Future Projects
The previous pages have highlighted constructed projects and current active projects within the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program. WSDOT’s Puget Sound Freeway HOV System included four additional projects within the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program that up until 2019 were unfunded for either design or construction. Item C, listed below, is now funded and advanced as described below.

1. SR 16 - Olympic Drive Interchange to Purdy - HOV Lanes
   Would extend HOV lanes north from Olympic Drive interchange to Purdy. Would widen SR 16 to provide HOV lanes.

2. I-5/SR 512 Interchange to SR 16 Interchange - Core HOV
   Would complete the I-5 Core HOV lanes to the SR 512 interchange. Would complete ultimate configuration of 38th Street interchange. Would reconstruct 56th Street Interchange and replace 48th Street bridge. Would replace 72nd Street and 84th Street bridges, and reconstruct 72nd Street and 84th Street interchanges.

3. SR 167/SR 410 to SR 18 - Congestion Management
   Project 1 builds a northbound HOV lane from SR 410/SR 512 to SR 18. Project 2 completes the express toll lane (ETL) extension by converting the HOV lane to ETL. A third project will extend the southbound SR 167 ETL from Jovita Boulevard to the SR 410/SR 512 interchange.

4. I-5 - SR 512 Interchange
   Would improve I-5/SR 512 interchange, widen 96th Street bridges and replace Steele Street Bridge. Would prepare for HOV lanes on I-5 in the area.

More than HOV Lanes
Along with HOV lanes, projects in the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program provide other improvements:

- **Safety** – More merge lanes, wider shoulders, improved ramp alignment and curves, and improved lighting.
- **Traffic and Operations** – Improved mobility - more highway capacity, better roadway alignments, relocating ramps.
- **Environmental Stewardship** – Enhanced and/or expanded wetlands, improved methods to treat storm water runoff.
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)** - New traffic cameras, electronic highway signs, highway advisory radio, traffic data collectors that help WSDOT monitor traffic and provide traffic information to the traveling public.

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Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program
ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT
The financial and schedule information in this document is intended to assist the Office of Financial Management in meeting its legislative reporting obligations for mega-projects pertaining to Section 604 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1094.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program encompasses numerous projects to build high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes and make other improvements on state highways in Pierce County. As part of this program, in 2007 WSDOT opened its first HOV lanes on State Route 16, and in 2010, WSDOT opened the first I-5 HOV lanes in Pierce County. In addition, WSDOT has already completed several projects to prepare for future HOV construction on I-5 and SR 16.

The map below shows the current status of the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program. These seven projects add 18 HOV lane miles to I-5 and SR 16, and connect to WSDOT’s HOV system north of Pierce County. Construction on projects #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 is complete and those roadway facilities are open to traffic. Projects #6 and #7 are now under construction.

The schedule on the following page shows the program’s construction timelines. These projects represent a $1.6 billion investment in state highways within Pierce County.

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The above timeline highlights the construction schedules for the funded projects within the Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program.

**I-5 bridge construction over Puyallup River continues with Southbound HOV project**

The new northbound I-5 Puyallup River Bridge is getting put to good use during construction of the new southbound I-5 bridge. Both directions of I-5 are temporarily located on the new bridge while construction crews remove sections of the old bridges to make way for the new bridge.

In November 2018, construction on the northbound I-5 Puyallup River Bridge finished. In January 2019, design-build contractor Guy F. Atkinson Construction began work on the last fully funded HOV project in Tacoma that builds a new southbound I-5 Puyallup River Bridge. The southbound project also will:

- Replace existing concrete on both directions of I-5 from McKinley Way to Portland Avenue;
- Demolish and replace the East L Street overpass that crosses I-5;
- Demolishes the old northbound and southbound bridges spanning the Puyallup River;
- Open HOV lanes in both directions of I-5 from Fife to Tacoma, providing a complete HOV system that extends from SR 16 in Gig Harbor to I-5 into Seattle and points beyond.

**Construction to build I-5/SR 16 HOV connections nearing completion**

Design-build contractor Skanska is finishing HOV connections between I-5 and SR 16 in Tacoma.

The final project to improve the I-5 and SR 16 Nalley Valley interchange is nearing completion. Design-build contractor Skanska is finishing HOV ramp connections between the two highways. Over the past 31 months, Skanska and their design firm WSP USA have completed design work and moved travel lanes from one side of the highway to another, built four new bridges, installed 83 new girders project-wide and moved thousands of cubic yards of soil, all while keeping traffic moving.

**Funded Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program Budget**

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Budget numbers represent the 9/2019 current delivery plan and include preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction. WSDOT will apply practical design principles to the SB HOV project to reduce costs while still meeting the intent of the project (cost shown in thousands).