

Corridor Sketch Summary

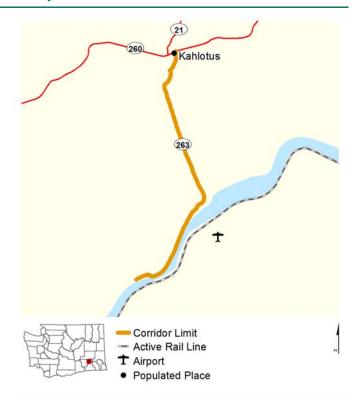
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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive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

SR 263: Port of Windust to SR 260 Jct (Kahlotus)

This nine-mile long north-south corridor is located off of the Snake River in the southeastern quadrant of Washington. The corridor travels between the Port of Windust on the north bank of the Snake River to the south and the State Route 260 junction in Kahlotus to the north. A portion of the corridor runs adjacent to the Snake River at the south. A majority of the corridor is locally known as Devils Canyon Road. With the exception of the city of Kahlotus, the corridor is rural in character. The corridor's character within Kahlotus is slightly denser with commercial, residential, industrial, and agricultural uses located close together. Other land uses present along the corridor include open space, agriculture, and single-family residential. The corridor's terrain is mostly mountainous as the corridor travels the Columbia Plateau. Devils Bench, a campground, and Windust Park are both located at the southern end point, as is the Lower Monumental Dam. One airport, Lower Monumental State, is located across the Snake River by way of the dam.



Current Function

SR 263 is a state highway serving rural Franklin County and the Lower Monumental Dam. This corridor primarily functions as a rural collector, providing connections to both nearby routes and cities. The corridor is not classified as a freight economic corridor. The segment of the corridor that passes through Kahlotus has been identified as a state highway operating as the community's main street. The corridor provides access to Windust Park and the Port of Windust where there is a grain elevator and barge loading facilities on the Snake River. Also, across the Snake River is a small commercial airstrip which is accessed by crossing the Lower Monumental Dam. This corridor is of significance or importance to the Yakama Nation and Colville Tribes. The Columbia Plateau Trail, which parallels the corridor, provides bicycling and pedestrian use.

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 263 is a two-lane, undivided highway with one turn lane. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest in Kahlotus and lowest at the Lower Monumental Dam.

What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- There are no fish passage barriers present on the corridor.
- The corridor is rated low for wildlife connectivity issues.
- The entire corridor is rated low for climate vulnerability impacts or extreme weather events.

What needs to change?

• Roughly 97% of corridor pavement conditions have not been surveyed, of the known corridor conditions all are in poor to very poor condition.

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

High	Low				Mobility						
340	112	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)			Percent of Corridor Congested (Statewide Screen)						
31.8%	18.8%	Bus/Truck Percent									
18.48 Number of Lane Miles					0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
	2	# of Sign	nalized/Stop (Controlled	Intersections		■ % Cong	ested	% Not Co	ngested	
\$308	3,000	Corridor	Investments	(2005-20	16)						
Preser	vation					Enviro	nment			Restore/	Enhance
Roadway	Surface	Type					Protect		Assess		
						Fish Bar	riers	No	one	0% 1	to Do
0% 20%		40% 60% 80% 100%		Noise Walls		0% Built		0% Proposed			
■ ACP ■ BST ■ PCCP ■ Bridge Roadway Surface Condition (Percent of Surveyed Area)						Chronic Environmental		0% Resolved		0% Unresolved	
						Deficien	cies				
0% ■ Poo	20% r & Very P	40% oor	60% Fair Go	80% od & Ver	100% y Good	Wildlife Connect	ivity	0 Structur	es in Place	0 High Pr	iority 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	% of Corridor with high potential for increased Climate Impacts					
Replace Bridge Scour Repair					None	Wetland N	Wetland Mitigation Locations				
Seismic Retrofit Moveable Bridge					None	Historical	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 Economic Vitality	Description and Near-Term Actions					
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, ditches, and pavement repair.					
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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