

Appendix A

Scoping Outreach and Materials

Agency Scoping:



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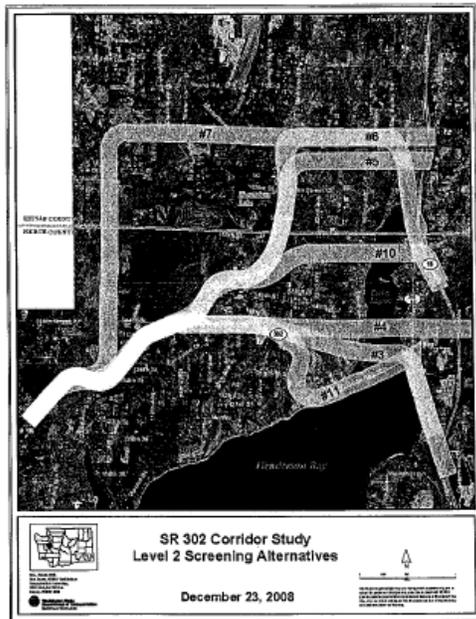


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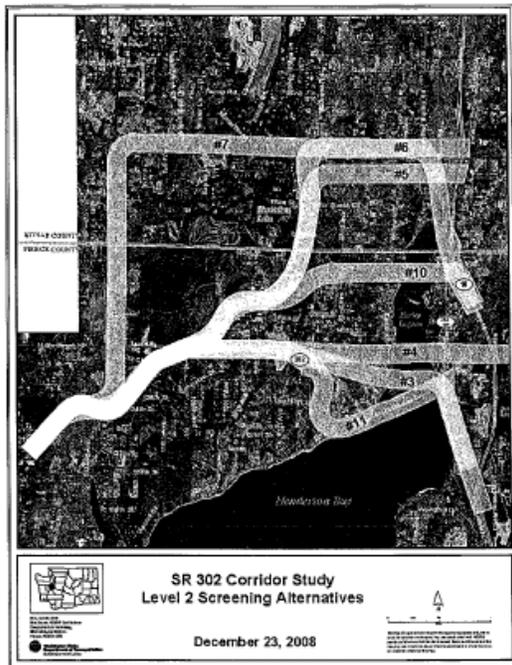


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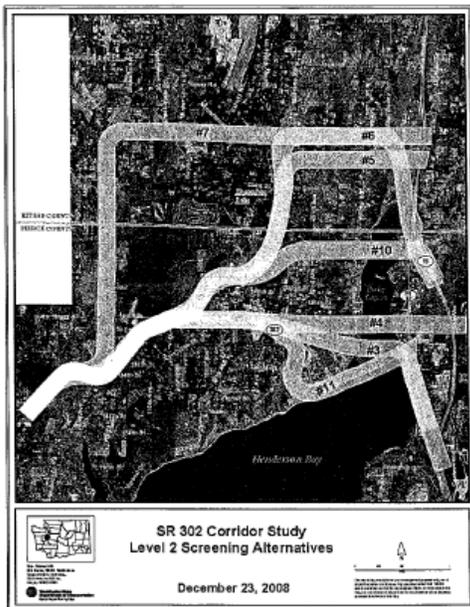


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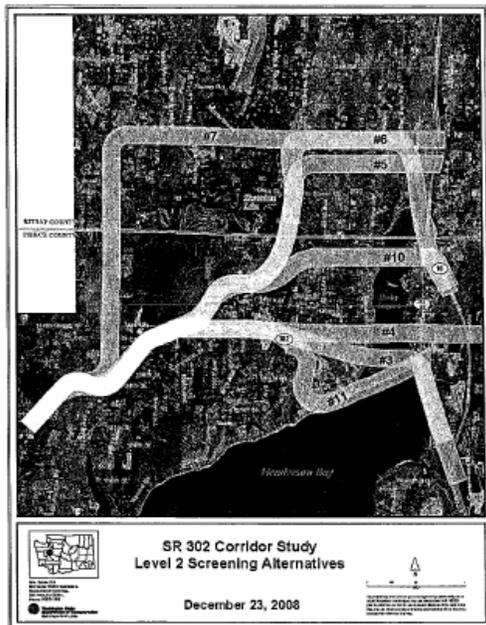


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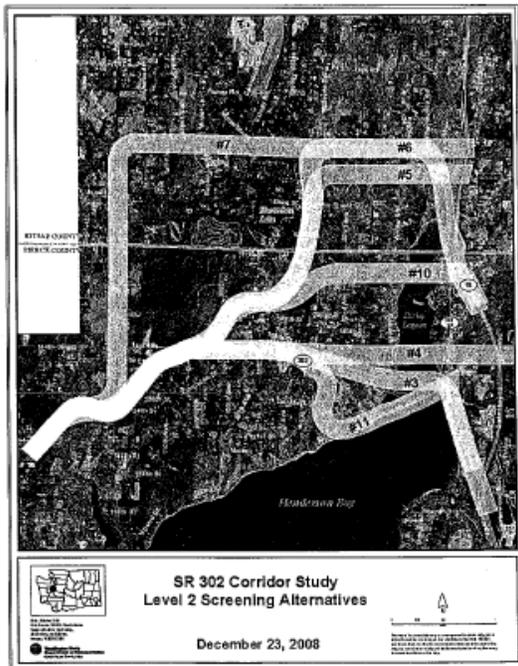


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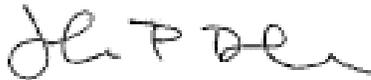
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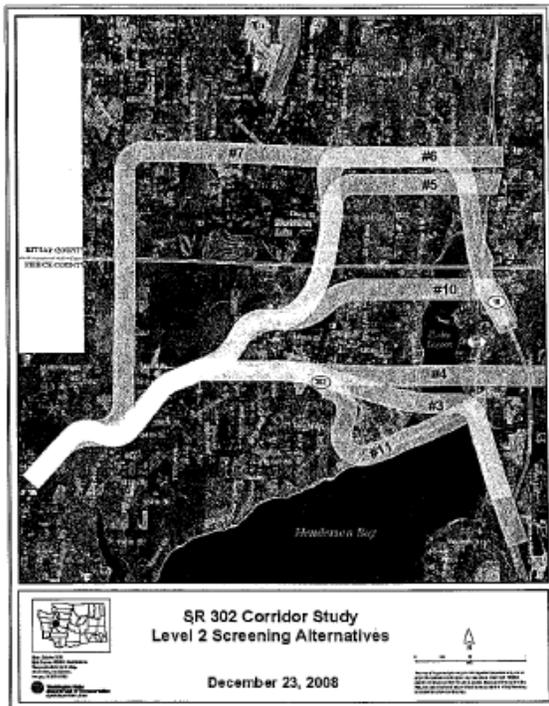


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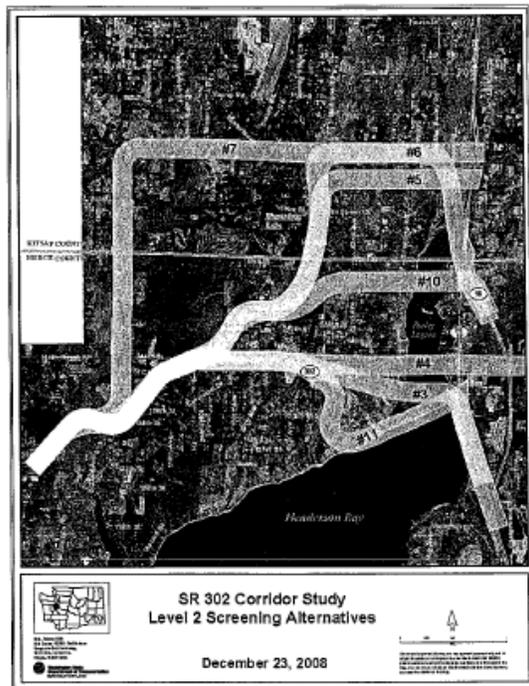


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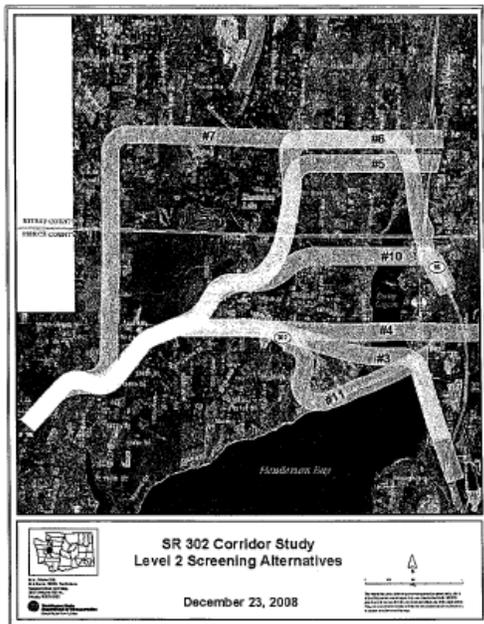


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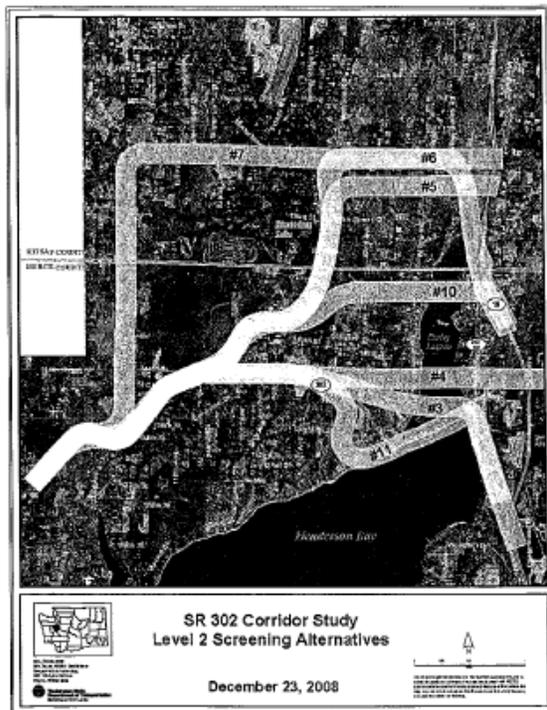


