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**US 395 NORTH SPOKANE CORRIDOR
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TIGER GRANT FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

FRANCIS AVENUE TO US 2 SOUTHBOUND LANES

This project is made possible by a \$35 million federal grant, awarded to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), as part of the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program. Graham Construction of Spokane was awarded the contract on July 28, 2010 and began work in September. The project constructs five bridges and 3.5 miles of concrete roadway. Grading work between Freya Street and Fairview Road is underway and all five bridges are currently under construction. The work is expected to be complete in 2012 and will finish the ultimate six-lane configuration between Francis Avenue and Farwell Road.



Visualization of the future Parksmith Interchange and southbound lanes

PARKSMITH INTERCHANGE

The Francis Avenue to US 2 Southbound Lanes project noted above, was awarded with a savings of approximately \$8 million, due to the favorable bidding environment. WSDOT received approval from the USDOT to use the remainder of the TIGER Grant funding to complete the Parksmith Interchange. This work includes reconstruction of Parksmith Drive, as well as the intersection of Parksmith Drive and Market Street. The interchange ramps will be paved and the southbound ramp bridge over Market Street will be constructed. When complete, the interchange will provide north and southbound access to and from the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) at Parksmith Drive.

COME SEE US AT THE HILLYARD FESTIVAL

WSDOT will be at the Hillyard Festival from August 5th to 7th, 2011. Engineering staff will be available to provide updates on current and future construction and design activities.

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The US 2 to Wandermere and the US 2 Lowering contracts are the last NSC jobs funded by the 2003 "Nickel" package. When this construction, combined with the TIGER funded section, is complete in 2012, 5.5 miles of freeway will be complete between Francis Avenue and US 395/Wandermere.

US 2 TO WANDERMERE

This contract constructs two bridges over Wandermere Road, builds the US 395/Wandermere Interchange, and paves the NSC between US 2 and Wandermere. Work is progressing on the bridges with traffic on existing US 395 in a temporary configuration, reduced to one lane in each direction. The contractor is beginning the work necessary to connect the new bridges to the existing US 395 bridge over the Little Spokane River. The connection of the new bridges should be completed in 2012. Most of the NSC between US 2 and Wandermere has been paved with the remaining paving work to be completed in July. Currently, the northbound US 395 on-ramp, the north and southbound bridge decks, and the traffic barriers are complete.



Visualization of the future US 395/Wandermere Interchange



US 395/Wandermere Interchange construction, May 2011

US 2 LOWERING

Work has been underway since December 2008. This project includes:

- Lowering US 2 between Farwell Road and Deadman Creek
- Constructing six bridges and multiple retaining walls for the interchange
- Completing mainline paving through the interchange
- Constructing a frontage road system along US 2
- Replacing the existing box culvert at Deadman Creek to allow for fish passage and wildlife migration under the highway, along the creek

This contract is approximately 85% complete and is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2012.



Visualization of the future Farwell/US 2 Interchange



US 2 Lowering Interchange construction, May 2011

WSDOT is continuing its redesign efforts on the section of the NSC from the Spokane River to Francis Avenue. The new design shifts mainline BNSF tracks slightly to the west of the current location, putting the NSC east of the realigned tracks, and eliminating mainline BNSF/NSC crossings. Currently, environmental impacts related to the new design are being evaluated, and the design is being refined by WSDOT, BNSF, and their consulting engineer. The new design significantly reduces the cost of construction, maintains operational functionality, and allows for staged construction, providing drivable links as they are completed. This section has been divided into six construction phases. The first of these, the reconstruction of the Francis Avenue Bridge and the Francis/Market intersection, is funded and is scheduled to begin in 2012. A Francis Avenue detour will be in place and is currently being analyzed.



Visualizations of the future Francis Avenue bridge vicinity

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION CONTINUES

In order to connect I-90 to the NSC, a total of 439 residential properties along I-90 need to be acquired. WSDOT Real Estate Services began the acquisition process nearly four years ago, on the north side of I-90, and have purchased over 270 of these properties. Acquisition specialists will now begin purchasing properties on the south side of I-90 starting in the southeast quadrant in July, 2011. Funding for these acquisitions was provided through the 2005 Transportation Partnership Act (TPA). Acquisition of properties from the Spokane River to Francis Avenue began in the fall of 2009. These acquisitions will be focused in the areas that match the planned construction sequencing, and will continue as funding is available. Current efforts are focused on acquiring the required parcels for construction of the Francis Avenue bridge project. If you have any questions regarding this process, or are unsure if your property will be affected, please contact the Real Estate Services Office at 324-6286.