

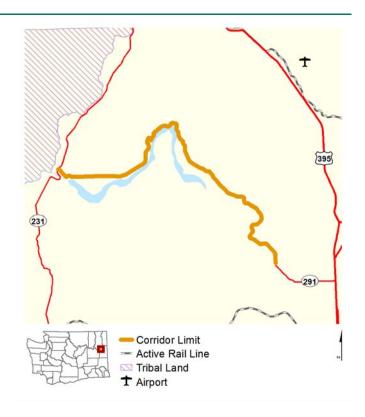
Corridor Sketch Summary

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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 291: Seven Mile Rd Int. to SR 231 Jct

This 28-mile long corridor is located in eastern Washington in Stevens and Spokane counties. The corridor travels between the Seven Mile Road intersection in Nine Mile Falls and the State Route 231 junction in Tum Tum. The corridor parallels the Spokane River to the south and the Spokane Reservation to the north. The route is primarily rural in character with some suburban developments on the eastern end of the corridor. The corridor travels through rolling landscape with land uses consisting of single- and multi- family residences, recreation, commercial, open space, private-commercial and public forest, and agriculture. Multiple parks and conservation areas such as Riverside State Park, Centennial Trail State Park, and the Van Horn, Edburg, and Bass Conservation Area are located near the corridor. Another notable water feature is Long Lake near the corridor's junction with SR 231. The Nine Mile Falls Dam is also located along the corridor. Natural vegetation on the corridor includes a mixture of conifer and deciduous trees, wild grasses, and shrubbery.



Current Function

SR 291 is a 33-mile long state highway located in Spokane and Stevens counties connecting Interstate 90 in Spokane with SR 231 near Long Lake. This corridor is both a minor urban arterial and a rural commuter route. The corridor is the primary access route for the communities of Suncrest and Tum Tum. This corridor follows the Spokane River and provides access to recreational opportunities including fishing, hiking, boating, and camping. The corridor is not classified as a freight economic corridor. The corridor is of significance to the Spokane and the Colville tribes. Spokane Transit Authority provides service along the corridor and multiple park and rides are accessible from this route.

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 corridor is generally a two-lane, undivided highway with a center lane and turns lanes present on a small portion of the segment. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest at its intersection with Seven Mile Road and lowest near Nine Mile Falls.

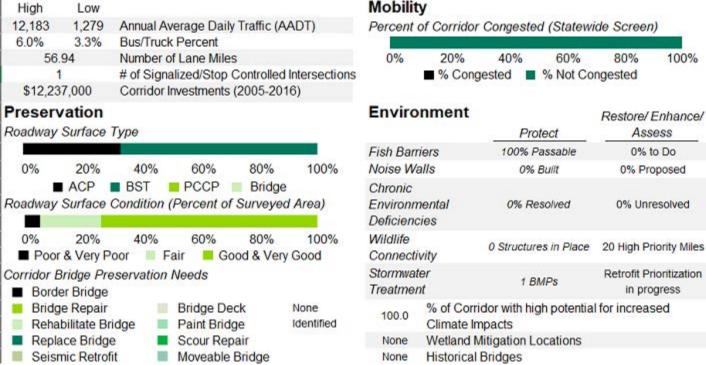
What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- Roughly 95% of surveyed pavements on the corridor are in fair or better condition.
- There are no fish passage barriers on the corridor.

What needs to change?

- There are medium and high priority wildlife connectivity issues throughout this corridor.
- This corridor is rated moderate for vulnerability to future climate conditions.

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:

• Interest in establishing ditch lines/drainage between MP 9 to MP 11. [Preservation]

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, pavement repair, and litter removal.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified three Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 85% 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

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