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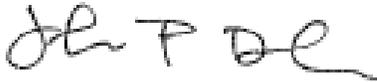
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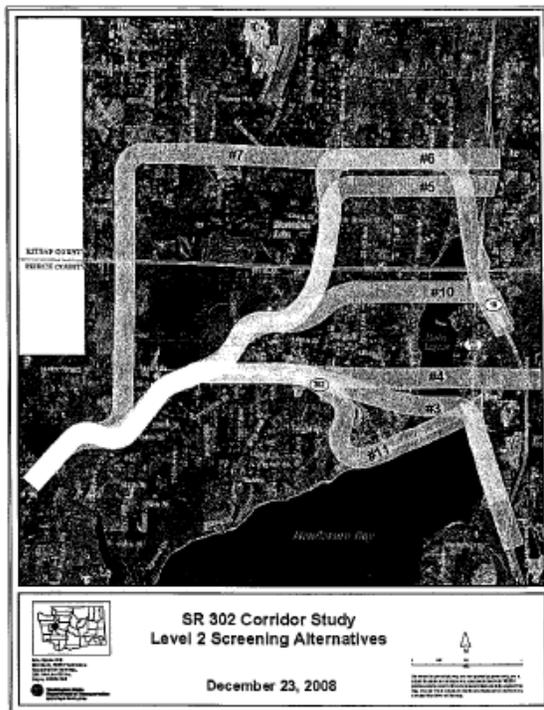


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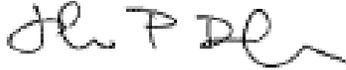
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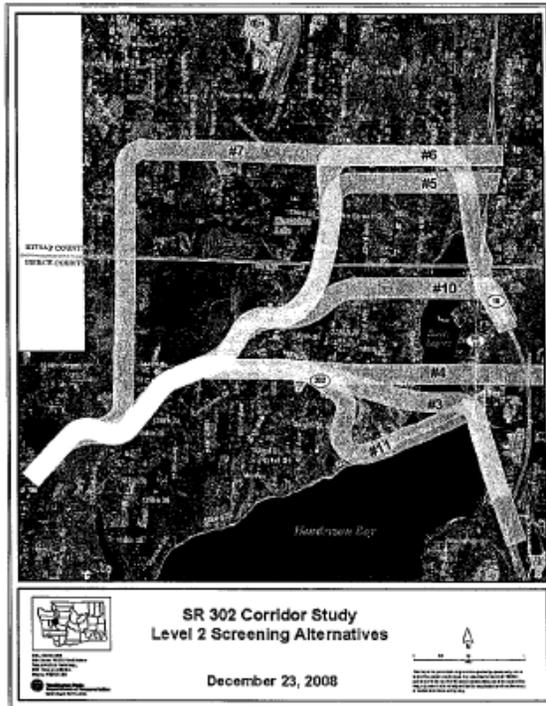


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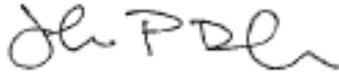
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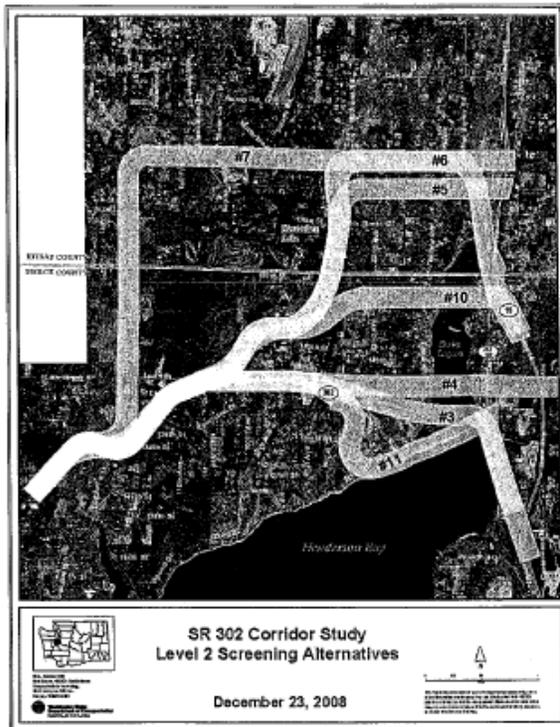


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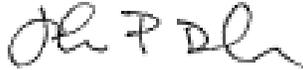
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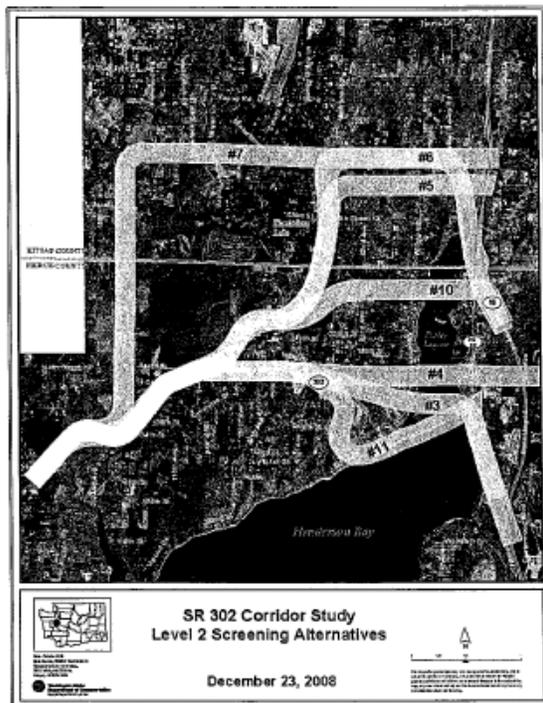


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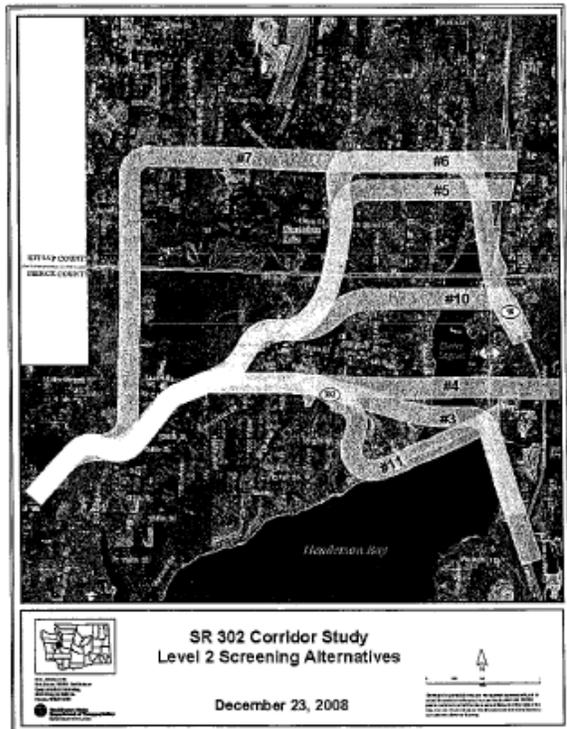


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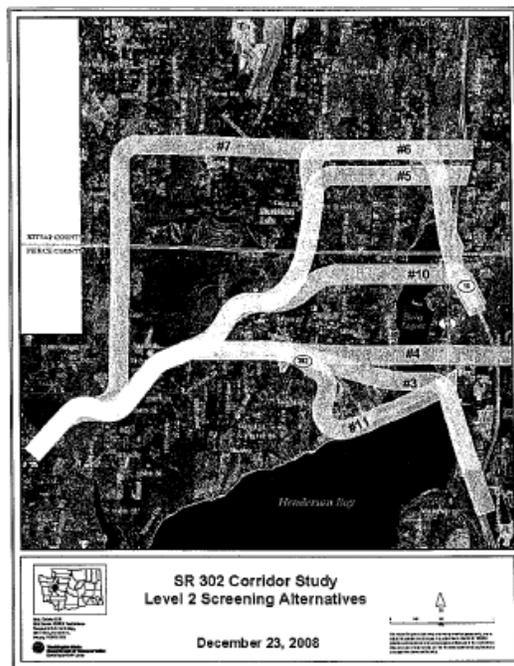


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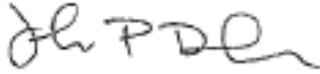
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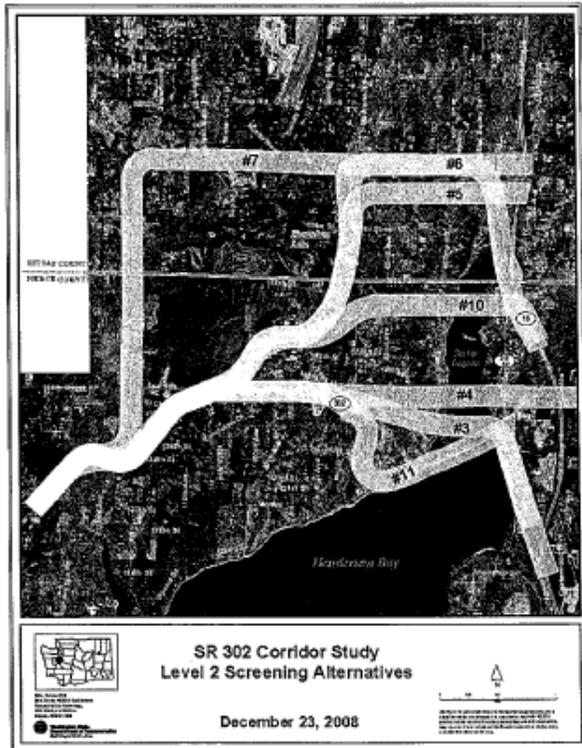


