

1.0 Background

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is studying the SR 302 Corridor in order to determine the most favorable approach to addressing the safety and congestion issues on the route. In 2007, the WSDOT study team identified a broad range of nine (9) alternatives for improving the corridor using a technical analysis and public involvement process. (see Figure 1). A two level screening process was developed and used to establish which alternatives were the most promising approaches to meeting the purpose and need for the study, while avoiding potential fatal flaws in the process.

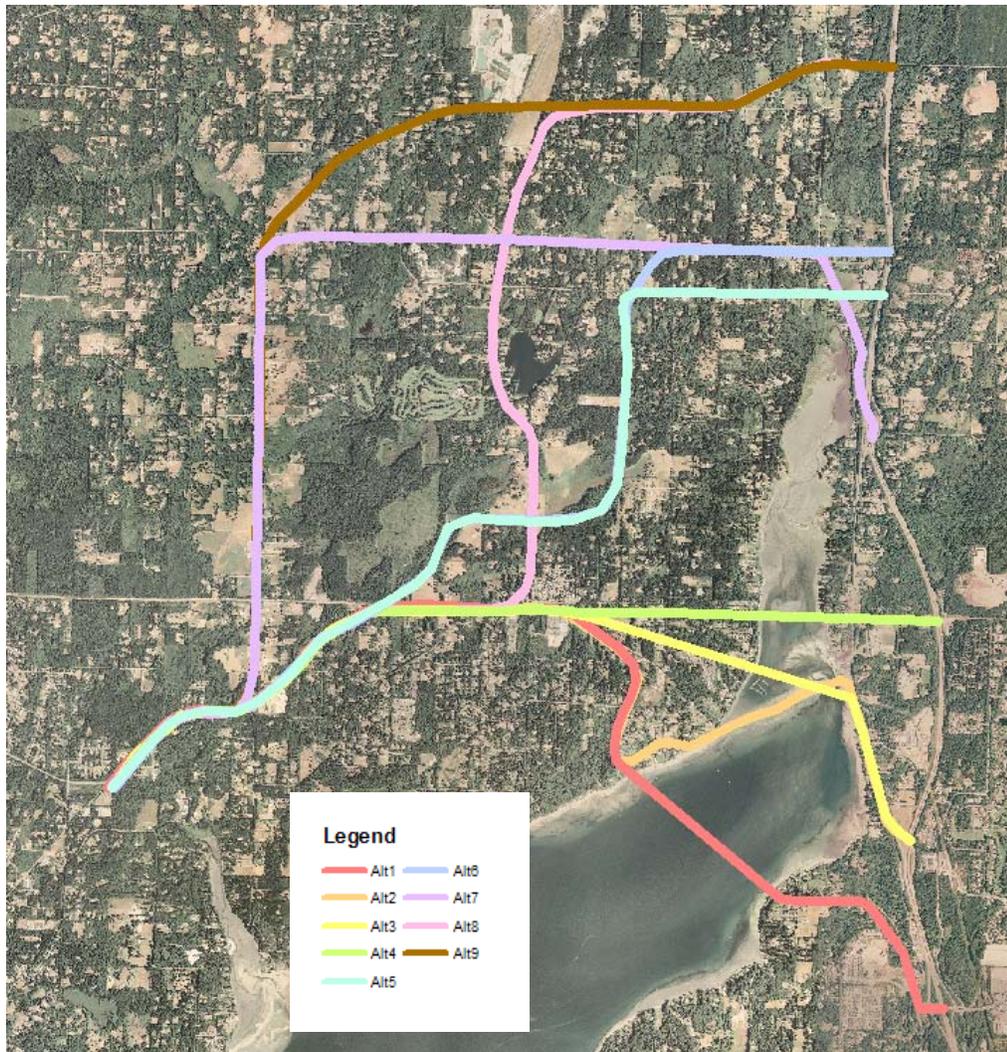


Figure 1: SR 302 Broad Range of Alternatives