

# **Corridor Sketch Summary**

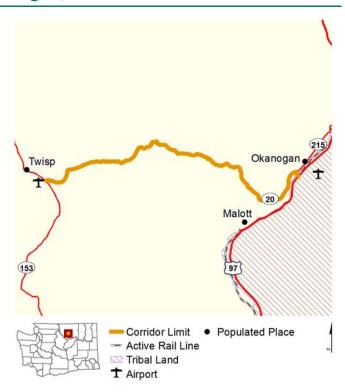
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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive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

# SR 20: SR 153 Jct (Twisp) to US 97 Jct (Okanogan)

This 29-mile long east-west corridor is located in north central Washington. The corridor travels between the State Route 153 junction in the town of Twisp and the US Route 97 junction in the city of Okanogan. The corridor is rural in character and land use between the communities is undeveloped, with some forested areas located throughout. Within Twisp, land use is primarily rural residential housing and irrigated agriculture. Land use in Okanogan also includes agriculture in addition to grid-like patterns of residences. The route's terrain is predominantly mountainous as the corridor travels through the North Cascade Mountains. The corridor passes by the Loup Loup Ski Area, which is located in the Methow Valley. The Methow River and Okanogan rivers pass through Twisp and Okanogan at the corridor's western and eastern endpoints, respectively. The route also encounters multiple creeks. Directly east of the corridor is Colville Indian Reservation. The corridor crosses over the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad. Two airports, Okanogan Legion and Twisp Municipal, are located at each corridor end point.



# **Current Function**

SR 20 is the northernmost route across the Cascade Mountain Range and is commonly referred to as the North Cascade Highway. The corridor is part of the Cascade Loop Scenic Byway, a 400-mile driving tour through the Cascades. This section of SR 20 functions as a rural highway connecting the communities of Twisp and Okanogan. The route serves significant recreation travel to destinations such as Loup Loup Summit Ski Area and the Okanogan National Forest as well as resource extraction activities from the natural forest and agriculture. Other traffic attractors are hunting seasons, fishing seasons, snowmobiling and four-wheeling activities. TranGo and Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition provide transit service on the corridor. Bicycle and pedestrian use is permitted on corridor shoulders and the corridor is part of the National Bike Route Network.

## **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 20 is a two-lane, undivided highway. There are no turn lanes along the route. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest in Okanogan and lowest just east of Twisp.

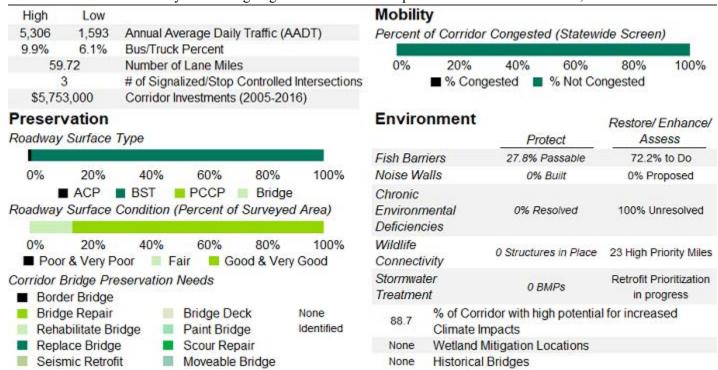
# What's working well?

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

# What needs to change?

- Roughly 87% of corridor pavements conditions are unknown.
- Fish passage barriers are present on the corridor.
- Habitat connectivity deficiencies are present on the corridor.

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	<b>Description and Near-Term Actions</b>
<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, 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 37% 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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