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Pierce County, WA

Agency: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Action: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project on State Route 302 (SR) from Key Peninsula Highway to SR 16 in Pierce County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy L. McAbee, Olympic Region Area Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 711 S. Capital Way, Suite 501, Olympia, Washington 98507, (360) 753-9025, e-mail: wendy.mcabee@dot.gov or contact John F. Dunahue, Project Manager, Washington State Department of Transportation, 5720 Capitol Boulevard, Tumwater, Washington 98501, (360) 357-2788, e-mail: dcauhj@wsdot.wa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with WSDOT, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to address existing and long-term safety and congestion conditions on State Route 302 (SR) corridor from Key Peninsula Highway to SR 16 in Pierce County, Washington. This corridor is approximately 7.8 miles long, and is located between milepost 16.55 and milepost 16.87 on SR 302, and milepost 15.85 and milepost 17.13 on SR 302 Spur.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand and improve connectivity between communities on the Key Peninsula and State Route 16. The proposed project would provide an efficient and functional transportation route along the SR 302 corridor between SR 302 at Key Peninsula Highway and SR 16. The proposed action will also increase the level of safety for travelers.

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To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12072 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: December 23, 2008.

Wendy McAbee,

Area Engineer, Washington Division, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Argonaut Insurance Company

Agency: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

Action: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 6 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2008 Revision, published July 1, 2008, at 73 FR 37644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued under 31 U.S.C. 9305 to the following company:

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Certificates of Authority expire on June 30th each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (see 31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1st in the Circular, which outlines details as to the underwriting limitations, areas in which companies are licensed to transact surety business, and other information.

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Agency Scoping Presentation Materials:

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Study Area

- SR 302 Route – from SR 3 Mason County to SR 16 in Pierce County
- SR 302 Study – from Elgin Clifton Rd to SR 16 in Pierce/Kitsap County



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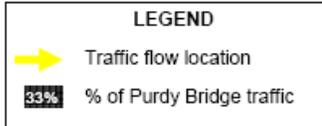
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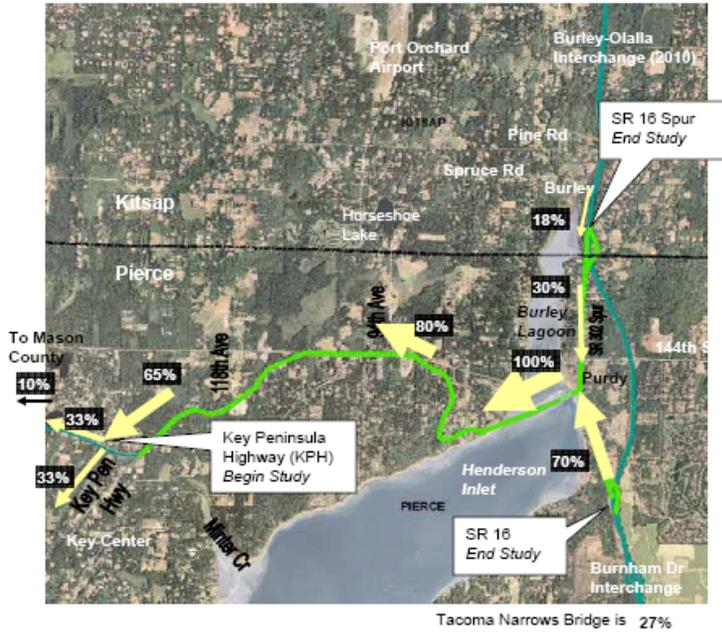
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An Analysis of Origins and Destinations at Purdy Bridge



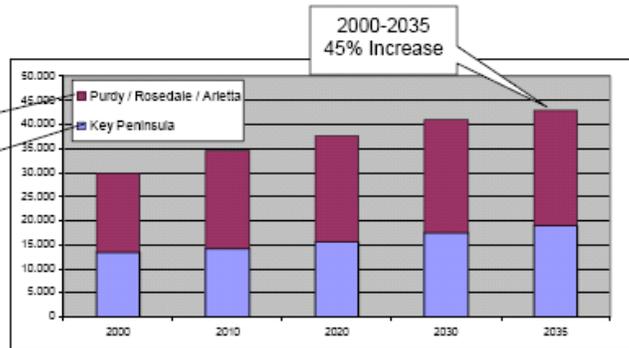
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- split 50/50 west/south at KPH
- 2/3 of trips have destinations west and south of the KPH intersection
- About 1/10 of trips are based in Mason County

Source: SR 302 Corridor Travel Model



Study Background Population Growth

The population will continue to increase in the area served by SR 302



PSRC Population Estimates
2000 - 2035

Source: PSRC - 2006 Forecasts of Population, Households, and Employment

Note: The most recent (2007) PSRC estimates in these FAZ 's already exceed 2010 forecast.

Study Background Level of Service (LOS)



Source: PSRC – Adopted LOS Standards for non-NHS Regionally Significant Highways (October 30, 2003)

HCM Class I – arterial carrying daily commute trips (HCM Chap 12)

Along the Highway LOS is based on :
% time spent following and avg. travel speed

LOS	PTSF	ATS
A	< 35	> 55
B	35 - 50	50 - 55
C	50 - 65	45 - 50
D	65 - 80	40 - 45
E	> 80	< 40

At Intersections the LOS is based on :
Average delay to vehicles

LOS	Delay (s)
A	< 10
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C	20 - 35
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- Improve safety
- Level of service
- Reduce travel time
- Accommodate non-motorized

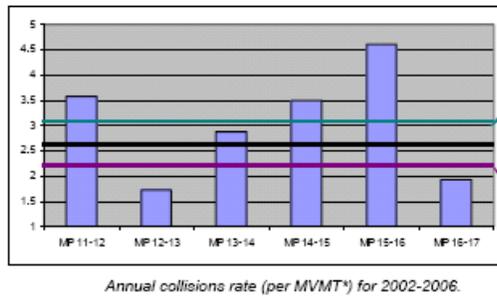
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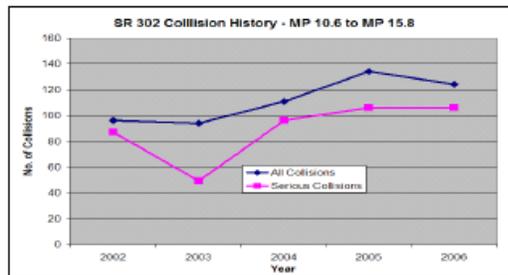
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- Reduced shoulder widths restrict their usefulness



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Statewide Average (2006)

SR 302 - Average for entire route (MP 0.00 to MP 16.87)



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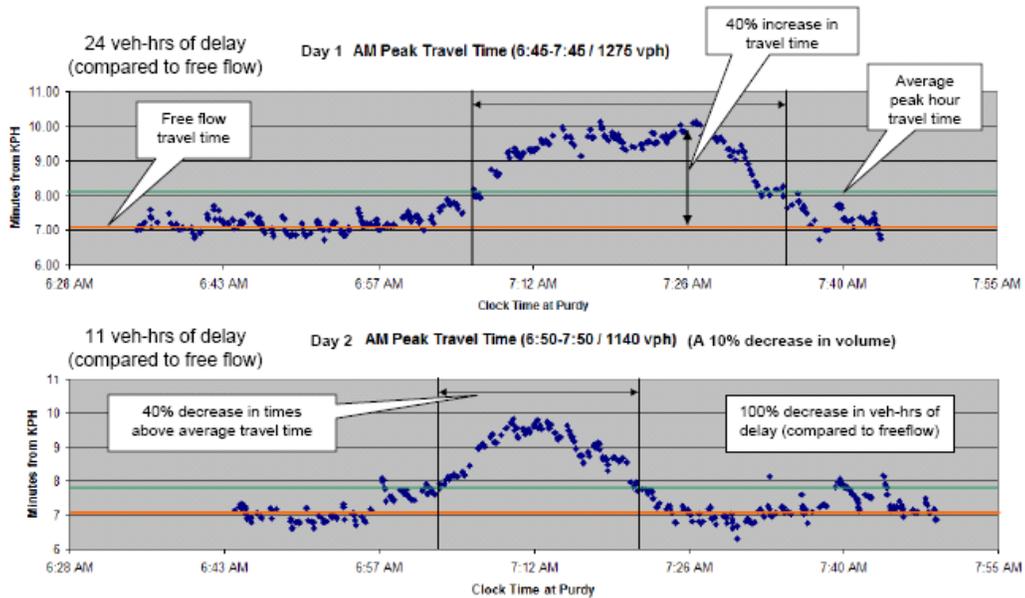
Serious collisions include injury and fatal only

