

Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program Report

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WSDOT - Local Programs Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program Report

RE: RCW 47.04.410(1)(e)

RCW 47.04.410(1)(e) requires by December 31st of each year when there is funding distributed in accordance with this program, the department must provide the transportation committees of the legislature and the traffic safety commission with a list of locations that received funding and a description of the safety improvements installed there.

Local Program Status:

In 2025 WSDOT Local Programs funded the following list of new projects as part of the 2025 County Safety Program 'Call for Projects' to reduce the number of applications and workload for county staff.

- **Asotin County** – Snake River Road Safety Improvements MP 19.00-19.71
 - \$551,000
 - Widen shoulders, pave and regrade road, and install guardrail in spot locations. Add pavement markings.
 - Snake River Road from MP 19.00-19.71
- **Douglas County** – Countywide Spot Safety Improvements – Curve Warning Signs (Phase 2)
 - \$351,000
 - Install/upgrade curve warning signs and flexible guideposts.
 - Countywide
- **Pend Oreille County** – 2025 County Wide Resigning Project
 - \$981,000
 - Install/upgrade signing.
 - Countywide (rural major and minor collectors)
- **Skagit County** – Granstrom Road Barrier Protection
 - \$500,000
 - Install/upgrade guardrail.
 - Granstrom Road from MP 1.67-1.92
 - Granstrom Road from MP 2.14-2.34
- **Stevens County** – Southwood Shores Road Guardrail, Section 1
 - \$677,000
 - Install/upgrade guardrail.
 - Southwood Shores Road from MP 0.52-1.52

From the projects funded in the 2023 County Safety Program 'Call for Projects' the lane departure crash analysis (to date) is listed below. Projects that are still active have no analysis available. For projects with less than one year since project completion, no analysis is provided yet. Please note that while a single year analysis is provided below for the Douglas County project, multiple years of analysis would be typical to evaluate project effectiveness. It should also be noted that these projects were all prioritized based on each county's risk analysis, not specifically based on crash history at the locations identified.

- **Columbia County** – County Wide Paved Roadway Delineator/Striping Program
 - Project completed in December 2025. Crash analysis will begin with January 2026 data.
- **Douglas County** – Douglas County Curve Warning Signs (Phase 1)
 - Project completed in November 2024. Crash analysis begins with December 2024 data.
 - December 2019 – November 2024 lane departure crashes = 116 (23.2/year)
 - December 2024 – November 2025 lane departure crashes = 19 (19.0/year) – 18% reduction
- **Ferry County** – Boulder Creek Road Guardrail
 - Project is still underway. Crash analysis will begin after completion.
- **Klickitat County** – White Plastic Edge Line
 - Project completed in May 2025. Crash analysis will begin with June 2025 data.
- **Klickitat County** – Curve Warning Signs and Guide Posts
 - Project is still underway. Crash analysis will begin after completion.
- **Lincoln County** – Hawk Creek Road Guardrail and Countywide Chevron Alignment Signs
 - Project completed in July 2025. Crash analysis will begin with August 2025 data.
- **Okanogan County** – County Wide Guardrail Safety Project
 - Project is still underway. Crash analysis will begin after completion.
- **Stevens County** – Countywide Curve Signing Project #2
 - Project is still underway. Crash analysis will begin after completion.

For project details for the eight projects that were selected in 2023 for a total of \$4,622,000 noted above, please refer to the [Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program Report, December 2023](#) for details.

To maximize the efficiency of this program, the Reducing Rural Roadway Departure program is administered as a consolidated safety grant program for Counties. The County Safety Program selects projects in odd-numbered years. The next funding will be provided during the 2027 County Safety Program 'Call for Projects' based on the availability of funding. These program funds are a welcome addition to county safety efforts across the state, as applications for County Safety Program funds have exceeded available resources by 2-3 times the funding available each cycle.

Feel free to contact to Jay Drye, Director, Local Programs, at Jay.Drye@wsdot.wa.gov or (360) 705-7871 with questions.

State Program Status:

The WSDOT selections for reducing rural roadway departures included a review of the projects which were programmed within the Safety Improvement Program. This included a review of projects in rural locations, which were employing countermeasures to reduce the current rate of rural road lane departures. This would include projects that install or construct:

- Curve warning signs
- High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) deployment
- Center line and shoulder rumble strips
- Shoulder widening
- Roadside barriers

The projects programmed are the following:

- **US 2 Et Al NCR Guardrail Update – 2026** (\$3,635,835)
 - Project is underway and will be completed this year.
- **SR 153 E. of Gold Creek Loop Road Bridge – Emergency Bridge Rail Repair** (\$670,000)
 - Project has been completed.

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