

## **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 108: SR 8 Jct (McCleary) to US 101 Jct (Kamilche)

This 12-mile long east-west corridor is located in western Washington, north of Capitol State Forest. The corridor runs between the State Route 8 junction in the city of McCleary and the US Route 101 junction in Kamilche, near the Squaxin Island Tribe's Little Creek Casino. The corridor is known as the Old Olympic Highway. The route passes through the small communities of Forbes and Hillgrove. The corridor is predominantly rural in character with the land uses in and near Kamilche primarily consisting of agriculture. Other land uses and landmarks in this area include single-family residences, the Skookum Inlet Natural Area Preserve, and the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation. Land uses in McCleary consist of single- and multi- family residences, commercial, and recreation. The corridor crosses the Skookum and East Fork Wildcat creeks four times throughout its length. Both Oyster Bay and Little Skookum Inlet are located at the eastern terminus, near Kamilche. The entire corridor parallels the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad, crossing it in the Kamilche Valley.



#### **Current Function**

SR 108 is a state highway that travels through Grays Harbor and Mason counties. This corridor serves as a bypass and connects McCleary with Shelton and Port Angeles. The corridor also serves as a commuter and residential corridor for traffic moving east-west between Grays Harbor and Mason County. Additionally, the corridor serves as a "main street" in McCleary. The route provides local access and supports economic activity for the Squaxin Island Tribe by providing access to their Little Creek Casino near the US 101/SR 108 interchange. Other traffic attractors in Kamilche are Welco Lumber and the nearby Squaxin Island Tribal Center. Major traffic generators in McCleary are the McCleary Bear Festival in the summer and Beerbower Park. One park and ride lot is located at each end point and three transit centers, McCleary Transfer Center, Kamilche Transit Center, and the Tribal Center, are located near or off the corridor. Pedestrians and bicyclists are permitted along corridor shoulders. Sidewalks are present in McCleary.

## **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**

SR 108 is a two-lane, undivided highway with a center located near Kamilche and few turns throughout the corridor. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest near the corridor's junction with US 101 in Kamilche and lowest on the outskirts of McCleary.

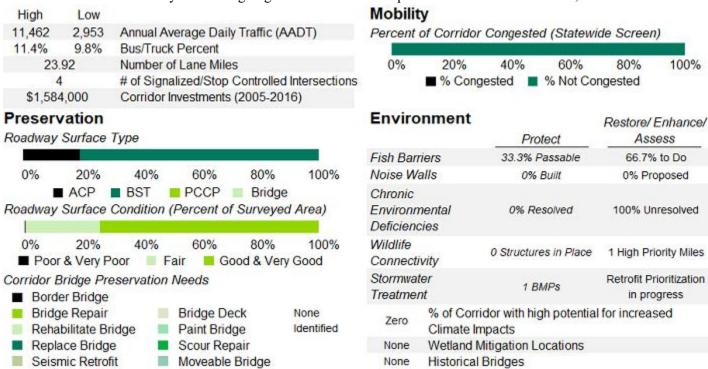
## What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- Almost all of the corridor's pavement is in fair or better condition.
- There are many multimodal opportunities on the corridor such as transit centers, walking, and bicycling.
- The corridor is rated low for climate change vulnerability.

# What needs to change?

• Two fish passage barriers are present 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 collected feedback from agency partners. Key themes included:

- Mason Transit does not currently have service on SR 108. The Squaxin Island Tribe provides service between the McCleary Transit Center and Tribal Center in Shelton.
- Concern about the Bear Festival or sporting events causing vehicle back ups onto SR 108 in McCleary.
- The five point intersection in front of the Little Creek Casino entrance on the west side of the US 101/SR 108 interchange is an access management concern. There are high traffic volumes in the eastbound direction on SR 108 between Salish Cliffs Dr (Casino Entrance) and the southbound US 101 on ramp which impact ability of vehicles to enter and exit from the private driveways. The recently added left turn lanes at both casino entrances off SR 108 with two-way left turn lane in between may have helped with access management.

# **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.

<b>Policy Goals / Strategies</b>	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 vegetation control.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified two Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 67% of the corridor.
Safety	
Investment	WSDOT has identified one Safety Investment action in the next six years encompassing 10% of the 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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