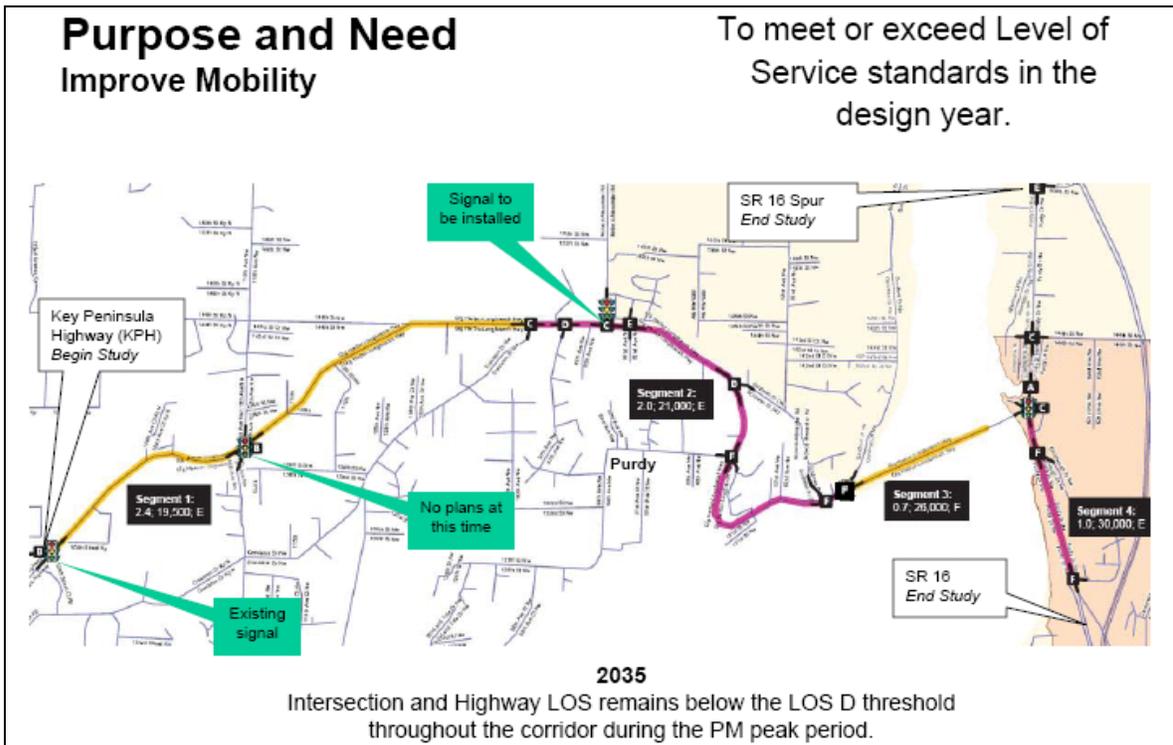
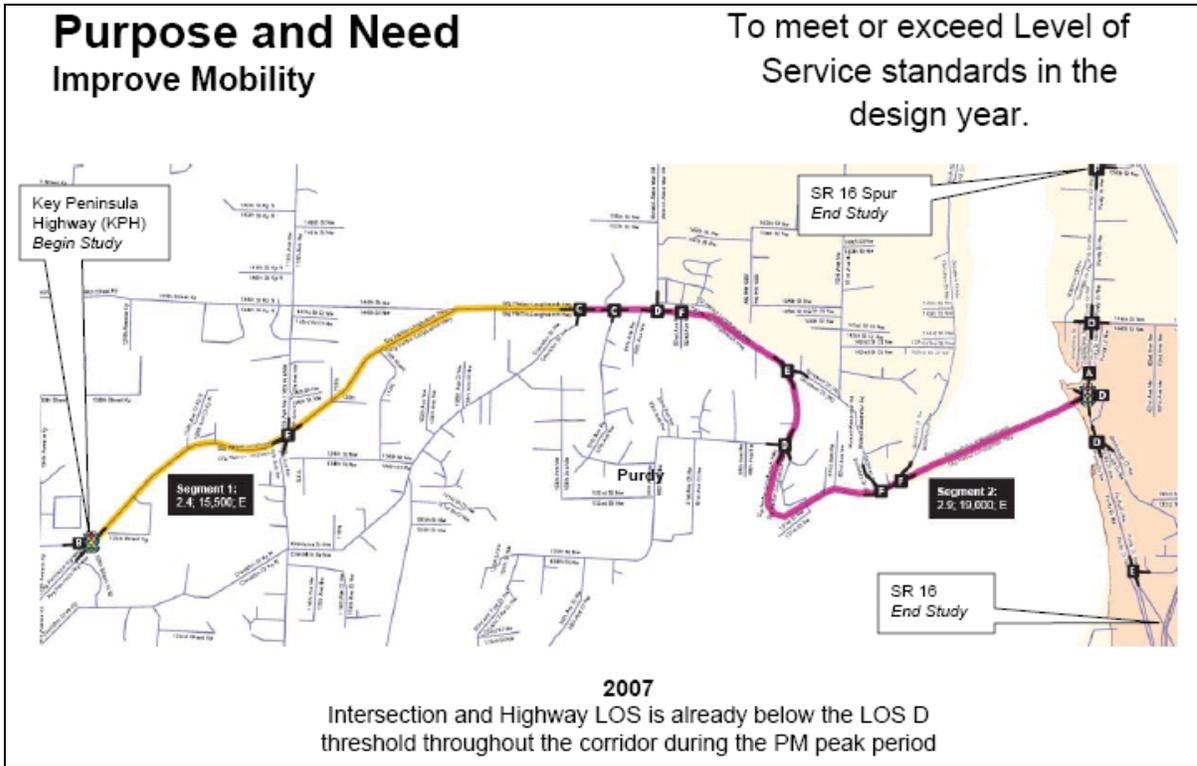
*million vehicles miles traveled

Purpose and Need

Improve Mobility

To improve peak hour travel time





Range of Alternatives

Alternatives Development / Public Involvement

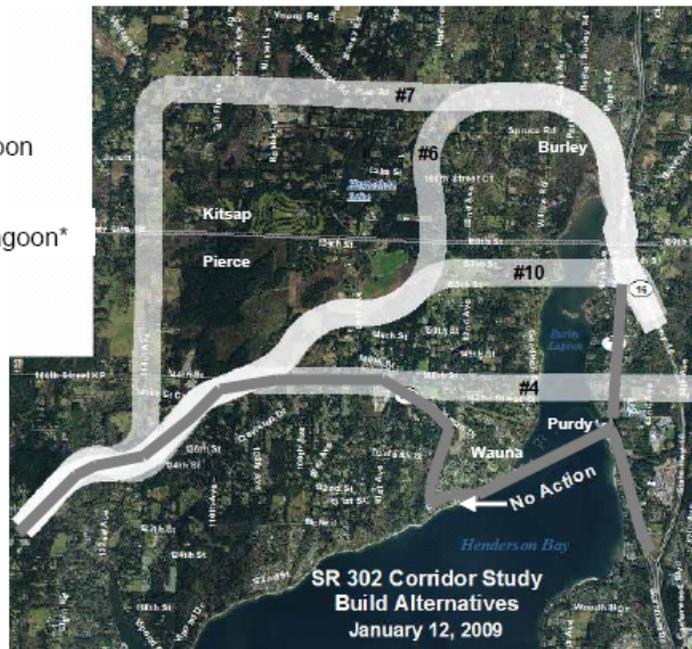
Date	Activity	Meeting Purpose
September 25, 2007	Public meeting on study goals and community concerns	To develop/verify the broad range of alternatives
December 4 and 6, 2007	Public meeting on alternatives and environment	Feedback on alternatives, purpose and need
February 19, 2008	Discussion about logical termini rationale with FHWA	To confirm logical termini at Key Pen Hwy and SR 16
September 26, 2008	WSDOT Level 1 screening	To weight criteria and score alternatives
October 20, 2008 (Level 1) December 9, 2008 (Level 2)	Advisory Committee Level 1 & Level 2 screening criteria	To provide weighting for criteria as part of analysis
October 27 and 29, 2008	Review results from Level 1 alternative screening	To provide input/confirm Level 1 decision
January 7, 2009	WSDOT Level 2 screening	To weight criteria and score alternatives

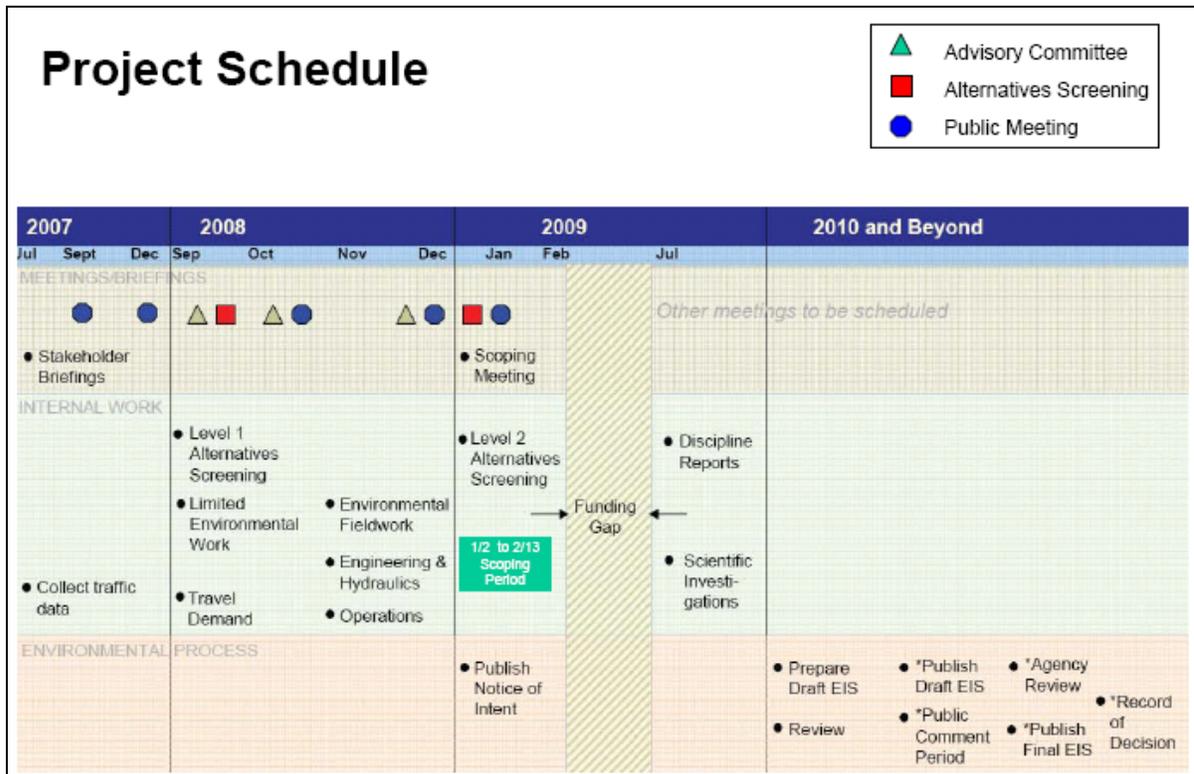
Range of Alternatives

Location and Description

- Alt 4 (Bridge)
Direct route across Burley Lagoon
- Alt 10 (Bridge)
Shortest span across Burley Lagoon*
- Alt 6 (Land)
New route through Burley
- Alt 7 (Land)
Existing county roads
- No Action
Use existing route throughout

