

Corridor Sketch Summary

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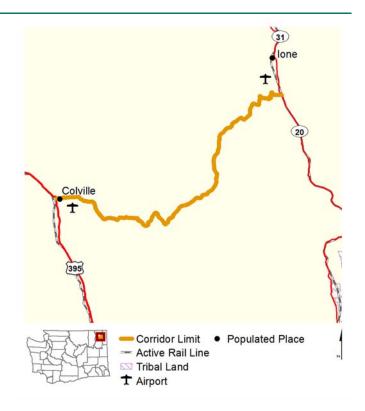
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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive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

SR 20: US 395 Jct (Colville) to SR 31 Jct

This 36-mile long corridor is located in the northeast corner of Washington. The corridor travels between the US Route 395 junction in the city of Colville, through Stevens County and Pend Orielle County, and the State Route 31 junction in the unincorporated community of Tiger. The corridor traverses rolling terrain through the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge and the Colville National Forest. The corridor is primarily rural in character. Land use along this corridor includes single- and multi- family residences in a grid-like pattern, commercial, civic, and manufacturing uses within Colville. Land use between Colville and the eastern terminus, consists of single-family residences, private-commercial forest, and agriculture. Pend Oreille River is located at the eastern end point, as is the Pend Oreille Valley Railroad. Kettle Falls International Railway is located in Colville. Two airports, Colville Municipal and Ione Municipal, are located at each end point.



Current Function

SR 20 is commonly referred to as the North Cascade Highway and is the northernmost route across the Cascade Mountain Range. This corridor is a rural-minor arterial and is not classified as an economic freight corridor. A segment of this corridor through Colville is identified as a state highway operating as the community's main street. The corridor provides access to many outdoor recreational activities and natural resources such as camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. The route also provides access to St Pauls Mission State Historical Site, Colville National Forest, Crystal Falls State Park, and the Little Pend Orielle Wildlife Refuge. The corridor is of interest or importance to the Kalispel, Spokane, and Colville tribes. Bicyclists participating in the annual July Tiger Triathlon use a portion of the highway for their event. Sidewalks are present in Colville for pedestrian use, and corridor shoulders are available for bicyclists. Fixed route transit is not available on the corridor.

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 with few turn lanes. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest at the junction with US 395 and lowest just north of Lake Heritage.

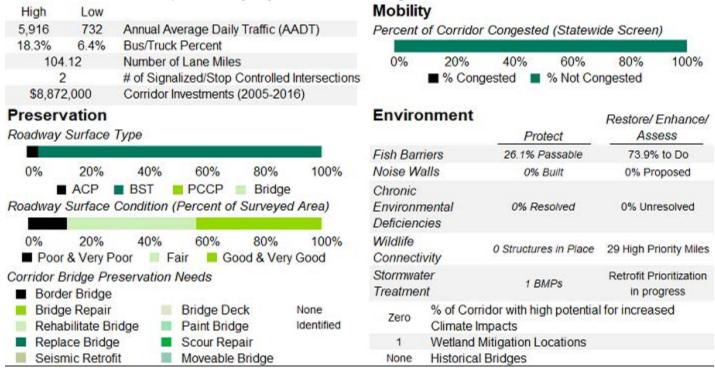
What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- This corridor is rated low for vulnerability to future climate conditions.

What needs to change?

- Roughly 96% of corridor pavement conditions have not been surveyed.
- There are medium and low priority wildlife connectivity issues.
- There are 21 fish passage barriers present along the corridor.

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, pavement repair, and repairing slopes.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified five Pavement actions 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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