

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 903: SR 970 Jct (Cle Elum) to Bullfrog Rd

This five-mile corridor is located in central Washington State within the city of Cle Elum. The corridor travels from the State Route 970 junction and Bullfrog Road, and includes a 0.33-mile long SR 903 Spur. The corridor is mainly suburban in character with land uses consisting of a mix of commercial, industrial, residential, and institutional uses. Outside the city limits, there are vacant parcels, some of which are developing. The route passes by the Cle Elum Middle School and Cle Elum High School. The Suncadia Properties lie at the west end of the corridor. Multiple parks, such as City Park and Fireman's Park, trails, and canyons surround the corridor. The Yakima River is located to the south of the corridor. There is one airport, the Cle Elum Municipal, located near the east end of the corridor. A portion of the corridor runs parallel to both Interstate 90 and the BNSF Railway. The terrain is rolling as it travels along the forested eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountains.



Current Function

SR 903 is located entirely within Kittitas County and links Lake Cle Elum to Roslyn, Cle Elum, and SR 970. This corridor supports the surrounding year-round recreation and tourist areas that are an important part to Cle Elum's economy. The route provides access to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Lake, the Yakima River, and other recreational attractors. The corridor also provides access from I-90 to the city of Cle Elum and many businesses cater to the traveling public, recreationalists, and tourists. A portion of the corridor serves as Cle Elum's "main street." The corridor is an important freight route within the city of Cle Elum and serves some industrial areas on the east end of Cle Elum. During I-90 Snoqualmie Pass closures, trucks park along the highway or begin staging when the re-opening is anticipated. The corridor is an important connection to expanding residential growth in the hills north of Cle Elum. While not a long corridor, this route is the sole public road connecting Cle Elum to the Bullfrog Road intersection.

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 section of SR 970 is primarily a two-lane, undivided highway. There are left turn lanes and a center lane in downtown Cle Elum. One roundabout is located at the west end of the corridor. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest within Cle Elum and lowest at the junction with SR 970.

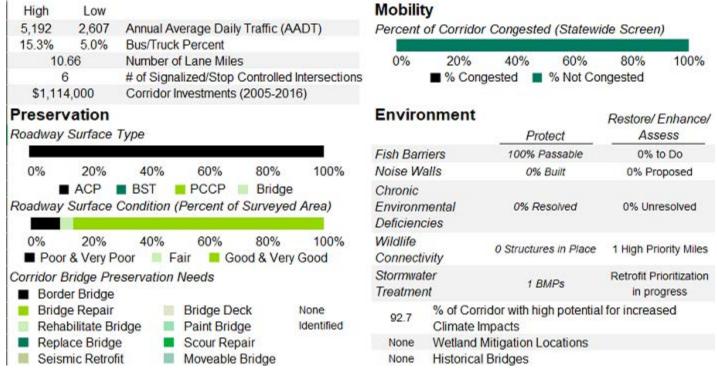
What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- There are no fish passage barriers present on the corridor.
- There are no chronic environmental deficiencies on the corridor.
- Most of the corridor is ranked low priority for habitat connectivity issues.

What needs to change?

- Roughly 10% of surveyed pavements on the corridor are in poor to very poor condition.
- There are eight confirmed or suspected contaminated sites (mostly old gasoline stations or industrial sites), and six leaking underground storage tanks.
- The entire corridor is rated as moderate for climate impact vulnerabilities, due to the potential for wildfires.
- Truck parking and staging issues when Snoqualmie Pass closes.

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	
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, rest areas, and pavement repair.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified two Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 93% 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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