# Corridor Sketch Summary

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 262: SR 26 Jct to SR 17 Jct

This 24-mile long corridor is located in Grant County, south of Moses Lake. The corridor travels north from State Route 26 between Royal City and Othello through farmland and east through the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge on top of the O'Sullivan Dam over the Potholes Reservoir before reaching the SR 17 junction in Warden. The corridor is rural in character with the primary land use being agricultural along the western half of the corridor, and open space and parkland on the eastern half. Other land uses and amenities along the corridor consist of residential, a restaurant, resort, and a recreational vehicle park. Other notable water features on the corridor are Soda Lake and Warden Lake at the east end of the corridor. Warden Airport is located east of the corridor. The corridor's terrain is a combination of flat and rolling as the corridor travels over the Frenchman Hills. Vegetation along the corridor is mostly irrigated agricultural fields and dry grasses and sagebrush, with some trees interspersed.

# **Current Function**

SR 262 is a state highway serving rural Grant County. This corridor entirely encompasses the state route. The corridor primarily serves the farmland the route passes through. The route is a moderately used freight route and provides access to all the agriculture, residential, and recreation along it. The corridor provides access to the Potholes State Park, which is a waterside park and campground, and the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, which features a scenic mixture of cliffs, canyons, lakes, and sagebrush grasslands.

## **Future Function**

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



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## **Highlights and Performance**

SR 262 is a two-lane, undivided highway. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest at Potholes Reservoir and lowest at the junction with SR 26.

## What's working well?

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

### What needs to change?

- None of the corridor has been surveyed for pavement conditions.
- Mardon Resort has sharp curves and access issues.

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

High	Low		•			Mobili	tv					
1,490	690	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)										
13.4%	6.4%	Bus/Truck Percent			Percent of Corridor Congested (Statewide Screen)							
48.44 Number of Lane Miles					0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%		
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\$2,261,000		# of Signalized/Stop Controlled Intersections Corridor Investments (2005-2016)					Jested	70 NUL CU	ngested			
Preservation					Environment Restore/Enhar					Enhanco		
Roadway Surface Type						Protect		Assess				
					Fish Barriers		50% Passable		50% to Do			
0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Noise Walls		0%	0% Built		0% Proposed	
ACP BST PCCP Bridge Roadway Surface Condition (Percent of Surveyed Area)						Chronic Environmental Deficiencies		0% Resolved		0% Unresolved		
0% ■ Poor	20% & Very P	40% oor F	60% air <mark>=</mark> Go	80% ood & Ver	100% y Good	Wildlife Connect	Wildlife Connectivity		0 Structures in Place		0 High Priority Miles	
Corridor Bridge Preservation Needs Border Bridge						Stormwater Treatment		0 BMPs		Retrofit Prioritization in progress		
Bridge Repair Bridge Deck None Rehabilitate Bridge Paint Bridge Identified					Zero	Zero % of Corridor with high potential for increased Climate Impacts						
Replace Bridge Scour Repair					None	Wetland Mitigation Locations						
Seismic Retrofit Moveable Bridge					None	Historical Bridges						

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							
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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