

SR 285 North Wenatchee Avenue
Transportation Master Plan



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Key Plan Components

- Continuation of the Confluence Parkway, across aerial street corridor including a new bridge over the Wenatchee River
- Improvements to the SR 285 SR 286 Easy Street Interchange
- Safety and to the River Improvements along N Wenatchee Avenue

- Expanding Regional Mobility
- Enhancing Community Connections
- Improving Business Access

What is the Focus of the Plan?

A safe and efficient transportation system is vital to the economic growth of the Wenatchee Valley. North Wenatchee Avenue currently serves as one of only two routes in and out of the City of Wenatchee, which serves as the hub of the region. The existing highway corridor is challenged to serve a number of functions including providing for regional mobility, local business access, freight movement and regional transit services. In addition, many people need to cross the highway corridor to access the Loop Trail and regional parks along the Columbia River. These conflicting functions have resulted in a range of issues including:

- A high number of collisions
- Traffic congestion and backups
- Difficulty in meeting transit schedules
- Challenges for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the highway

US 2 Corridor

Confluence Parkway Corridor

North Wenatchee Avenue Corridor

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- Improve safety by modernizing intersections
- Construct and upgrade connecting side roads to improve property access and traffic circulation
- Develop new north-end transit center to create more travel options in the corridor
- Construct and improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities to enhance community accessibility and safety



Improved pedestrian facilities along and crossing North Wenatchee Avenue will enhance safety and accessibility.



Pedestrian and bicycle bridge over North Wenatchee Avenue will connect people directly to the waterfront.

US 2 Corridor

- Modify US 1/ SR 285 Interchange to create a more direct east-west US 2 alignment
- Remove traffic signals and redo Id Easy Street to cross over US 1 to improve safety and traffic flow



Easy Street crossing over US 2 allows safer, more efficient connectivity for local traffic.

Confluence Parkway Corridor

- Confluence Parkway shifts traffic away from North Wenatchee Avenue reducing congestion and improving safety
- Improve regional mobility by providing a bypass route directly to the central business district
- Enhance speed and reliability of intercity and local bus routes
- Improve Loop Trail by moving alignment away from railroad tracks



Map Key

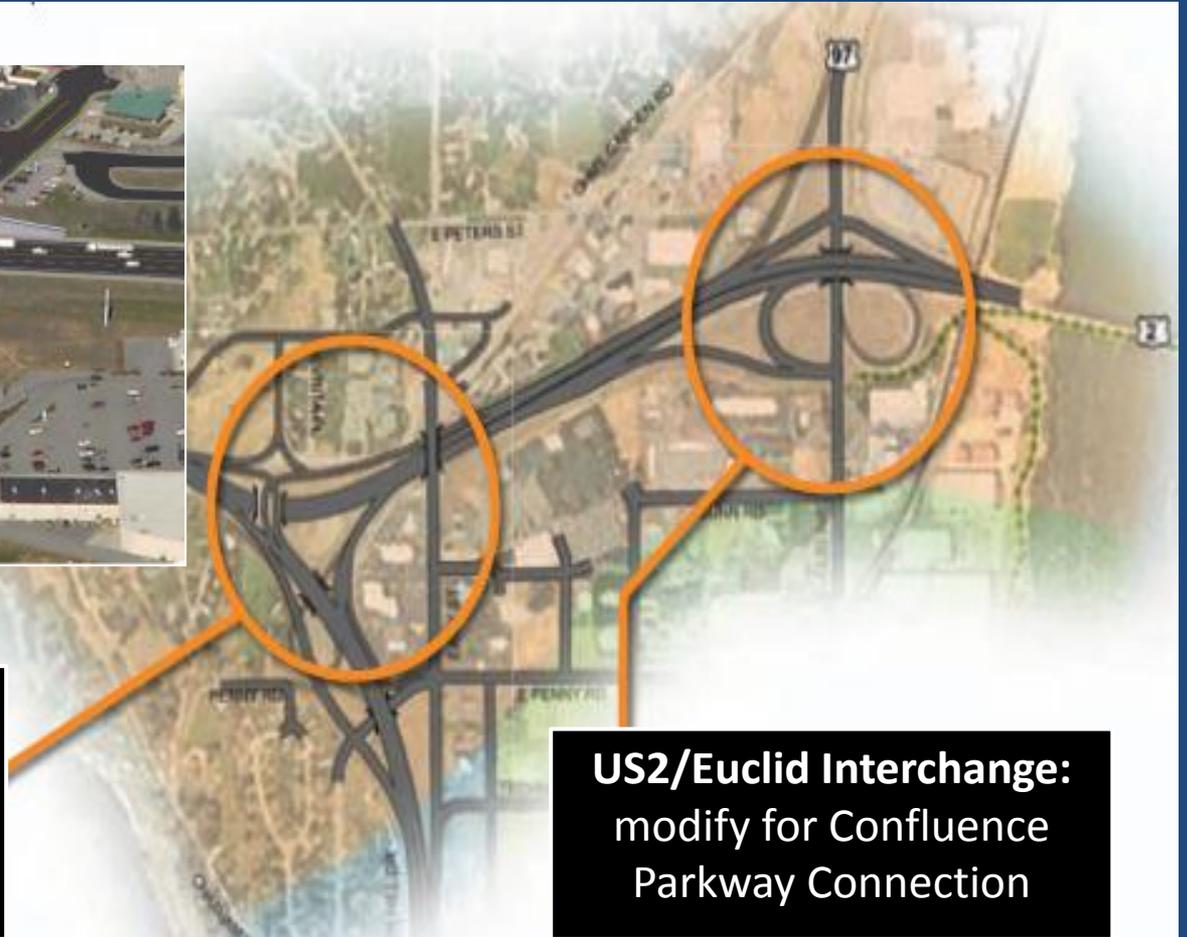
- 1 Reconstruct US 2 / SR 285 / Easy Street Interchange
- 2 Modify US 2 / Build Avenue Interchange
- 3 Construct Confluence Parkway
- 4 Upgrade N Wenatchee Avenue
- 5 Reconstruct Hawley Street to Cross Under Railroad
- 6 Construct Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge with Connections to Waterfront
- 7 Build North-End Transit Center
- 8 Modify Northbound SR 285 Off-Ramp to Connect to Old Station
- 9 Develop Multi-Use Pathway Connection Parallel to North Wenatchee Avenue

