

Olympic Region Update

Peninsula RTPO

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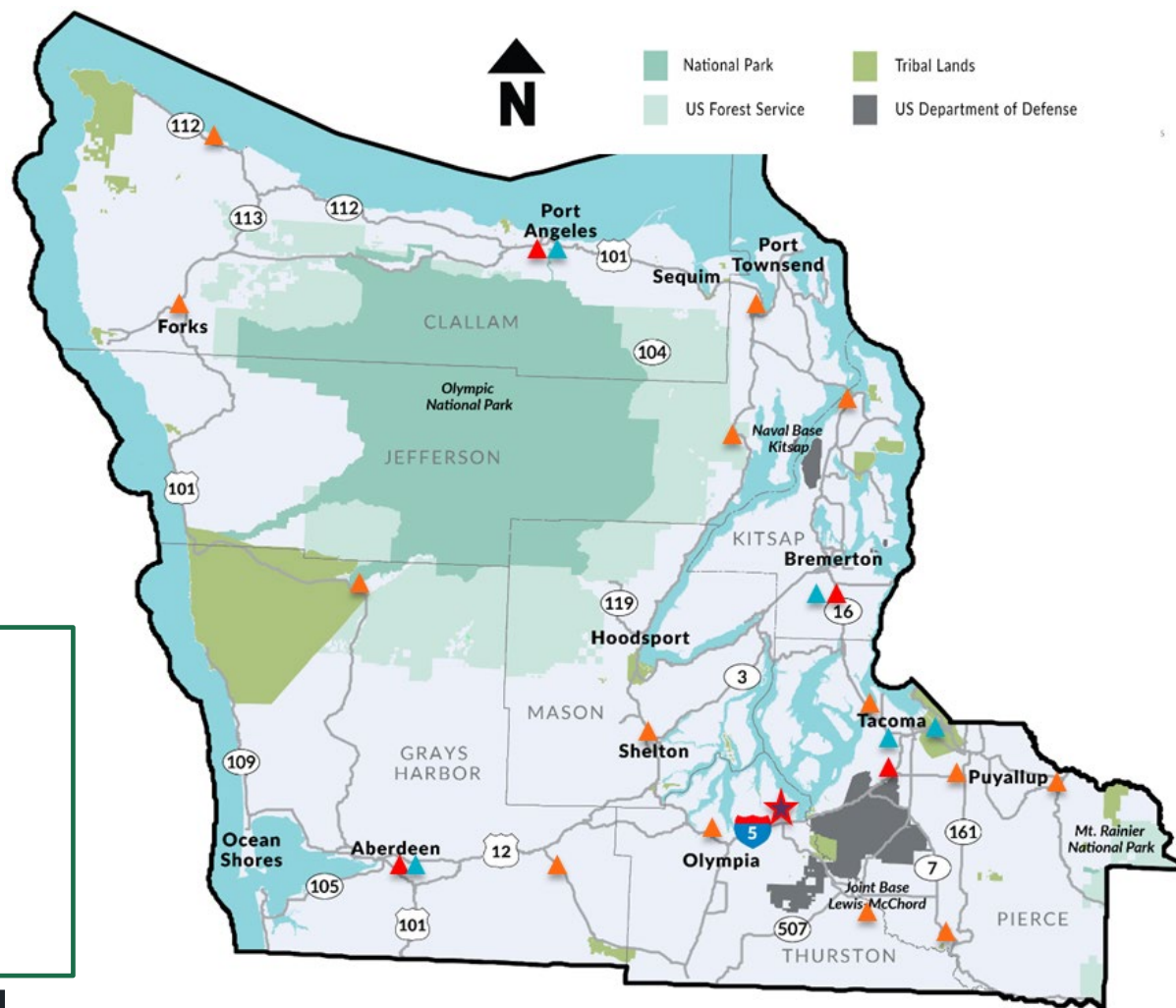
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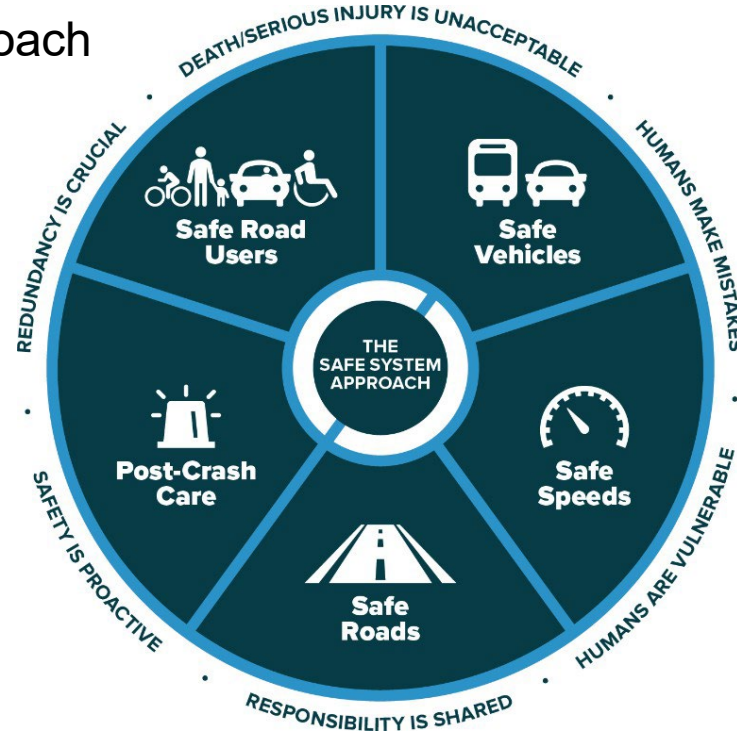
- 3,000+ Lane miles
- 645 Bridges
- 6 Ferry Terminals
- 4 Safety Rest Areas
- 1.8 Million Customers

