and HOT lanes in the Puget Sound

WSDOT is committed to improving safety and traffic flow on our area highways. The new southbound HOT lane from Kent to near the King/Pierce county line is one in a series of HOV and HOT lane projects that will improve commutes along SR 167.

A new northbound HOV lane between 15th Street SW and 15th Street NW is opening in spring 2008 and will complete a continuous northbound HOV lane from the Auburn SuperMall to I-405 in Renton.

The SR 167 HOT Lanes Pilot Project, also opening in spring 2008, will test how traffic flow on SR 167 can be further improved by allowing solo-drivers to pay a fee to use the HOV lanes.



Upcoming SR 167 milestones

- 2008** Fall – Scheduled completion of environmental documentation for 8th to 277th Southbound HOT lane
- 2009** Summer – Acquire right of way
- 2012** Winter – Advertise for contractors to submit bids for work
- 2013** Spring – Construction begins
- 2015** Winter – Project operationally complete

Where can I get more information?

Please visit our project Web page at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/8to277/>

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