

# **Corridor Sketch Summary**

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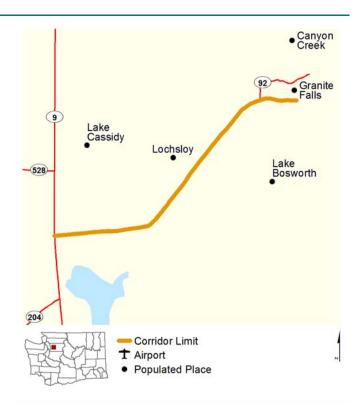
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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive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

## SR 92: SR 9 Jct to Granite Falls

This eight-mile east-west corridor, also known as Granite Falls Highway, runs between the State Route 9 intersection and the roundabout intersection with Quarry Road within the city of Granite Falls. The corridor runs the entire length of SR 92, passing through the city of Lake Stevens, the census designated area of Lochsloy in Snohomish County, and the city of Granite Falls. Land uses along the corridor are primarily aligned with small town and rural development. The corridor has multi-family residential and suburban, single-family residential development in Lake Stevens before moving outside of the Urban Growth Area. Land use then becomes rural, with low-density development throughout Lochsloy and Snohomish County. Land use outside of the two cities is primarily agricultural. The terrain along a majority of the corridor is generally flat. Near Granite Falls, the terrain transitions to rolling hills. Vegetation along the corridor is a combination of deciduous and conifer trees and open farmland.



### **Current Function**

SR 92 is located in Snohomish County, linking Lake Stevens and Granite Falls. The corridor is made up entirely of SR 92, and connects SR 9 to the Mountain Loop Highway in Granite Falls, serving as the primary connector to Granite Falls and the surrounding rural area. SR 92 provides an east-west connection from Lake Stevens to more rural areas moving to the northeast. The corridor functions as a commuter and recreational corridor, providing connections to local recreational and employment facilities in the surrounding cities of Marysville and Arlington, and the Mt Pilchuck State Park. The segment provides direct access to Lake Stevens, Lochsloy, and Granite Falls. This route is a freight corridor and moves goods to local and regional locations along the highway. Community Transit provides service for the entire corridor and one park and ride is easily accessible off of the segment in Granite Falls. Pedestrian and bicyclist use of the corridor is not permitted, and there are no trails available near 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**

SR 92 is a four-lane, undivided, unsignalized highway at the SR 9 junction, and quickly narrows to two lanes for the rest of its length. The corridor has two signalized and multiple stop-controlled intersections. It also occasionally includes a center turn lane. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest at the SR 9 junction and lowest at the Mountain Loop Highway in Granite Falls.

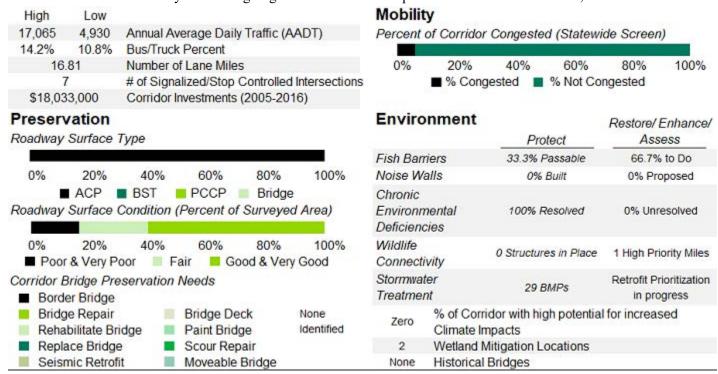
## What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- The corridor has a low climate change vulnerability rating.
- The corridor has no habitat connectivity or environmental deficiency sites.

## What needs to change?

- Approximately 16% of surveyed pavements on the corridor are in poor to very poor condition.
- There are no pedestrian or bicyclist facilities on the corridor.
- There are fish passage barriers present on the corridor.

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



<sup>1) 2015</sup> 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:

- Desire for intersection control at SR 92 and Grade Rd.
- Desire for bicyclist and pedestrian infrastructure for first and last mile connections to transit.

# **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	Further information about the proposed strategies can be found attached at the end of this document.
Preservation	
Maintenance	Based on expenditure history, it is expected that the top three activities will continue to be maintenance on snow and ice control, clean stormwater, and pavement repair.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified two Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 84% 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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