

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 971: US 97A Jct (Navarre Coulee) to US 97A Jct (Lake Chelan)

This 15-mile long corridor is located in central Washington. The corridor forms a "V" like shape with both of its end points being US Route 97 Alternate. The corridor's character is rural with land use being primarily undeveloped land. Other land uses on the corridor include small agricultural spots toward the south end and rural residential mostly at the north end of the corridor. Several vineyards and wineries are also located at the north end point of the corridor near Lake Chelan. The north end of the corridor runs adjacent to Lake Chelan and passes the Lake Chelan State Park. The Columbia River is located perpendicularly at the southern end of the corridor as is the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad. Other notable landmarks are the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and Slidewaters Waterpark, a family aquatic park in the city of Chelan. Terrain on the corridor is mountainous as it cuts through the Wenatchee National Forest.



Current Function

State Route 971 is the connector route from US 97A through Navarre Coulee to South Lake Shore Drive along Lake Chelan. This route provides access for some residential development along the south side of Lake Chelan. Recreational traffic uses the corridor to access Lake Chelan State Park. This corridor provides connections to two Amtrak stations located in Leavenworth and Wenatchee. One park and ride in Chelan is accessible from the corridor. Pedestrian and bicycle use is permitted on the corridor's narrow shoulders.

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 971 is generally a two-lane, undivided highway with few turn lanes. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest near its northern junction with US 97A and lowest at its southern junction with US 97A.

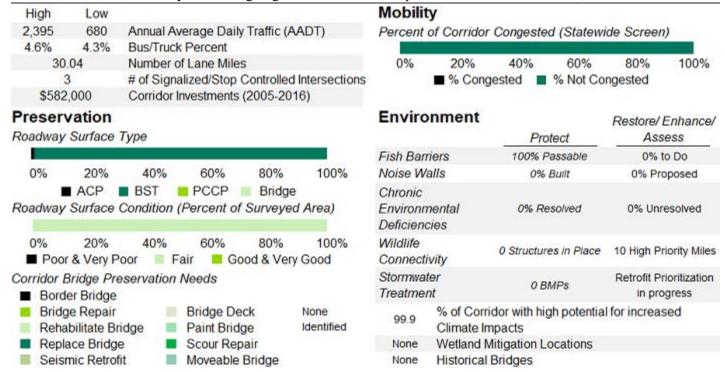
What's working well?

• The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.

What needs to change?

- Rock slopes on the south shore need attention.
- Wildlife crossing in Navarre Coulee is a concern.

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
Economic Vitality	
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	
Multimodal	WSDOT will continue to pursue multimodal strategies to address performance issues, improve connectivity and transportation options while also closing gaps in our non-motorized/active transportation system.
Assessment	A mobility performance strategy has not been identified by WSDOT.
Preservation	
Maintenance	Preservation will include strategic pavement maintenance as necessary to extend the life of the pavement and utility of the asset.
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 ditches.
Pavement	WSDOT will continue to make spot repairs in areas that make sense for preservation of the pavement surface, along with, all other components of the roadway prism.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified one Pavement action in the next six years encompassing 100% of the corridor.
Other Facilities	WSDOT has identified one Other Facilities 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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