

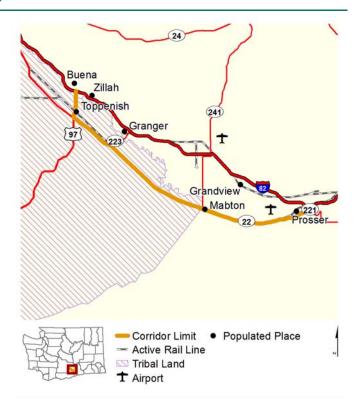
Corridor Sketch Summary

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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 22: I-82 Jct (Zillah) to I-82 Jct (Prosser)

This 36-mile long east-west corridor is located in south central Washington, and travels through the Yakama Indian Reservation for 22 miles. The corridor goes between two Interstate 82 interchanges: one near the community of Buena and one in the city of Prosser. The route passes through or near the cities of Zillah, Toppenish, Mabton, and Prosser, and the communities of Buena, Satus, and Byron. The corridor is predominantly rural with suburban/urban uses intermixed as it travels through denser areas. Between the cities, the corridor's land uses include rich, irrigated agricultural land punctuated by scrubland. Through the cities of Toppenish, Mabton, and Prosser, the land use is a mix of retail, commercial, and industrial uses. The entire corridor parallels the BNSF Railway and crosses it in Toppenish. The majority of the corridor parallels Yakima River, crossing over near Buena. In the Prosser vicinity, the corridor is adjacent to the base of the Horse Heaven Hills, which contain dry sagebrush and grasslands. Terrain on the corridor is primarily flat as the road travels through rich, irrigated agricultural lands.



Current Function

State Route 22 is a secondary highway serving the southern two-thirds of the Lower Yakima Valley and the Yakama Nation. This corridor provides one of the few Yakima River crossings in the valley making it an important connector for the mid-Yakima Valley area. The corridor connects I-82 in the Toppenish area to I-82 in Prosser. It is a principal arterial in Toppenish connecting I-82 and US Route 97. The corridor also serves as Toppenish's main street. It is an important agricultural route in the Lower Yakima Valley providing access to nearby farmlands and as a farm-to-market route. Recreational attractors along the corridor include hunting and fishing, murals in Toppenish, the Yakama Nation Museum and Cultural Center, the Yakama Legends Casino, the Yakima River, the Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge, and Sunnyside Wildlife Recreation Area. The corridor intersects I-82, US 97, SR 223, SR 241, and SR 221. The corridor provides connections to two park and rides within Prosser. Wide shoulders accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.

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 22 is primarily a two-lane, undivided highway for its entire length, until reaching Buena where it transitions to a three-lane, undivided highway until reaching its western terminus. Turn lanes and center lanes are present throughout the corridor. Parallel parking is present on the sides of the road in Toppenish and Prosser. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest in north Toppenish and lowest in Mabton.

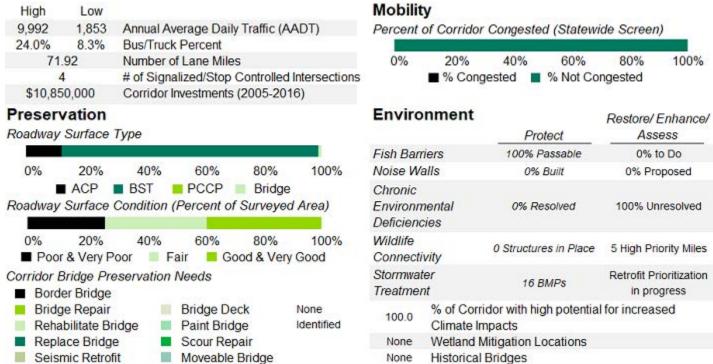
What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- There are no bridge preservation needs identified on the corridor.
- The six- to eight-foot wide corridor shoulders outside of Toppenish help provide mobility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

What needs to change?

- Roughly 26 % of surveyed pavements on the corridor are in poor to very poor condition, with nearly 55% of the pavements condition unknown.
- Analyze the contributing factors related to fatal and serious injuries on this corridor.
- The entire corridor is identified as moderate for climate impact vulnerability due to flooding, wildfires, and landslides.
- Chronic environmental deficiencies and habitat connectivity issues have been identified on the corridor.
- There is an active rockfall site in Prosser.

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 collected feedback from agency partners. Key themes included:

- Toppenish and Yakima County are interested in shifting freight out of downtown Toppenish and onto I-82 unless the freight has a destination within Toppenish.
- Desire in developing policies to address danger trees.

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 |
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| 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 rest areas. |
| Pavement | WSDOT has identified three Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 18% of the corridor. |
| Safety | |
| Investment | WSDOT has identified one Safety Investment action in the next six years encompassing 3% 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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