

Avoidance, minimization and mitigation

WSDOT has incorporated measures into the design of the project to avoid and minimize project effects, including:

- Limiting construction to a relatively small area immediately adjacent to the existing roadway to minimize vegetation clearing.
- Using retaining walls instead of standard fill slopes to reduce the footprint of the at-grade roadway sections and reduce the amount and extent of wetland fill.
- Increasing overall stream length by 980 feet, creating habitat for wildlife use.
- Planning to employ best management practices to reduce effects of construction and operations on the environment.

WSDOT will provide appropriate mitigation for ecosystem and noise effects, including:

- Mitigating riparian impacts within WSDOT right of way through restoration of Yarrow Creek.
- Restoring nearly 30 acres of degraded wetlands.
- Providing noise walls to reduce traffic noise for residences and wildlife along both sides of SR 520 from Evergreen Point Road to 108th Avenue NE.