

# **Corridor Sketch Summary**

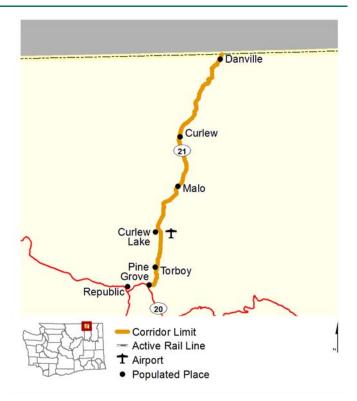
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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive summary for one corridor. Please review the User Guide for Corridor Sketch Summaries prior to using information on this corridor:

## SR 21: SR 20 Jct (Republic) to Canadian Border

This 29-mile long north-south corridor in northern Ferry County runs between the State Route 20 junction in Republic and the U.S.-Canada border. The corridor traverses through rolling terrain as it passes through the communities of Malo, Curlew, and Danville. The corridor is sparsely populated and primarily rural in character with heavily forested land nearby. Additionally, land uses along the corridor include a mix of agriculture, open space, mining, recreation, residential, schools, and limited commercial services spread throughout the length of the route. As the corridor nears the U.S.-Canada border, the terrain around it becomes flatter and more agricultural uses are present. The corridor also passes by Curlew Lake and the Curlew Lake State Park. Ferry County Airport is located directly adjacent to SR 21 near Curlew Lake State Park. Between the community of Curlew and the Canadian border, the route parallels and crosses the Kettle River. The corridor also crosses over and passes various creeks, rivers, and lakes as it snakes its way through mountainous terrain.



### **Current Function**

SR 21 is a 191-mile long state highway that traverses Franklin, Adam, Lincoln, and Ferry counties in eastern Washington. The highway extends from Kahlotus and Highway 41 at the U.S.-Canada border in Danville, one of five border crossings located in northeast Washington. This corridor primarily serves the communities of Republic, Malo, Curlew, and Danville. Although it is not classified as a freight economic corridor, freight traffic heavily utilizes the route as there is a lumber mill and a heavy ore mine located along the corridor. Additionally, the corridor aids in the movement of goods across country lines. Recreational travelers use the corridor to access nearby sites to hunt, hike, fish at Curlew Lake and Curlew Creek, camp, visit surrounding state parks, and Canada. Pedestrian and bicyclist facilities are not available on the corridor, however walking and bicycling is permitted on the shoulders. The corridor provides direct access to Ferry County Airport between the cities of Karamin and Torboy. The Kettle Falls International Railway runs parallel to the entire corridor serving multiple freight goods including wood products, minerals, and industrial chemicals.

### **Future Function**

Based on the projected population, land use, and economic trends, the future function of this corridor is expected to remain the same.

## **Highlights and Performance**

This portion of SR 21 is a two-lane, undivided, unsignizalized highway with several right and left turn lanes located throughout. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest just south of Baump Road, north of Curlew Lake, and lowest just south of July Street in Danville.

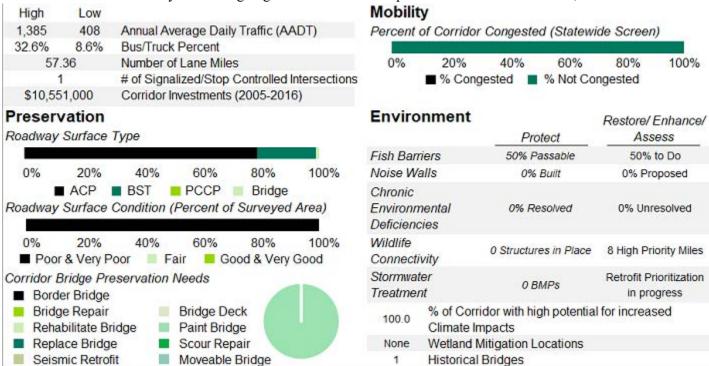
## What's working well?

- The entire corridor operates above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- There are no habitat connectivity deficiencies identified on the corridor.

## What needs to change?

- Over 99% of corridor pavements condition are unknown.
- There are eight fish passage barriers identified along the corridor.
- There is a low vertical clearance bridge over the Kettle River at Curlew.
- There is one bridge preservation identified on the corridor.

WSDOT monitors the state system in ongoing efforts to track asset performance. For this corridor, WSDOT finds:



1) 2015 data unless otherwise noted. 2) For more information see the User Guide for Corridor Sketch Summaries at http://bit.ly/WSDOTcorridorsketch

### What we heard from our partners

WSDOT is interested in collecting feedback from our partners. To provide feedback on this corridor, please contact the office indicated on the last page of this document.

# **Strategies**

WSDOT identified the following strategies and associated actions to keep the corridor working well and address performance gaps. Regional partners collaborated on high-level mobility strategies. The identified strategies are not meant to be all-inclusive, nor an established list of priorities. Further evaluation is needed before any strategy can be recommended as a solution to address performance. Project funding decisions will take place at the programming phase, and are subject to statewide prioritization. For more strategy information, visit the Corridor Sketch Summary User Guide.

Policy Goals / Strategies	Description and Near-Term Actions
<b>Economic Vitality</b>	
Under Development	WSDOT will continue to work with partners in developing strategies to address economic vitality.
Environment	
Protect and Maintain	Protect and maintain existing assets that provide environmental function (these include WSDOT's mitigation sites, storm water systems, fish passable culverts).
Enhance or Restore	Enhance or restore natural areas and environmental functions associated with the multimodal transportation system.
Fish Barrier Retrofit	WSDOT has prioritized the removal of state-owned culverts that block habitat for salmon and steelhead. See interactive map of uncorrected fish barriers at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/FishPassage/default.htm.
Mobility	
Assessment	A mobility performance strategy has not been identified by WSDOT.
Preservation	
Maintenance	Based on expenditure history, it is expected that the top three activities will continue to be maintenance on snow and ice control, pavement repair, and repairing slopes.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified one Pavement action in the next six years encompassing 79% of the corridor.
Structures	WSDOT has identified one Structures action in the next six years at a single location on this corridor.
Stewardship	
Planning	Under Practical Solutions, the Corridor Sketch Initiative identifies corridor performance, and assesses alternative strategies to improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

#### For more information

To find out more information about this corridor or how to get involved, please contact:

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