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- Battle Ground City Hall – 109 SW 1st Street
- Battle Ground Community Library – 12 W Main Street
- Battle Ground Public Schools
- Clark County Fire District 11 – 21609 NE 72nd Avenue
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# SR 502 CORRIDOR WIDENING

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## Congestion drives SR 502 Corridor improvements

**The planning has just started.  
Your participation is encouraged.**

Over the next three decades, the traffic volume on the SR 502 Corridor between Battle Ground and I-5 is projected to more than double as population growth and job development expand in the area. This projected growth will further increase congestion on an already busy road.



The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is planning to tackle this issue by widening and making other improvements to the five-mile corridor between the new I-5 Interchange and the Battle Ground city limits near NE 102nd Avenue.

### Project Purpose & Need

The project purpose is to address current mobility and safety conditions along SR 502 while building for expected future traffic growth. These improvements, as summarized from the project's draft purpose and need statement, would:

- reduce congestion
- increase capacity
- improve transportation access for Battle Ground and the surrounding area

At this time, the purpose and need statement is in a draft format. It will be finalized after public agencies and the community have had a chance to provide input during the scoping process. This document will help guide the process for deciding what improvements best address the transportation and environmental conditions and the needs of the community.

The exact nature of the improvements will be developed through an Environmental Assessment and up to three public comment opportunities over the next year. In general, the project will look to provide four travel lanes between Battle Ground and the new I-5/SR 502 Interchange.

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## Scoping Meeting & Open House

**JOIN US**

**Thursday, February 22**

**4 - 7 p.m.**

**Battle Ground High School  
(cafeteria)**

**300 West Main - Battle Ground**

- Meet members of the project team
- Learn more about the project
- Share your knowledge of the area, ideas for enhancing safety, and concerns about the SR 502 Corridor Widening Project

- Information on the Columbia River Crossing, I-5/SR 502 Interchange, and I-5/SR 501 Ridgefield Interchange projects also will be provided.

**This is an important opportunity for you to provide input on the project.**

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## The Interchange

Construction of the I-5/SR 502 Interchange is expected to begin this spring. The interchange is intended to ease congestion and improve safety both northbound and southbound on I-5; improve safety at the NE 179th Street interchange by reducing congestion, a result of giving drivers a second option to enter and exit the freeway; improve safety on I-5 by reducing lane change conflicts between the I-5/I-205 junction and NE 179th Street; and help improve access to Battle Ground. The project is funded by the 2003 Washington State Legislature's "Nickel" Funding Package. The interchange is expected to open in 2009.

As with any transportation project, traffic impacts are expected. The February 22 Open House will address impacts to traffic flow associated with the construction of this project.

## Environmental Assessment to study improvement impacts on corridor

A detailed study of the environmental impacts associated with proposed improvements to the SR 502 Corridor will be conducted. It will be documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) and will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) processes. The EA will:

- evaluate potential environmental effects (natural, ecological, social, and economic) of proposed improvements
- consider measures to lessen these environmental effects
- document compliance with other applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations

Information developed during the NEPA process will help guide design and construction. Access control on the corridor (concerning driveways, side streets, and other access points) will be coordinated through a formal access hearing.

For more information, visit WSDOT's Environmental Services web site at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/)



### What does "Scoping" mean?

*Scoping is an early step in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process where the scale, breadth, or "scope" of the project is determined. Results of scoping give direction to the issues and impacts that are studied and documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA). This process is highlighted by the Scoping Meeting and Open House at Battle Ground High School on February 22. This meeting is an important opportunity for the public to provide input as the scope of the EA is developed.*

### Did you know?

- Without improvements, travel time between Duluth and Battle Ground will double from 8-10 minutes in 2006 to 16-20 minutes in 2033.
- Without improvements, vehicles attempting to turn left on SR 502 from an intersection or driveway during peak traffic hours would experience wait times exceeding five minutes in 2033.

## Keeping you informed, involved

### Public Involvement is a key component of the SR 502 Widening Project

The SR 502 Corridor Widening Project starts with you. The term is "Public Involvement" and it describes WSDOT's extensive effort to hear what you have to say about the project, converse with project team members about your interests in the project, and keep you informed.

*We want to be sure you understand the project and that we understand your thoughts and concerns as the road improvements are being planned.*

This process started last November with a series of stakeholder interviews. It continues on February 22 with the Scoping Meeting and Open House. In the months and years ahead, you will have more opportunities to participate at open houses, an access hearing, and small group meetings. The project team will keep you informed with newsletters (such as this), informational kiosks and posters at key locations in the project area, a project web site, coverage in the local media, and special mailings.

Our goal is to foster an extensive exchange of information and ideas. We want to be sure you understand the project and that we understand your thoughts and concerns as the road improvements are being planned.

## Your comments are welcome

Local residents, businesses, and corridor users are encouraged to be part of the SR 502 Corridor planning process. The Scoping Phase of the project has just started, highlighted by a Scoping Meeting and Open House on February 22.

The Scoping Meeting is an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the project and comment on issues and concerns that should be considered during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Participants can make written comments at the meeting.

The 30-day Scoping Period is from February 6 – March 9. During this time, interested individuals, groups, and agencies can provide comments by mail or email to:

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