

# **Corridor Sketch Summary**

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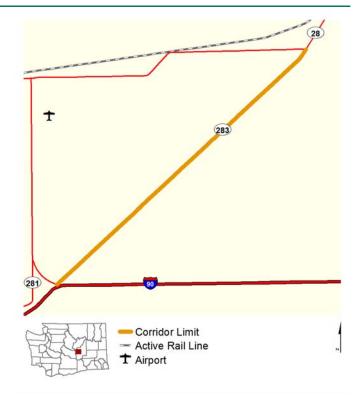
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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive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

# SR 283: SR 281 Burke Spur Jct (George) to SR 28 Jct

This 15-mile long corridor is located in central Washington state near the city of George. The corridor runs between the State Route 281 Burke Spur junction and the SR 28 junction, southwest of the city of Ephrata. The corridor's character is predominantly rural as it travels the level landscape. Land use is mainly agricultural with rural residential dispersed throughout.



## **Current Function**

SR 243 is a very rural highway connecting the communities of Ephrata and George. Primary uses of this highway are agriculture and residential commuter traffic traveling between the cities and accessing Interstate 90 in George. The corridor is moderately used by freight. The corridor's only connections are SR 281 and SR 28 as well as I-90.

## **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**

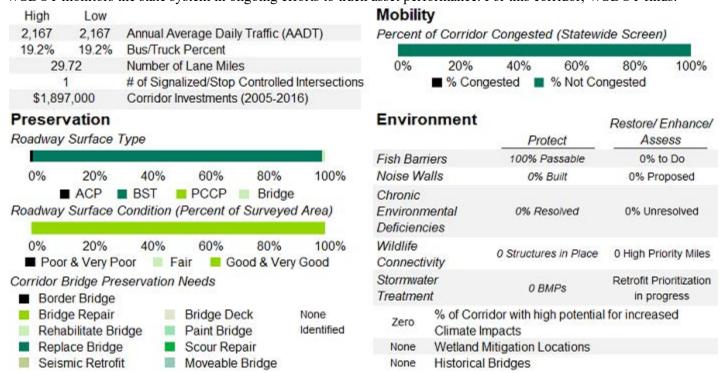
SR 283 is primarily a two-lane, undivided highway. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest on the southern end near I-90 and lowest at the northern terminus with SR 28.

## What's working well?

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

### What needs to change?

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.

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	
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, rest areas, and weed control.
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.
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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