SR 99

SR 99/S 272nd St to SR 516 Vic - Paving & ADA Compliance Project

Overview

WSDOT is planning the State Route (SR) 99/South 272nd Street to SR 516 Vicinity – Paving and ADA Compliance project in Kent to help improve safety, accessibility, and travel choices for everyone. We are planning to repave SR 99 from South 272nd Street to the vicinity of SR 516 and upgrade curb ramps to make them safer and more accessible for people with disabilities.

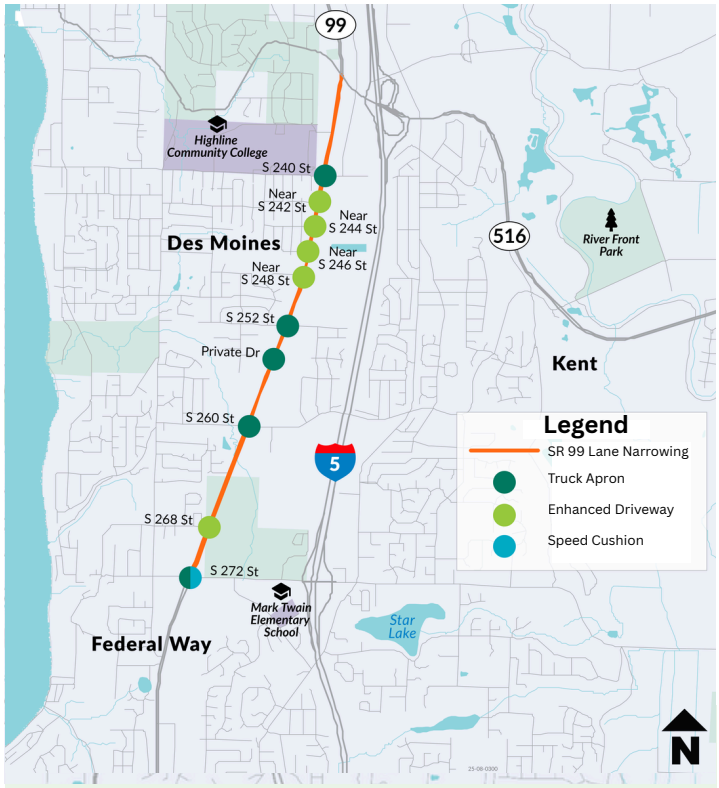
This project is scheduled for construction in summer 2026, supported by a $1.45 million grant. WSDOT is working to include as many bike and pedestrian improvements as possible during this phase, with longer-term improvements potentially delivered in a future unfunded project.

This project will repave and construct ADA upgrades on SR 99 in the city of Kent.

Near-Term Improvements

WSDOT is considering near-term improvements that can be implemented during paving and ADA construction. These include crossing enhancements such as:

- **Lane narrowing:** Narrowing traffic lanes to 11 feet in width, allowing for a small outside shoulder area between traffic and sidewalks, reducing the level of traffic stress for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- **Speed Cushions**: Installing speed cushions encourage vehicles to slow as they approach crosswalks or turns.
- **Truck Aprons:** Truck aprons have an extended curb at some intersections to slow vehicle turning speeds and still allow larger vehicles to drive across and make tighter turns. This reduces crossing distances for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- **Enhanced driveways:** Intersection enhancements modify side streets with more than 50 ft in width and have an existing right-in / right-out alignment. These modifications will add pedestrian refuge islands.



Map of location for proposed near-term improvements on SR 99.

Bike and Pedestrian Crossings

With growing pedestrian, bicycle and transit needs along SR 99, demand for crossing improvements and accessibility are expected to increase. There are currently seven existing traffic signals on SR 99 between South 272nd Street and SR 516 where pedestrians and bicyclists have protected crossings. Some of the intersections have large distances between them, up to three-quarters of a mile. There are two new crossings that are planned and funded by the city of Kent near South 244th Street and South 248th Street. One additional crossing at South 268th Street is planned but not currently funded.

Long-term Options Under Consideration

For the long-term vision for SR 99, WSDOT is considering several types of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Your input will help us prioritize the right mix. There are three bike and pedestrian options identified for SR 99.

Map of existing protected pedestrian crossings and new/proposed crossings on SR 99

Shared Use Path A wide, paved path for people walking and biking, separated from vehicle traffic.

Bike Lanes and Sidewalks running alongside one another in the direction of vehicle travel, separated from vehicles.

Separated Two-Way Bike Lane on one side of the street, with sidewalks on both sides of the street, all separated from vehicle traffic.

We want to hear from you!

WSDOT wants to hear your thoughts on how to make State Route 99/South 272nd Street to SR 516 Vicinity more accessible for everyone, whether you're walking, biking, rolling, riding the bus or driving. **To access the survey: http://bit.ly/41BB4oc or scan the QR Code. The survey closes: November 4, 2025. All responses are anonymous.**

Please contact Amber Stanley for questions at Amber.Stanley@wsdot.wa.gov or 206-817-8833.

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