- ★ Olympic Region HQ
 - Planning & Engineering
 - Construction & Materials
 - Maintenance & Operations
- ▲ Maintenance Area HQ
- ▲ Maintenance Office
- ▲ Engineering Office



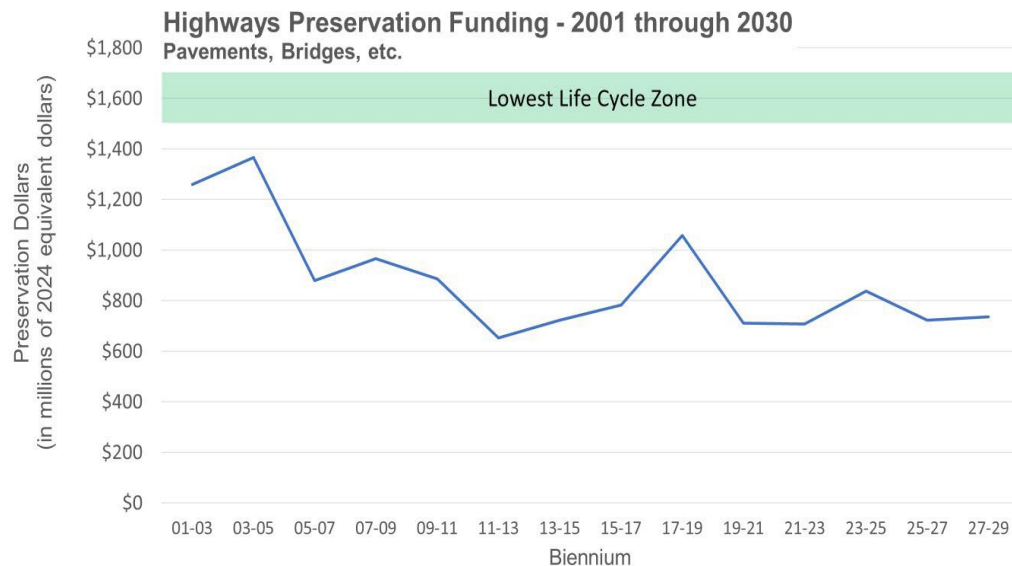
Safety, Preservation & Complete Streets

Safe Systems Approach



Preservation & Complete Streets

Preservation Investment



Statewide:

- Preservation funding is currently addressing 40% of need.

Preservation backlog

The Governor's budget begins to address the years-long backlog with:

- \$1.1 billion in bridge preservation – extending the life of at least 10 high-risk bridges
- Nearly \$1 billion in paving projects over the next 10 years, including \$164 million in Summer 2026
- \$160 million for other infrastructure, preservation and maintenance
 - Stabilizing slopes to prevent landslides and rock falls
 - Addressing newly identified or failed culverts since the 2013 injunction list
 - Repairing and replacing guardrails and signs
 - Updating facilities to keep buildings safe for employees
- \$1 billion investment in WA State Ferries – includes 3 new vessels and preserving the existing fleet

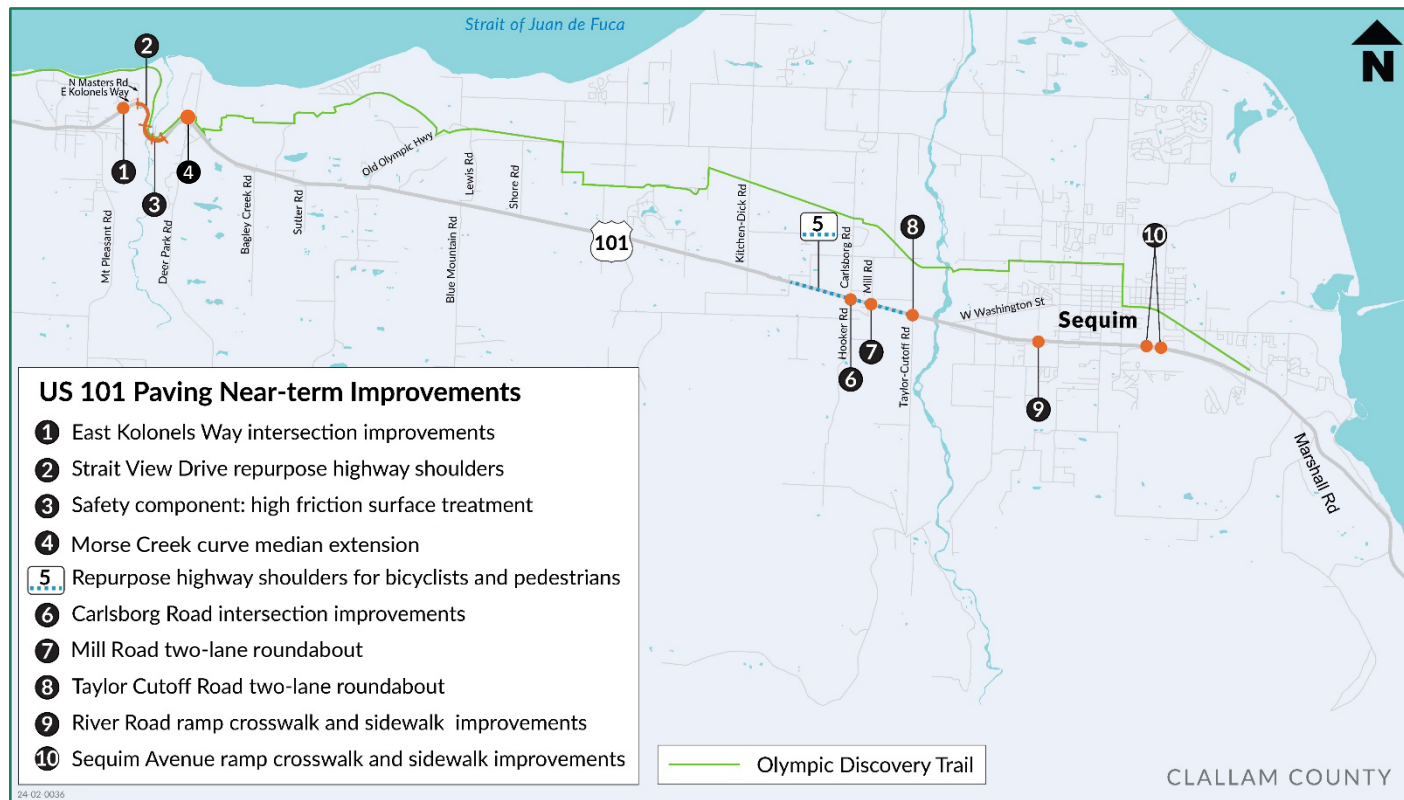
US 101 E of E Kolonels Way to W of Happy Valley Rd

Paving Limits:

- ☐ MP 251.61 (E Kolonels Way) to MP 256.72 (Shore Rd)
- ☐ MP 260.38 (Boyce Rd) to MP 267.01 (Happy Valley Rd)

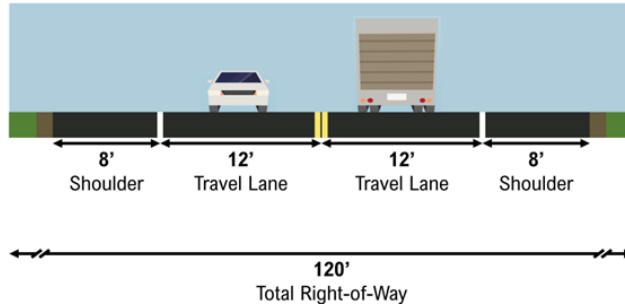
Schedule:

- ☐ Design
Spring 2025 – Spring 2027
- ☐ Project Advertisement
Spring 2027
- ☐ Construction
Summer 2027 – Fall 2028



SR 3 - Freight Corridor

- NEPA complete, Access hearing next summer.
- Challenging R/W phase
- Construction - 2028
- \$79 million Connecting WA Transportation package

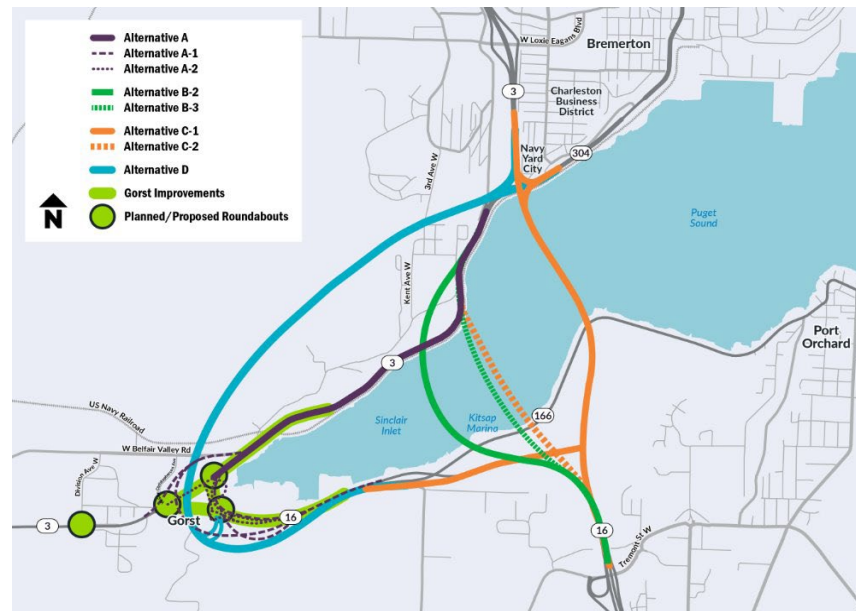


SR 3/Gorst - Planning Environmental Linkages study (PEL)

- Key hub for connection to the cities of Belfair and Shelton (via SR 3), Port Orchard (via SR 166) and Bremerton (via SR 304).
- \$75 million Move Ahead WA (PEL, R/W, PE)
- PEL completion late 2026

Purpose and Need centers around:

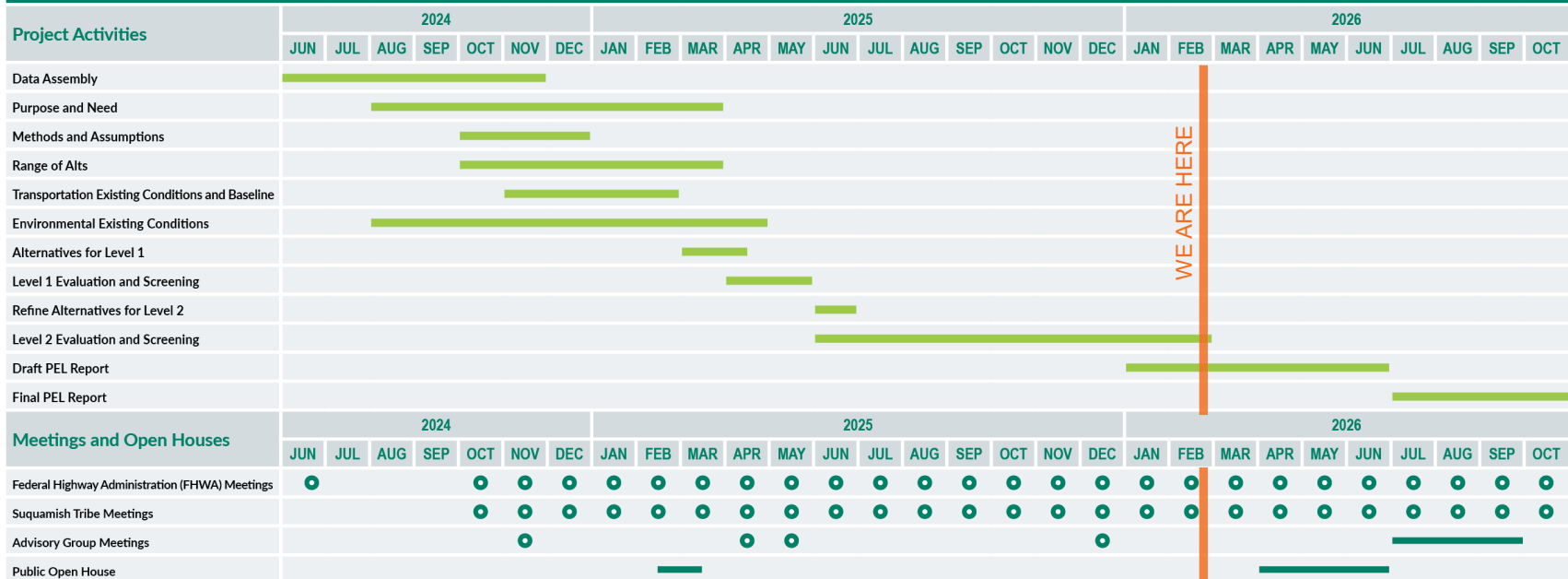
- Mobility
- Safety performance
- System resiliency
- Active transportation



Range of Alternatives

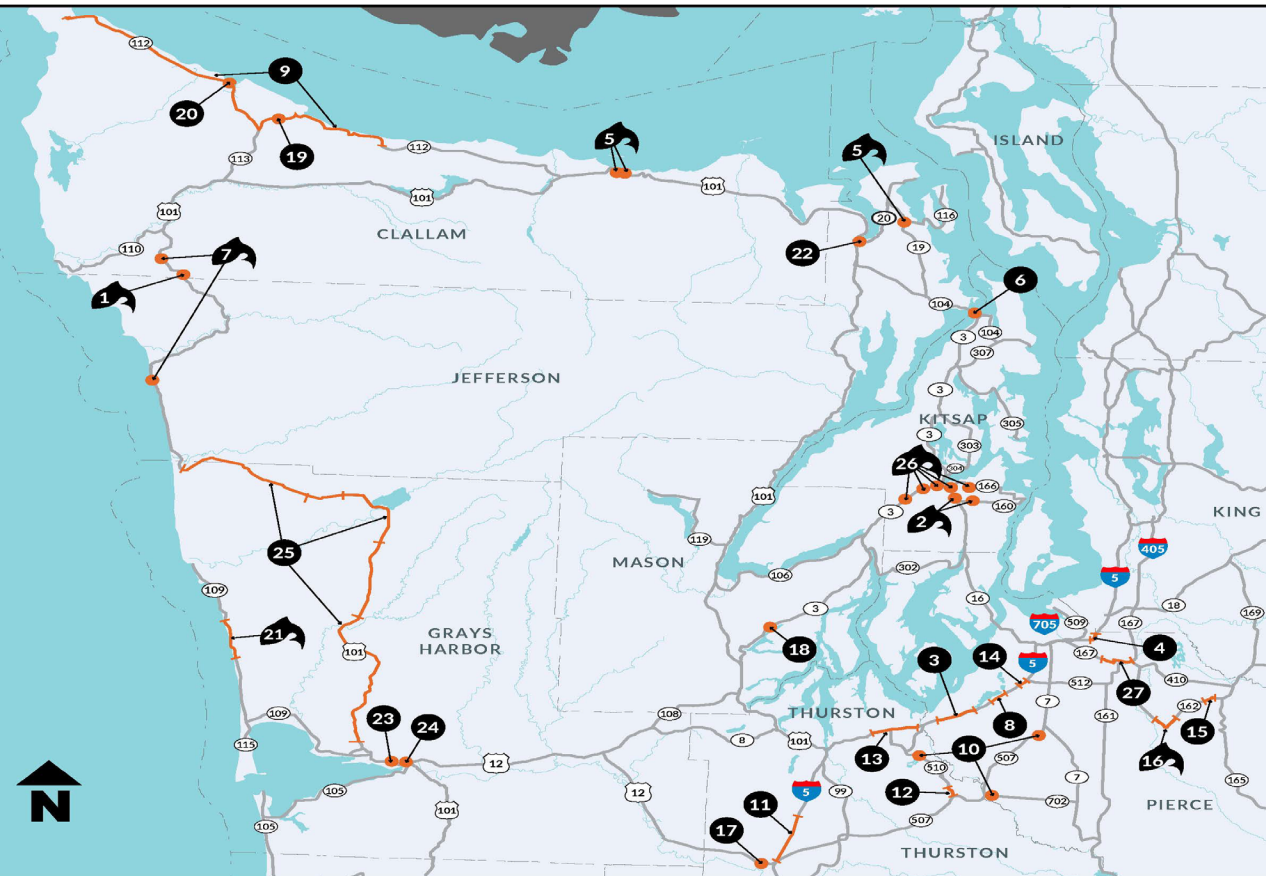
Timeline

SR3 Gorst Area Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Project Schedule



Olympic Region 2026 Construction Projects

Subject to change



- 1 US 101/May 1 Creek in Vic of Dowans Creek Rd – Remove Fish Barriers
- 2 SR 16/SR 160/Kitsap County Fish Passage Barriers – Remove Fish Barriers
- 3 I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd – Corridor Improvements
- 4 SR 167/I-5 to SR 509 – Stage 1B – Puget Sound Gateway Program
- 5 US 101 & SR 116 North Olympic Peninsula – Remove Fish Barriers
- 6 SR 104/Hood Canal Bridge – Centerlock Rehabilitation
- 7 US 101 Grader & Unnamed Trib to Pacific Ocean – Remove Fish Barriers
- 8 I-5 Gravelly-Thorne Connector
- 9 SR 112 E of Sail River to E of E Twin River – Paving Preservation & Emergency
- 10 SR 702, SR 510, & SR 507 Roundabout Bundle #1A
- 11 I-5 N of Oly Hwy 99 SW to N of Maytown Rd SW – Paving
- 12 SR 510/Yelm Loop – New Alignment Phase 2
- 13 I-5 E of Nisqually Cut off Rd SE to E of Mounts Rd SW – PCCP Panel Replacement
- 14 I-5/SR 512 NB to EB interchange – Congestion Management
- 15 SR 162 E of Lower Burnett Rd E to E of 128th St E – HFST
- 16 SR 162 Orville Roundabout and Rauch Creek and Card Creek – Remove Fish Barriers
- 17 US 12/Denmark St SW to E of Old Hwy 9 SW – Roundabout
- 18 SR 3 S of E Mason Lake Rd to S of Ecler Rd – Roundabout
- 19 SR 112 /Pysht River – Emergency Repairs
- 20 SR 112 / Clallam Bay 2023 – Emergency Project
- 21 SR 109 Ocean City to Taholah – Remove Fish Barriers
- 22 SR 20/US 101 I/S to N or Fairmount Rd – HFST
- 23 US 12 Heron St Bridge – Grid Deck Replacement
- 24 US 12 Wishkah River Bridge – Mechanical Rehabilitation
- 25 US 101/ N of Ocean Beach Rd to Jefferson Co Line – Paving
- 26 SR 3, SR 16, SR 166 Gorst Vicinity – Remove Fish Barriers
- 27 SR 167/SR 161 to SR 410 – New Expressway Project (Stage 2a) – Puget Sound Gateway Program
- 2025 Region wide Adaptive Management – Fish Passage (various locations, not on map)

MAP KEY:

-  Construction
  Active Construction
-  Fish Passage

Project schedules subject to change. See project webpages for additional information.
<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning>

SR 104, Hood Canal Bridge Centerlocks



SR 104 - Hood Canal Bridge





US 101 May Creek - Remove Fish Barriers

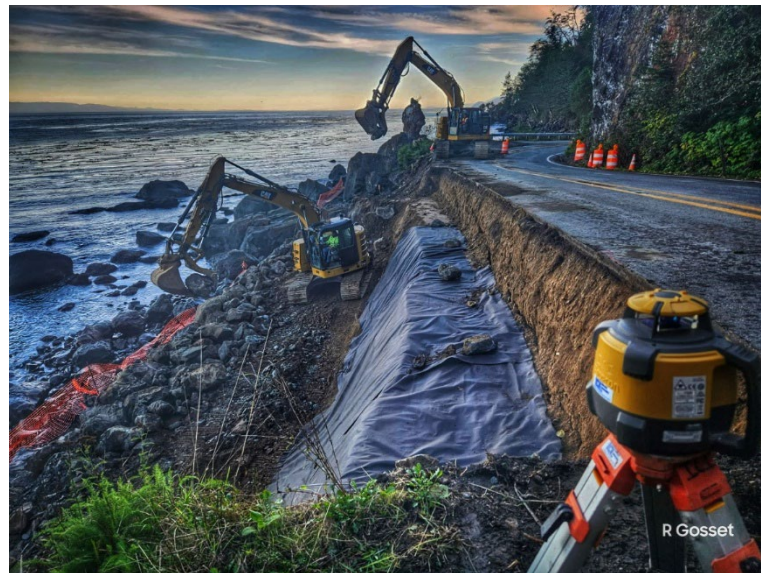
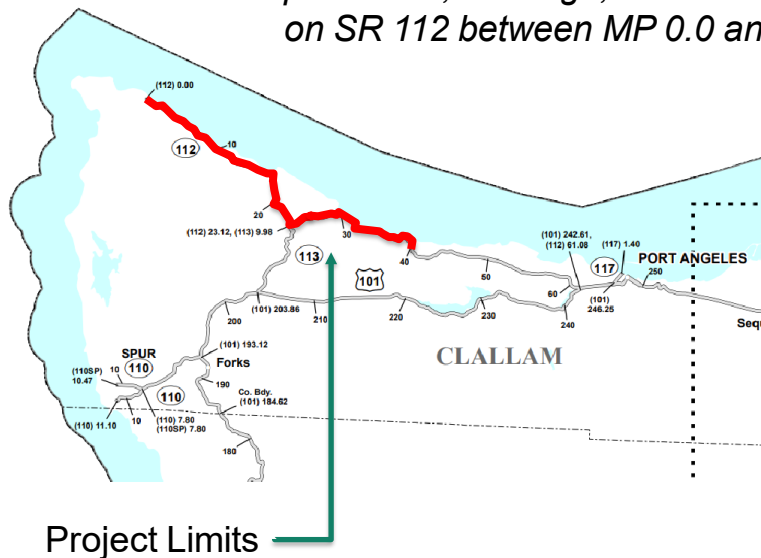
- New Bridge is open to alternating one way traffic
- Project replaces an outdated culvert with a new 175-foot-long bridge.



SR 112 Preservation and Maintenance

Project Description:

Preservation and maintenance project to address pavement, drainage, and roadside safety hardware needs on SR 112 between MP 0.0 and 42.0.



Maintenance Challenges

- Materials, equipment, and labor prices have increased significantly without an increase in budget.
- Reductions in service and response to third-party damage.
- Prioritizing available resources to winter operations.



Guardrail repairs



Asphalt Repairs



Bridge repairs



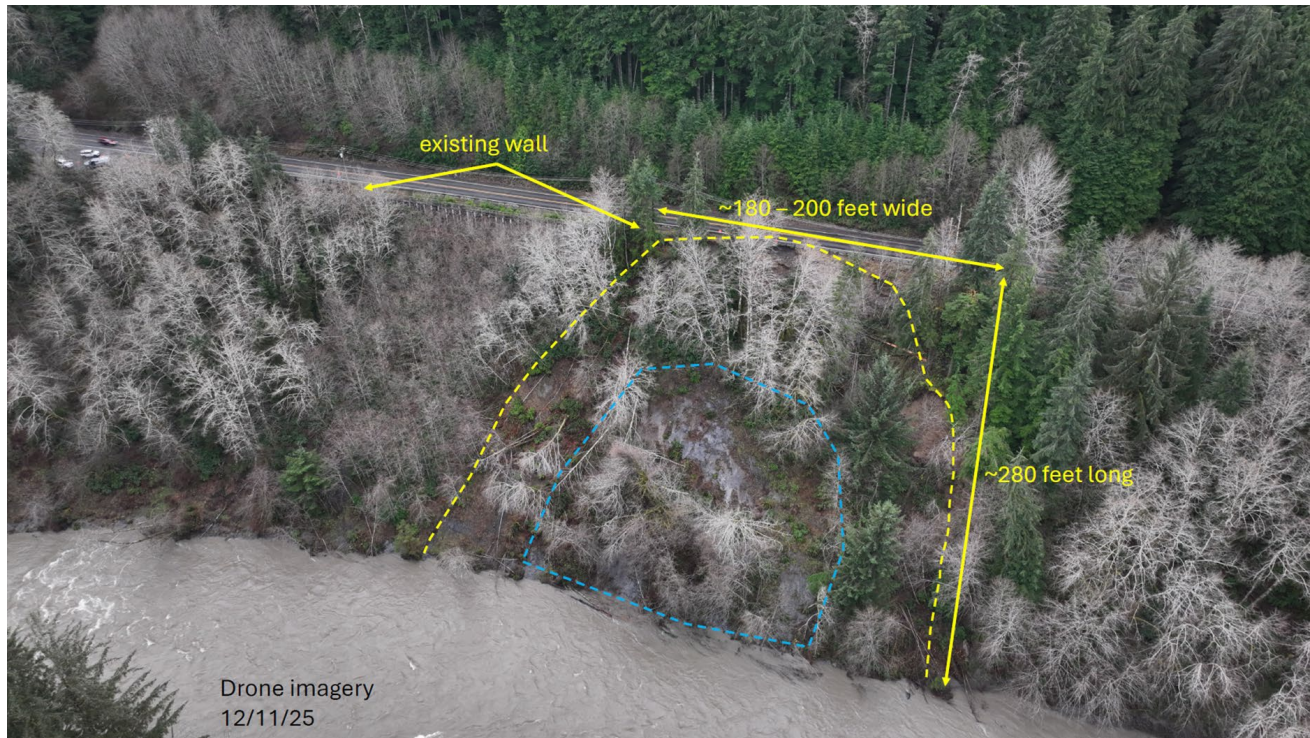
Panel repair

US 101, MP 164.9 near Ruby Beach





US 101, MP 184.5 south of Forks



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Discussion

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