

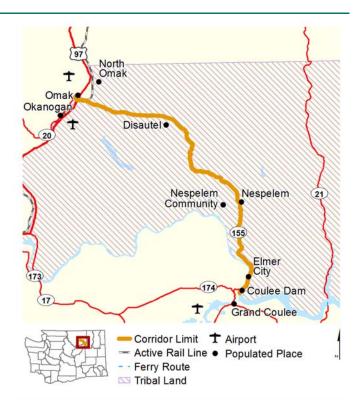
## **Corridor Sketch Summary**

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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 155: Coulee Dam to US 97 Jct (Omak)

This 52-mile long north-south corridor is located in north central Washington. The corridor travels between the US Route 97 junction in the city of Omak and the town of Coulee Dam. The corridor includes a .37-mile long spur in the city of Omak, near the northern corridor terminus, running between State Route 215 and SR 20/US 97. The route passes through the towns of Elmer City and Nespelem. The corridor is predominantly rural in character with some density within the towns and Omak. Land use is primarily undeveloped with few rural residential areas. Land uses within Coulee Dam, Elmer City, and Nespelem are residential with small amounts of commercial establishments, as well as light industrial. Within Omak, the corridor is denser, and land use is predominantly residential and some light industrial. A portion of the corridor runs along the Columbia River and the SR 215 Spur crosses over the Okanogan River and the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad at the north end. Another notable landmark on the corridor is the Grand Coulee Dam.



## **Current Function**

SR 155 is a state highway that runs between US 2 in Fordair over Disautel and US 97/SR 20 in the city of Omak, and is the main north-south route through the area around Grand Coulee Dam. This corridor primarily functions as a rural residential and freight commuter route. The route also provides access to recreational opportunities and tourist traffic. The corridor travels through the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and serves the communities of Coulee Dam, Elmer City, Nespelem, and Omak along with some small-scale residential developments along the corridor. The route provides connections to two airports nearby, Okanogan Legion and Omak Airport. TranGo and Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition both provide transit service on the route.

### **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 155 is a two-lane, undivided highway. The corridor includes a spur within Omak. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest at the SR 155 Spur and lowest just north of Nespelem.

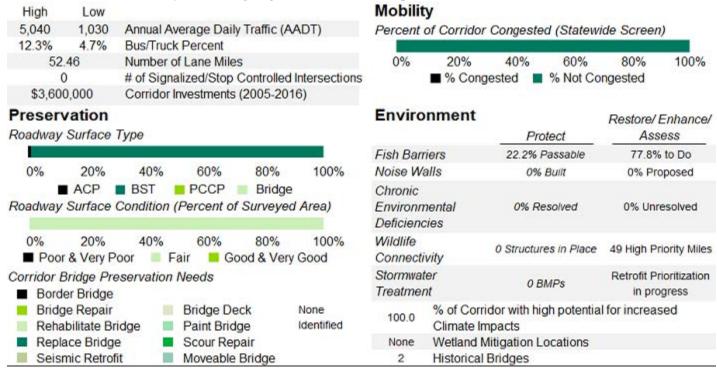
## What's working well?

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

## What needs to change?

- One bridge preservation need has been identified on the corridor.
- Concrete under the roadway causes transverse cracking.
- Pedestrian issues in the Nespelem area are exacerbated by a school and speed limits.

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



<sup>1) 2015</sup> 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.

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Policy Goals / Strategies Economic Vitality	Description and Near-Term Actions
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 repairing slopes.
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 two Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 94% of the corridor.
Other Facilities	WSDOT has identified three Other Facilities actions in the next six years at specific locations within 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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