*Besides existing bridge





- ## Environmental Issues
- Archeology/Cultural
 - Section 4(f)
 - Agriculture/Land Use
 - Relocation/Social/Environmental Justice
 - Wetlands/Wildlife/Terrestrial Habitat
 - Fish/Surface Water/Aquatic Habitat
 - Traffic
 - Community Input

Historical/Cultural



Environmental Issues Parks

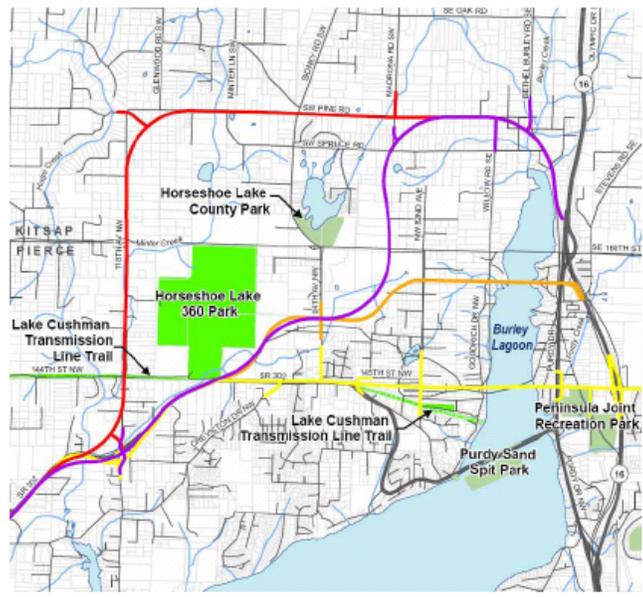
Potential Impacts

4(f) Resource	4	6	7	10
Horseshoe Lake	No	No	No	No
Purdy Spit Park	No	No	No	No
Peninsula Recreation	R/W	No	No	No
Lake Cushman Trl*	R/W	No	No	No
Horseshoe 360*	No	R/W	No	R/W

* Potential resources

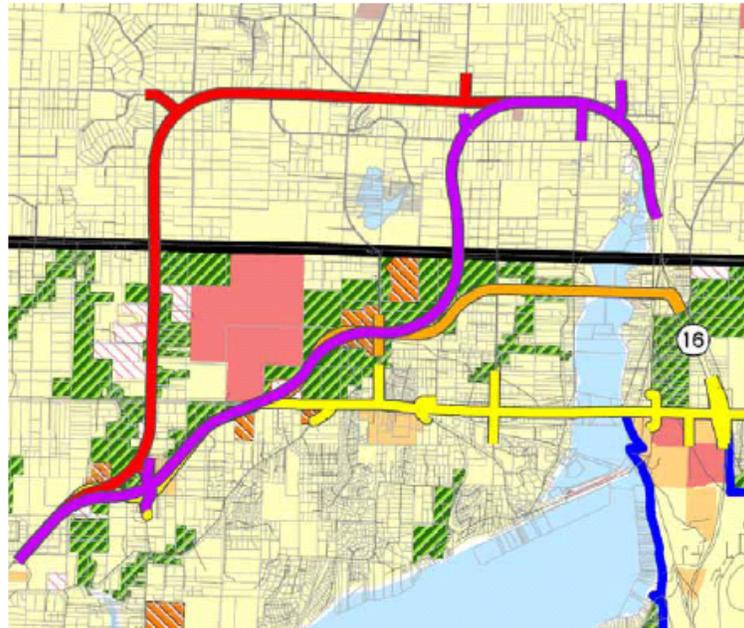
Legend

- Proposed Park
- Existing Park
- County
- Road
- Highway
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 6
- Alternative 7
- Alternative 10



Environmental Issues Land Use

- █ Alternative 4
- █ Alternative 6
- █ Alternative 7
- █ Alternative 10
- Commercial
- Residential
- Industrial
- Public Institutional
- Agriculture
- Rural Farm
- Rural Sensitive Resource
- Agriculture Resource Land
- No Zoning
- Parcel
- Gig Harbor City Limits
- Gig Harbor UGA
- Street
- Water Body



Environmental Issues Land Use

Rank by estimated acres impacted*

	Agriculture	Commercial	Public	Rural Farm	Rural Sensitive	Residential	Alternative Avg. < 2.4*
Alternative 4	1	4	4	2	1	3	
Alternative 6	4	3	1	4	3	2	
Alternative 7	3	1	1	1	2	4	☑
Alternative 10	2	3	1	3	4	1	☑

Rank by estimated acres impacted*

	Avg Rank	Total Area
Alternative 4	3	3
Alternative 6	4	2
Alternative 7	1	4
Alternative 10	2	1

* 2.4 is the average rank

Environmental Issues

Social

Relocations*

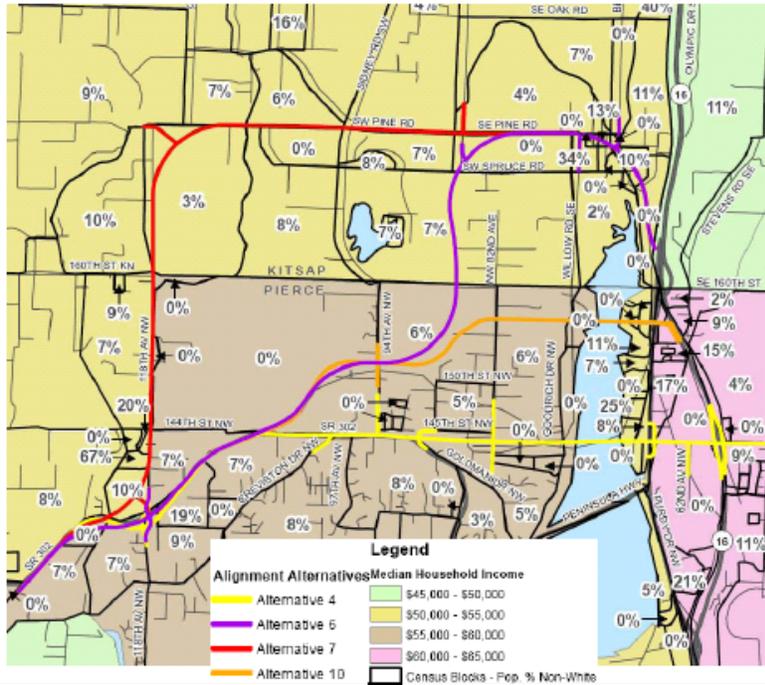
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Income**

Est. Income by Tract	< 55K	> 55K
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* 30 is average alt. estimate

**55K is weighted avg. estimate

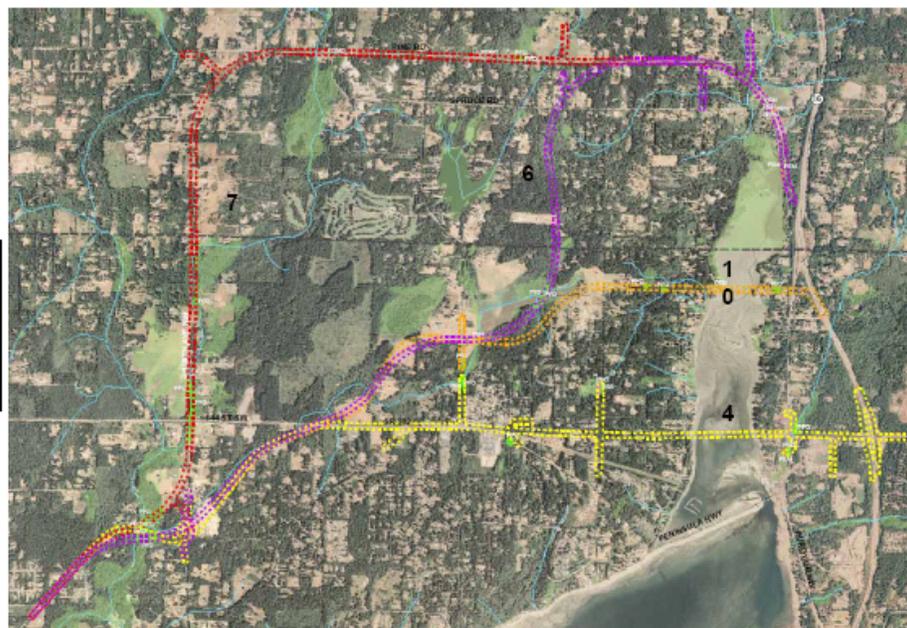


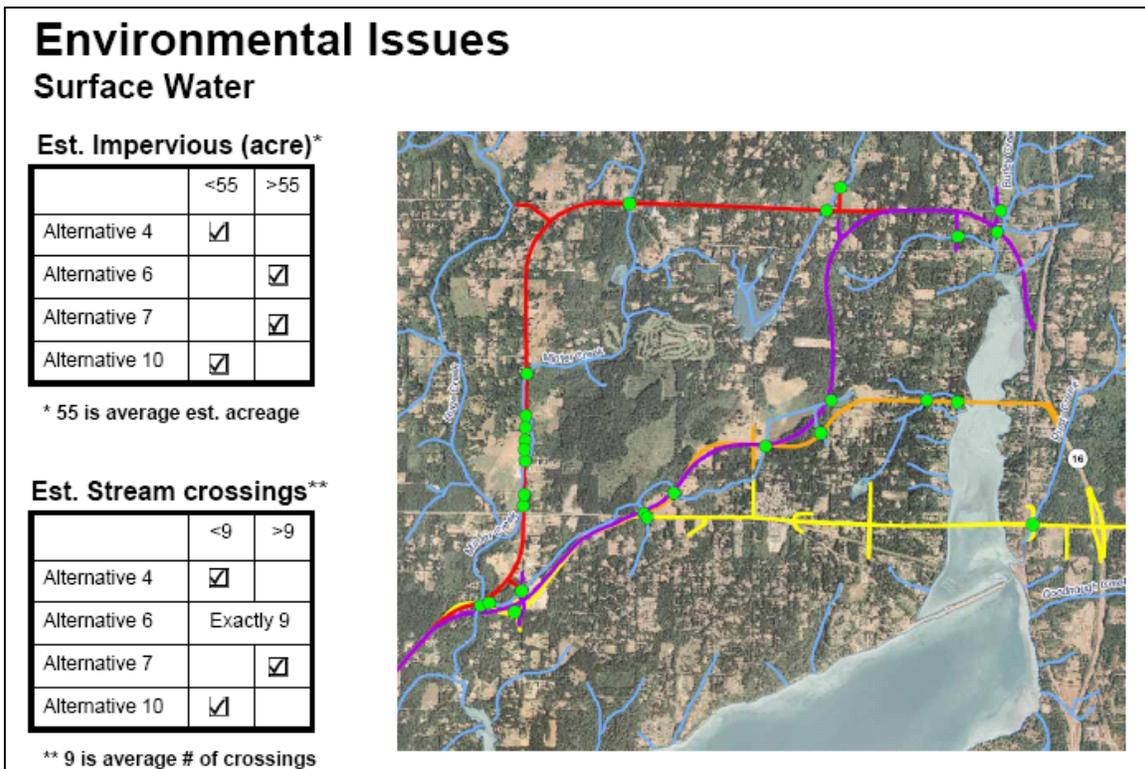
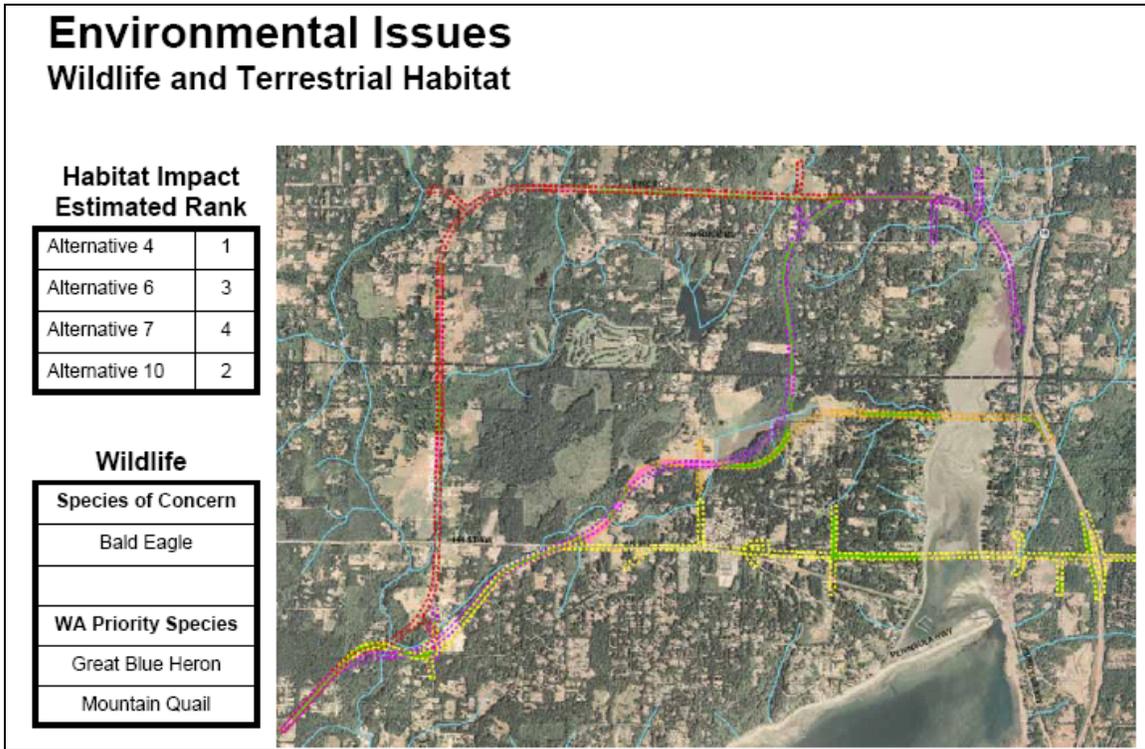
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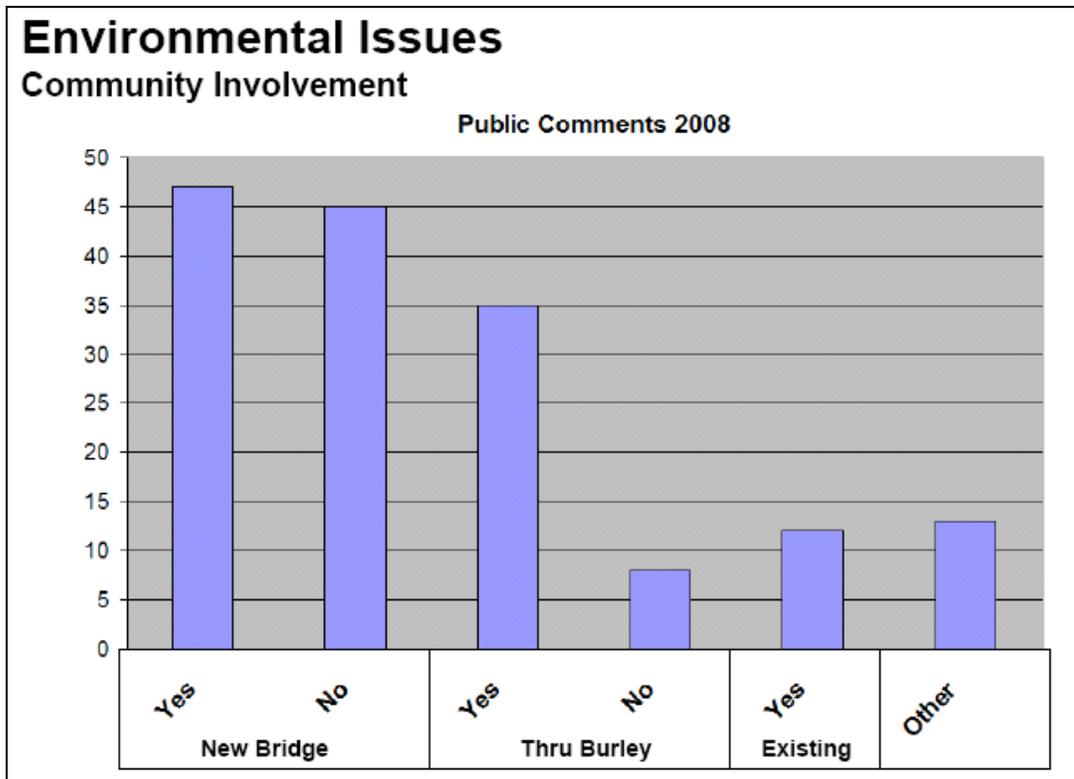
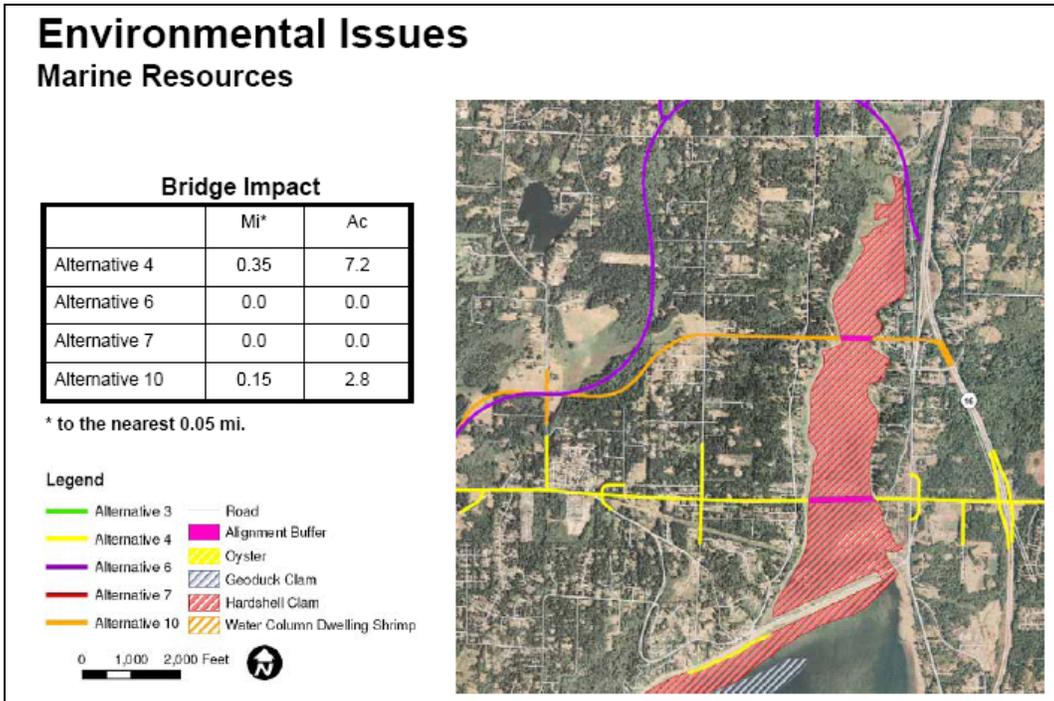
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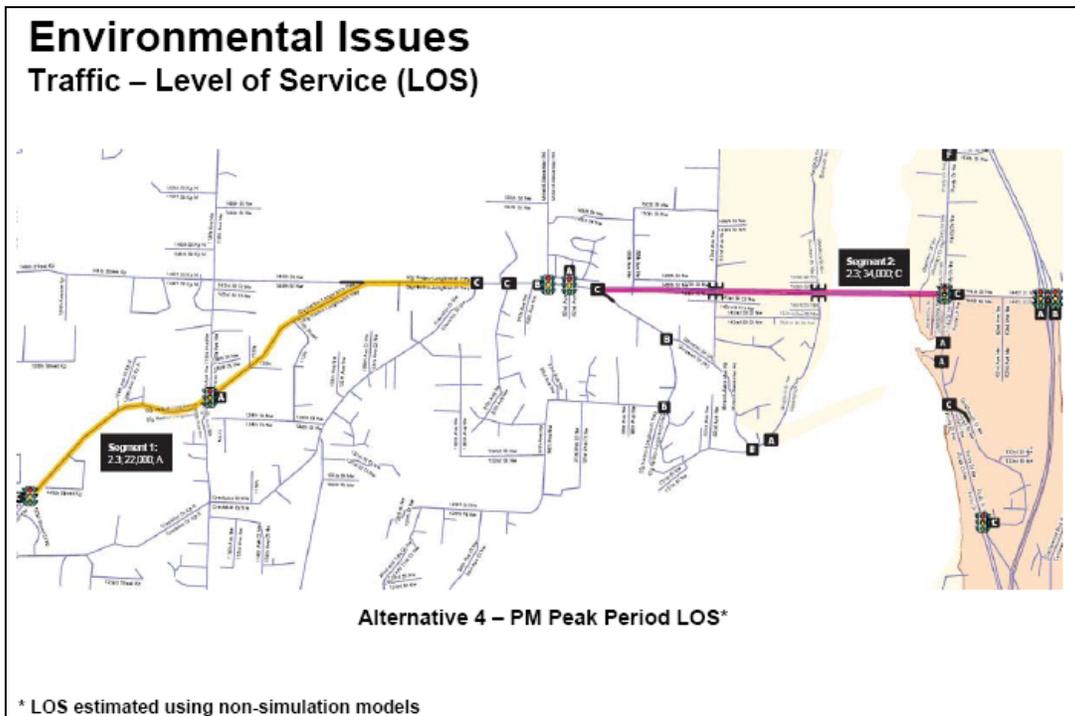
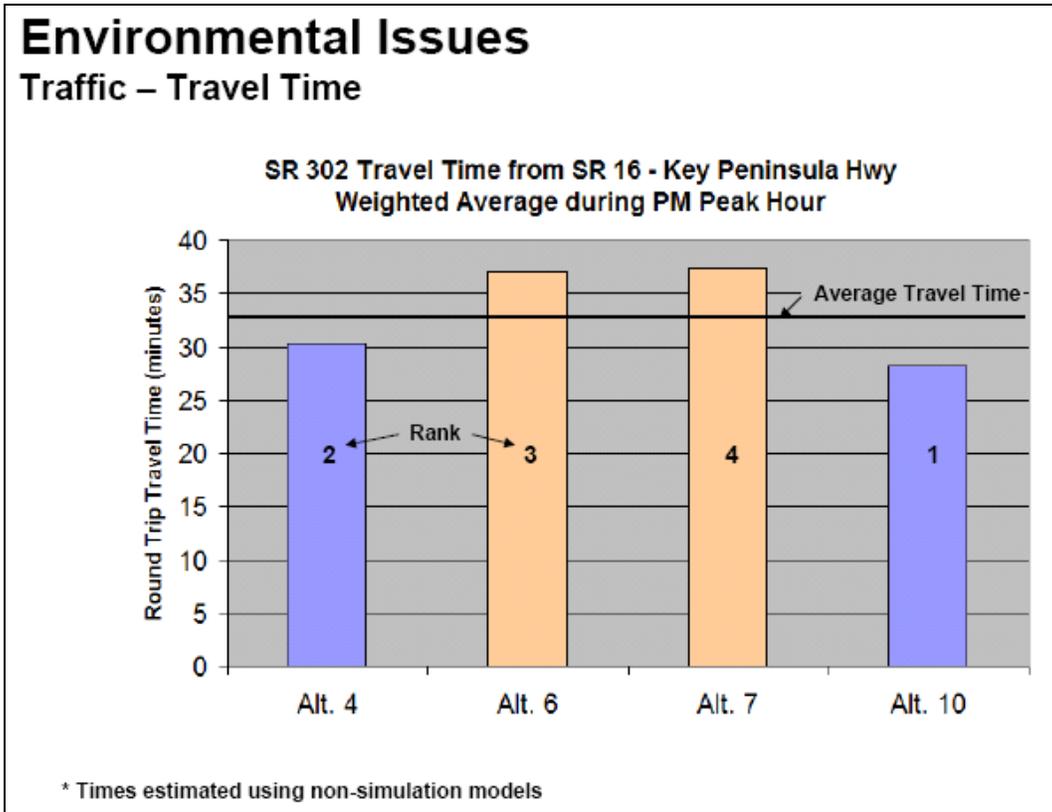
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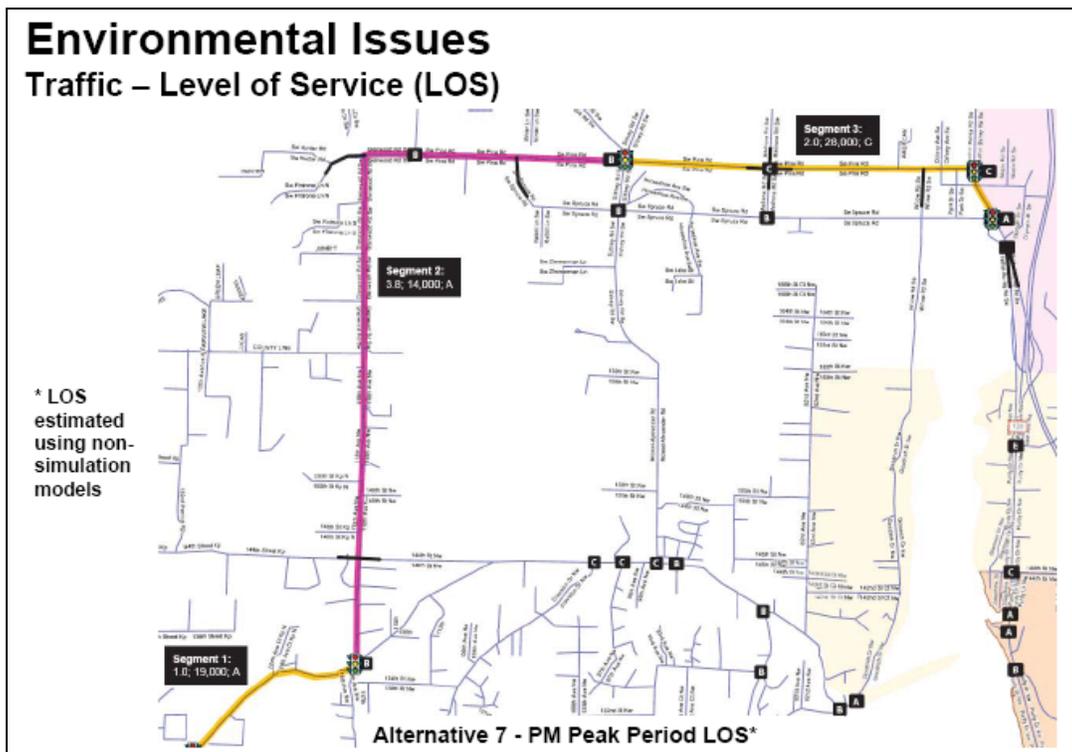
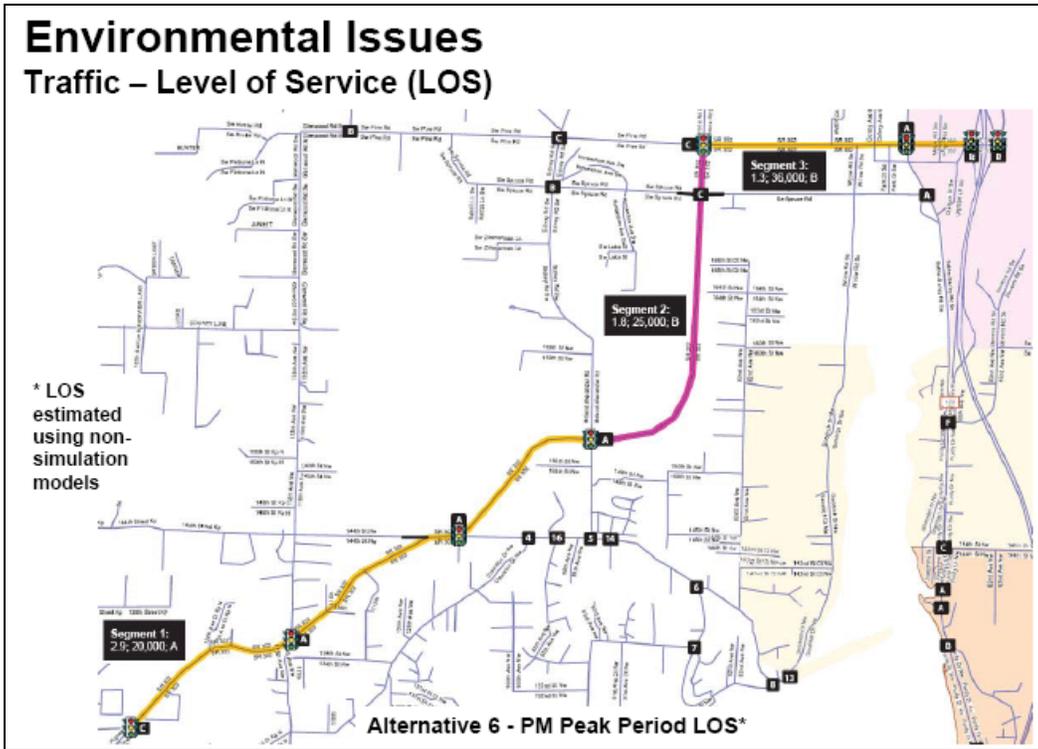
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Alternative 6	1
Alternative 7	4
Alternative 10	2



