Washington State Department of Transportation

## SR 285/George Sellar Bridge - Additional EB Lane

### Project Information

PIN: 228500A
As of Date: October 2017
Region: North Central
Regional Admin: D. Sarles
State Route: SR 285
Current Status: Completed
Legislative Districts: 12

Project Description

Eastbound traffic is congested on each end of the George Sellar Bridge, partly caused by the two lanes on the Bridge acting as a pinch point of the traffic flow. An additional eastbound lane will be added to the bridge. This will increase flow on and off of the George Sellar Bridge to minimize travel time and associated congestion related collisions.

### Gray Notebook Text

0911Q8 GNB 42 (June 30, 2011) - This project widened the George Sellar Bridge on SR 285 to accommodate an additional eastbound lane. The project also built a new bicycle and pedestrian structure to replace the sidewalks that were removed to make room for the new fifth lane. Project benefits: Eastbound traffic was congested on both ends of the George Sellar Bridge and this project alleviates a bottleneck that was restricting traffic. The project will increase travel flow on and off the bridge to reduce travel times and associated congestion-related collisions. Highlights/challenges: The project required more extensive modifications to the existing bridge than initially anticipated in order to accommodate the additional lane. Budget performance: The project cost $18.4 million at completion, about $410,000 under the last approved budget. Earlier in the project, cost increases were needed due to materials cost escalation and design modifications mentioned above. In 2009, the project was awarded for $12.9 million, $2.3 million above the engineer's estimate. The 2009 Legislature approved an increase to the budget to cover the higher expenses for design, steel, and inflation. Schedule performance: The project was completed in June 2011, one quarter behind the last approved schedule, due to unsuitable weather conditions. The project opened to the public before the busy July 4, 2011, weekend.

### Project Milestones

| Milestone | Original Date | Current Date | Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| Project Definition Complete | Q3 2006 | Q3 2006 | On Schedule |
| Preliminary Engineering Start | Q3 2005 | Q3 2005 | On Schedule |
| Environmental Complete | Q1 2008 | Q1 2008 | On Schedule |
| Right of Way Complete | Q1 2009 | Q1 2009 | On Schedule |
| Contract Advertisement | Q1 2009 | Q1 2009 | On Schedule |
| Operationally Complete | Q2 2011 | Q2 2011 | On Schedule |

### Project Cost Summary ($ in Thousands)

| Project Status | Leg. Initial Budget | Current Leg. Budget | Current Approved Cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| Preliminary Engineering | $600 | $1,885 | $1,885 |
| Right of Way | $0 | $38 | $38 |
| Construction | $5,400 | $15,644 | $15,664 |
| Total | $6,000 | $17,567 | $17,587 |

### Project Funding Summary - Current Approved Cost ($ in Thousands)

| Project Phase | Nickel | TPA | Pre-Existing Funds | CWA | Other | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prelim Engineering | $0 | $1,885 | $0 | $0 | | $1,885 |
| Right of Way | $0 | $38 | $0 | $0 | | $38 |
| Construction | $0 | $15,654 | $11 | $0 | | $15,664 |
| Total | $0 | $17,577 | $11 | $0 | | $17,587 |

Project Web Site: