
Fact Sheet

Tier II Final EIS

SR 167

Puyallup to SR 509

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Project Title

SR 167, Puyallup to SR 509 – Tier II (Final) Environmental Impact Statement

Project Location

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) are planning the completion of the SR 167 freeway between SR 161 (North Meridian) in North Puyallup and the SR 509 freeway in the City of Tacoma. The project would be constructed within Pierce County, Washington in the Cities of Edgewood, Fife, Milton, Puyallup, and Tacoma.

Project Description

The new freeway will replace the existing SR 167 arterial route between Puyallup and the I-5 Bay Street interchange via North Meridian and River Road. The freeway is designed as four lanes, plus inside HOV lanes between I-5 and SR 167. A portion of the project would include the re-establishment of riparian areas, with the incorporation of a bike and pedestrian path.

Project Proponent

Federal Highway Administration, Washington Division
Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympic Region

Cooperating Agencies

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and City of Fife.

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Proposed Implementation Date

The project is presently in the preliminary design phase. Final design will be completed after the Record of Decision has been issued. WSDOT is currently acquiring parcels needed for right-of-way within the preferred Tier I corridor from willing sellers. The remaining right-of-way will be acquired after the FEIS is approved and a Record of Decision has been issued, granting WSDOT the ability to exercise eminent domain, if necessary.

The project is currently listed in the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) 20-year Long Range Plan which includes the Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) list.

The project is likely to be constructed in stages as funding sources are approved or become available through political and legislative processes. Construction on this project would not start sooner than 2009. Construction could last anywhere from ten to twelve years depending on the availability of funding.

Anticipated Permits, Approvals, and Licenses

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit
- Section 10 Permit

Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

- Section 106

U.S. Coast Guard

- Rivers & Harbors Act Section 9

Puyallup Tribe

- Section 401 Water Quality Certification

- Archaeological Resources Protection Permit

Washington State Department of Ecology

- Certification of Consistency with Coastal Zone Management
- Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- NPDES Permit, Section 402
- Floodplain Development Permit
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
- Temporary Water Quality Modification
- Hazardous Waste Tracking Form

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Hydraulic Project Approval
- Fish Habitat Enhancement Project Application

City of Edgewood

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Floodplain Development Permit

City Fife

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Floodplain Development Permit
- Noise Variance

City of Milton

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Floodplain Development Permit
- Noise Variance

City of Puyallup

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
- Floodplain Development Permit
- Noise Variance

Pierce County

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permits
- Floodplain Development Permit
- Noise Variance

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Project Schedule

Date of Issue of DEIS	February 28, 2003
Date DEIS Comments were Due	April 14, 2003
Public Hearings Held	March 18 and 20, 2003
Date of Issue of FEIS	November 2006

Agency Action and Projected Date for Action

Record of Decision: Following issuance of the Final EIS

Document Availability

Copies of this Final EIS will be available for review at WSDOT 724 Quince Street SE in Olympia, and at the following libraries:

- Pierce County Public Library System
 - Milton Branch
 - South Hill Branch
- City of Tacoma Public Library System
- City of Puyallup Public Library System
- Washington State Library System

The Final EIS Summary will be available on the project website (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/TacomaToEdgewood>).

Copies of the Final EIS are available on a CD from WSDOT at no cost. To obtain a copy of the Final EIS on a CD please contact Steve Fuchs at fuchss@wsdot.wa.gov or 360-709-8100.

Background Material

Background material and supporting documents for this Final EIS are available for review at WSDOT's SR 167 Extension Project Office, located at 724 Quince Street SE, Olympia, WA 98504-7375. Please contact Steve Fuchs at fuchss@wsdot.wa.gov or 360-709-8100.

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