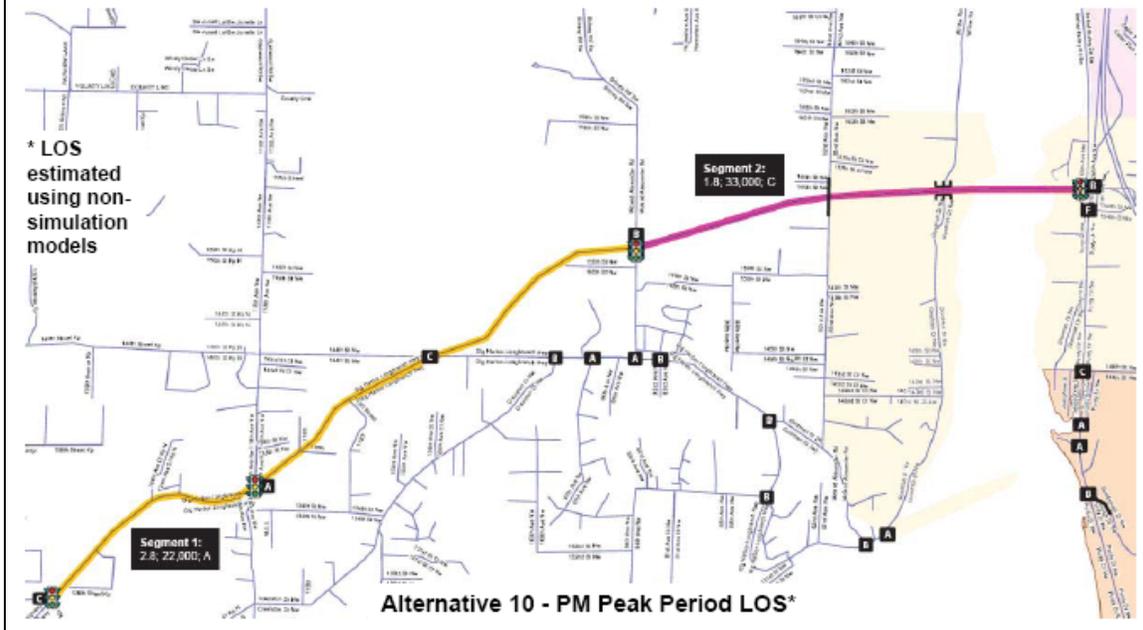








Environmental Issues Traffic – Level of Service (LOS)



Agency Coordination Project Coordination Plan

Lead Agencies

- FHWA and WSDOT

Cooperating Agencies

- Department of Arch and Historic Preservation
- Pierce and Kitsap Counties
- USCOE, Fish & Wildlife, NMFS – in process

Participating Agencies

- WDFW, Key Pen Parks, Pierce County Parks
- City of Gig Harbor
- Nisqually, Puyallup, Skokomish, Squaxin – in process (Jamestown, Lower Elwha will defer)
- US EPA – in process

Cooperating Agencies . . .

. . . (have) jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed project or project alternative.

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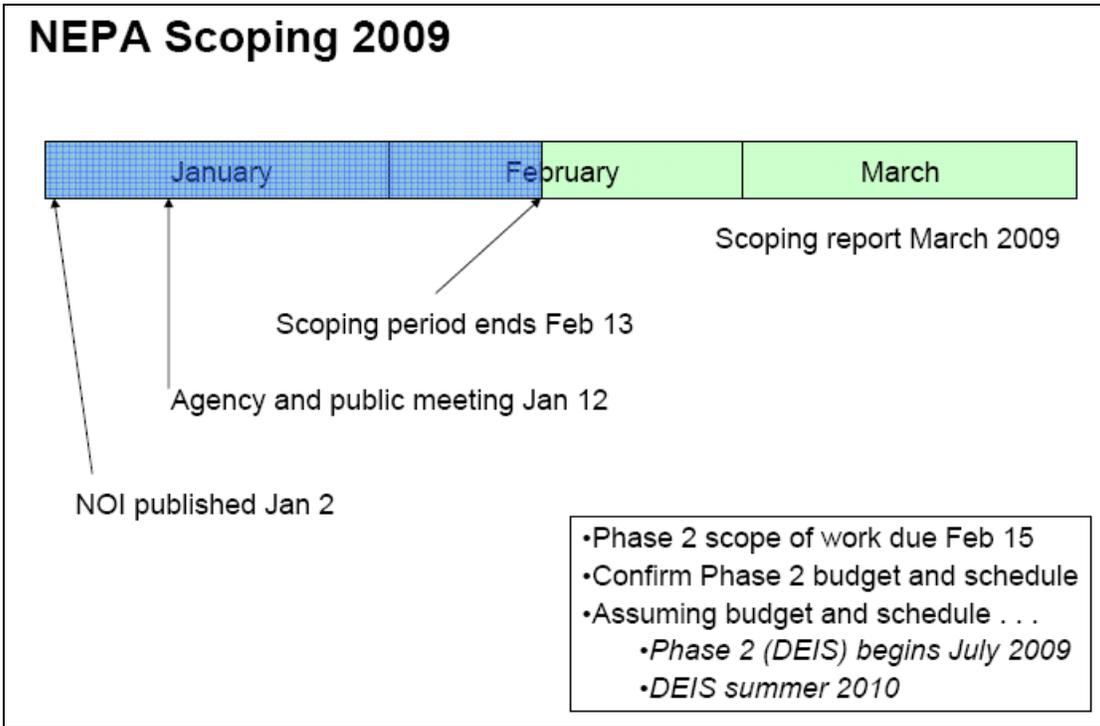
. . . have a higher degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process.

Cooperating Agencies . . .

. . . assume on request of the lead agency responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses including portions of the environmental impact statement.

Participating Agencies . . .

. . . participate at the earliest possible time, identify issues of concern, provide timely input, and participate in scoping



Public Scoping:

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS - SR 302, EGLIN CLIFTON ROAD TO SR 16 CORRIDOR STUDY

Description of Proposal: The project will address existing and long-term safety and congestion conditions on State Route 302 between Key Peninsula Highway and State Route 16 in Pierce County, Washington, including State Route SR 302 Spur. This corridor is approximately 7.6 miles long, and is located between milepost 11.55 and milepost 18.87 on State Route 302, and milepost 17.13 on State Route 302 Spur.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympic Region

Location of Proposal: The subject highway corridor is SR 302 between Key Peninsula Highway and SR 16 in Pierce County. Alternative corridors currently under consideration include those that lie in Pierce County only, and others that lie in both Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

Lead Agency: Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympic Region

EIS Required. The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. Materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at our offices by contacting John Donahue at 360-357-2788 or donahj@wsdot.wa.gov.

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Air Quality; Fish and Aquatic Resources; Floodplains, Groundwater, and Surface Water; Geology; Hazardous Materials; Historical and Cultural Resources; Land Use; Noise; Parks and Public Lands (Section 4(F)); Social Impacts and Relocations; Visual Quality; Water Resources and Shoreline; Wetlands; and Wildlife and Terrestrial Habitat and Permits and Licenses.

Scoping. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. WSDOT will be holding a scoping meeting to kick off the EIS process! The agency meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2009, at the Peninsula Light Company located at 13315 Goodnough Dr NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332. A project site visit is scheduled to follow from 1-3p.m. on the same day. A public open house will be held from 4-7p.m., on Jan. 12, 2009, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, located at 17010 South Vaughn Road KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394. If you are unable to attend the meeting please send your comments in writing by February 13, 2009 to John Donahue at WSDOT Olympic Region Planning Office, PO Box 47440, Olympia, WA 98504-7440 or by e-mail donahj@wsdot.wa.gov.

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