



Investing in Washington's Future

The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

Benton and Walla Walla County Region

\$40.9 million towards 5 projects in the Benton County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

SR 240 New Lanes, Richland

Builds passing lanes 2.5 miles long in both the eastbound and westbound directions to reduce collisions. Reduces collisions by 26 percent.
 Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2009

US 395, SR 240 Interchange South of the Blue Bridge

Rebuilds Columbia Dr. and SR 240 interchange to improve traffic flow and reduce the risk of collisions. Reduces collisions by 25 percent.
 Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2010

SR 24, SR 241 to Cold Creek Rd. west of Handford

Builds additional eastbound lane to reduce collisions.
 Construction begins: 2008 Completion: TBD

Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Route 14. Reduces accidents by 16 percent
 Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2010

\$62.1 million towards 4 projects in the Walla Walla County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

US 12, New Interchange, Burbank

Builds a new interchange and reduces collisions by 44 percent.
 Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2010

US 12, New Lanes, Walla Walla

Adds new lanes to make US 12 a four-lane divided highway and builds an interchange at the junction of US 12 and SR 125. Reduces collisions by 45 percent.
 Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2008

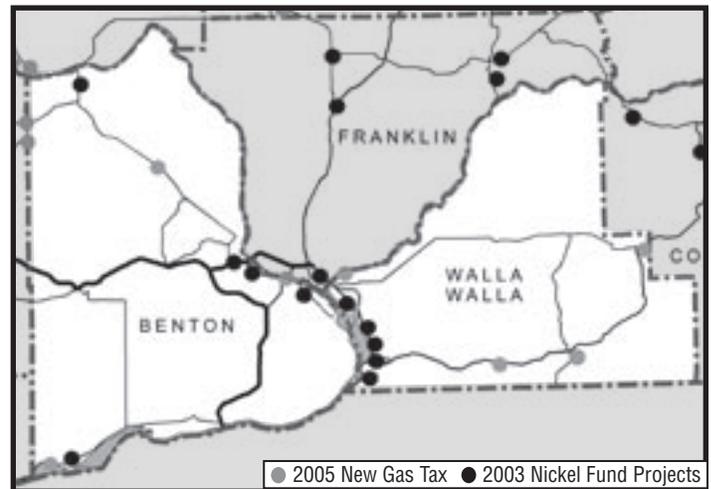
Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on US 12. Reduces accidents by 40 percent.
 Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2010

Freight

SR 125, SR 12 Interconnect, Myra Road Extension

Extend Myra Road to intersect with SR 12 providing a link to SR 1256 to increase freight mobility.



Statewide

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A Comprehensive Approach

- ▶ **\$7.1 billion for 274 projects across Washington state to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**
- ▶ **Coordinates with prior transportation planning**
- ▶ **Phases in the gas tax increase over four years**
 - 3 cents a gallon in 2005
 - 3 cents in 2006
 - 2 cents in 2007
 - 1.5 cent in 2008
- ▶ **Supplemented by new vehicle weight fees**

Improved Safety and Traffic Flow

- ▶ **Eliminates choke points and improves traffic flow in 69 locations**
- ▶ **Fixes 100 high accident locations**
- ▶ **Upgrades 172 bridges to withstand earthquakes**
- ▶ **Replaces 53 deteriorating or outdated bridges**
- ▶ **Adds 150 new lane miles to our highways**
- ▶ **Keeps freight moving with 35 projects for trucks and trains**
- ▶ **Adds 73 miles of cable barrier to prevent cross-over accidents**

Increased Demand

Since 1980:

- ▶ **Washington's population has increased 45%**
- ▶ **There are 58% more licensed drivers**
- ▶ **The number miles traveled has gone up 88%**



**MAKING EVERY
DOLLAR COUNT.**

Accountable and Efficient

The Washington State Department of Transportation is audited regularly by four agencies to ensure it is spending taxpayer dollars wisely.

These include: State Auditors Office

Federal Highway Administration

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee

Transportation Performance Audit Board

Audits since 1998 have found only minor operating issues, which have been or are being addressed.

Summary

Highway Program

- Improve change order management
- Adopt cost savings ideas
- Reform project management and cost tracking activities

Aviation Division

- Conduct annual customer service surveys
- Integrate customer needs into programs

Environmental Permitting

- Strengthen coordination with environmental and resource agencies to standardize data, save money, and improve working relations.

Capital Project Management Study

- Implement agency-wide project management tools
- Integrate cost/risk estimation process across all programs and divisions

Washington State Ferries

- Implement an electronic fare collection system.
- Revise safety procedures
- Streamlining management
- Improving capital project cost-benefit analysis enhancements
- Upgrade contract management

On Time, On Budget

Of the first 39 highway construction projects funded by the 2003 Transportation Package, 26 projects are currently under construction and on schedule. 13 have been completed:



Early: 8 Projects
On Time: 4 Projects
Late: 1 Project

Early

- I-90 Cable Median Barrier
 - Geiger Road to US 2
 - Sullivan to State line
- I-90 Truck Climbing Lanes
 - Highline Canal to Elk Heights
 - Ryegrass to Vantage
- I-182 Interchange at US 395 near Pasco
- SR 97A Turn Lanes Entiat Park
- SR 203 Roundabout near Kirkland/Duvall
- SR 500 Interchange at NE 112th in Clark County

On Time

- SR 124 Reconstruction at US 12 near Tri-Cities
- SR 9 New Signal at SR 528 near Arlington
- I-90 Cle Elum River Bridge
- I-5 Noise Wall Roanoke in Seattle

Late

- US 395 Highway Information Sign near Kennewick

349 Projects: \$14 Million Under Budget

In the 2003-2005 budget cycle, WSDOT completed 349 construction projects at a cost of \$109 million, roughly 10 percent below the budgeted amount of \$123 million.

For more information on projects funded by the 2005 gas tax:

Or contact Customer Service:

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