How Can I Learn More?

The Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council is the lead agency for the Plan. Additional information on the Plan can be obtained at the project website or by contacting:

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US2/SR 285 Olds Station Interchange: need to remove at-grade traffic signal at Easy Street

US2/Euclid Interchange: modify for Confluence Parkway Connection



“Confluence Parkway”

New 2-lane arterial corridor that functions as parallel capacity to SR 285 while creating improved access & circulation within the urban area. Key components:

- New bridge over Wenatchee River
- BNSF mainline underpass at South End
- Apple Capital Loop Trail Re-alignment
- Shared Alignment with C&CR Short Line Railroad

Confluence Parkway Concept Through Olds Station



CONFLUENCE
PARKWAY



**SR285/Easy Street/Penny
Road Northbound Off-Ramp**



**Multi-Use
Path across
SR285
Wenatchee
River Bridge
& along
Canal Trail**

**Access Management
Improvements at Key
Intersections**



Improvement	Cost Estimate Range		Percent of Plan Costs ¹
US 2 Corridor & Connections to North Wenatchee	\$41.4	- \$50.2 million	22%
• US 2/SR 285/Easy Street Interchange	\$33.0	- \$40.0 million	
• US 2/Euclid Avenue Interchange	\$1.6	- \$1.9 million	
• US 2 Corridor Additional Components	\$6.8	- \$8.3 million	
Confluence Parkway Corridor	\$72.9	- \$88.6 million	38%
• Confluence Parkway	\$70.0	- \$85.0 million	
• Confluence Parkway Additional Components	\$2.9	- \$3.6 million	
North Wenatchee Avenue Corridor	\$73.5	- \$92.3 million	40%
• North Wenatchee Avenue	\$6.1	- \$8.1 million	
• SR 285 Northbound Off-ramp to Easy Street	\$0.4	- \$0.5 million	
• Canal Trail	\$9.0	- \$11.0 million	
• Hawley Street Undercrossing	\$17.8	- \$21.0 million	
• Pedestrian and Bicycle Overcrossing	\$10.0	- \$12.0 million	
• North Wenatchee Transit Center	\$10.0	- \$15.0 million	
• North Wenatchee Avenue Corridor Additional Components	\$20.2	- \$24.7 million	
Grand Total	\$187.8	- \$231.1million	

Implementing Our Vision...

Follows 1 of 3 different paths into the future:

1. **Fed/State \$\$ programs are restored** = both corridor plans implemented over next 10-20 years
2. **Funding partially improves** = focus entirely on one corridor, or muddle through parts of both without completing either.
3. **Status Quo funding levels with a structural shift to preserving & modernizing the system we have**
= time for a new vision