

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 231: SR 23 Jct (Sprague) to US 2 Jct

This 28-mile long north-south corridor is located in eastern Washington, north of Sprague. The corridor runs between the city of Sprague and the town of Reardan, passing through the unincorporated community of Edwall. The corridor's character is predominantly rural in character as it traverses rolling terrain. Land use along the corridor includes agriculture and open space. Within Sprague, single-family homes in a grid-like fashion is the prevalent land use with community buildings consisting of churches, an RV Park, a drive-in, and a gas station interspersed. Within Reardan, land use is predominantly residential and light industrial. Finally, within the community of Edwall, land uses transition to a handful of single-family residential and commercial units, as well as undeveloped space. Notable water features near or along the corridor include Lye Lake, Browns Lake, and Rock, Hampton, and Crab creeks. The corridor crosses an at grade BNSF railway in Edwall.



Current Function

State Route 231 is a 75-mile long state highway that serves the communities within Lincoln and Stevens counties and runs concurrently with US 2 for a segment. This corridor is a rural-major collector and is not classified as a freight economic corridor. The route serves Sprague, Reardan, and Edwall. The corridor provides a connection between US Route 2 and Interstate 90. In addition to providing links with US 2 and I-90, this corridor also connects to SR 23. There is no fixed route transit service 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 corridor is primarily a two-lane, undivided highway. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest at its junction with SR 23 and lowest in Edwall.

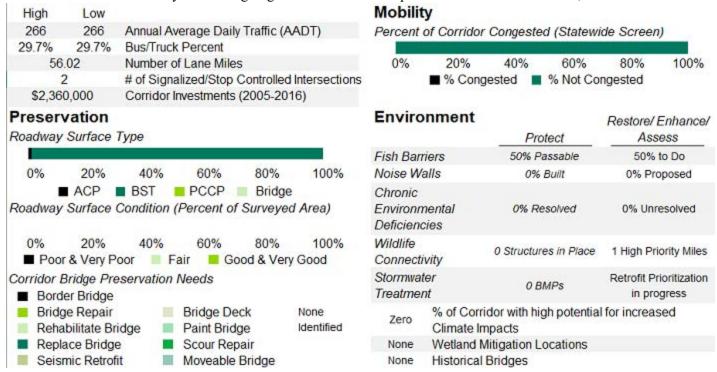
What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- The entire corridor is rated low for climate vulnerability impacts.
- The corridor has low and medium wildlife connectivity issues.
- There are no vertical clearance or weight restrictions on this corridor.

What needs to change?

- The entire corridor's pavement conditions have not been surveyed.
- There are five fish passage barriers present on 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 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, rest areas, 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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