

Regional Transportation Issues, Challenges and Successes

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Fix It First

Over 50% of our design work is for fish passage

Only one of these jobs funded for construction

WSDOT Projects in Whatcom County

Pre-existing funds (PEF)

Design Funding Only

- SR 9/Tawes Creek – Fish Passage
- SR 542/Hedrick Creek – Fish Passage
- SR 11/Tributary to Chuckanut Creek - Fish Passage
- SR 542/Nooksack River – Redirect river and Realign Roadway – Fish Passage
- SR 548/Unnamed Creek to Drayton Harbor – Fish Passage

Fix It First

NW Region/ Mount Baker Area

Area staffing:
2005 = 160
Today = 82

**This is a 50%
decrease**

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Design and Construction Funding

- SR 542/Anderson Creek Culvert - Fish Passage & Chronic Environmental Deficiency
- I-5/Nooksack River Bridges – Painting (Ferndale)
- SR 9/Doran Road to SR 542 Chip Seal (BST) – South of Deming

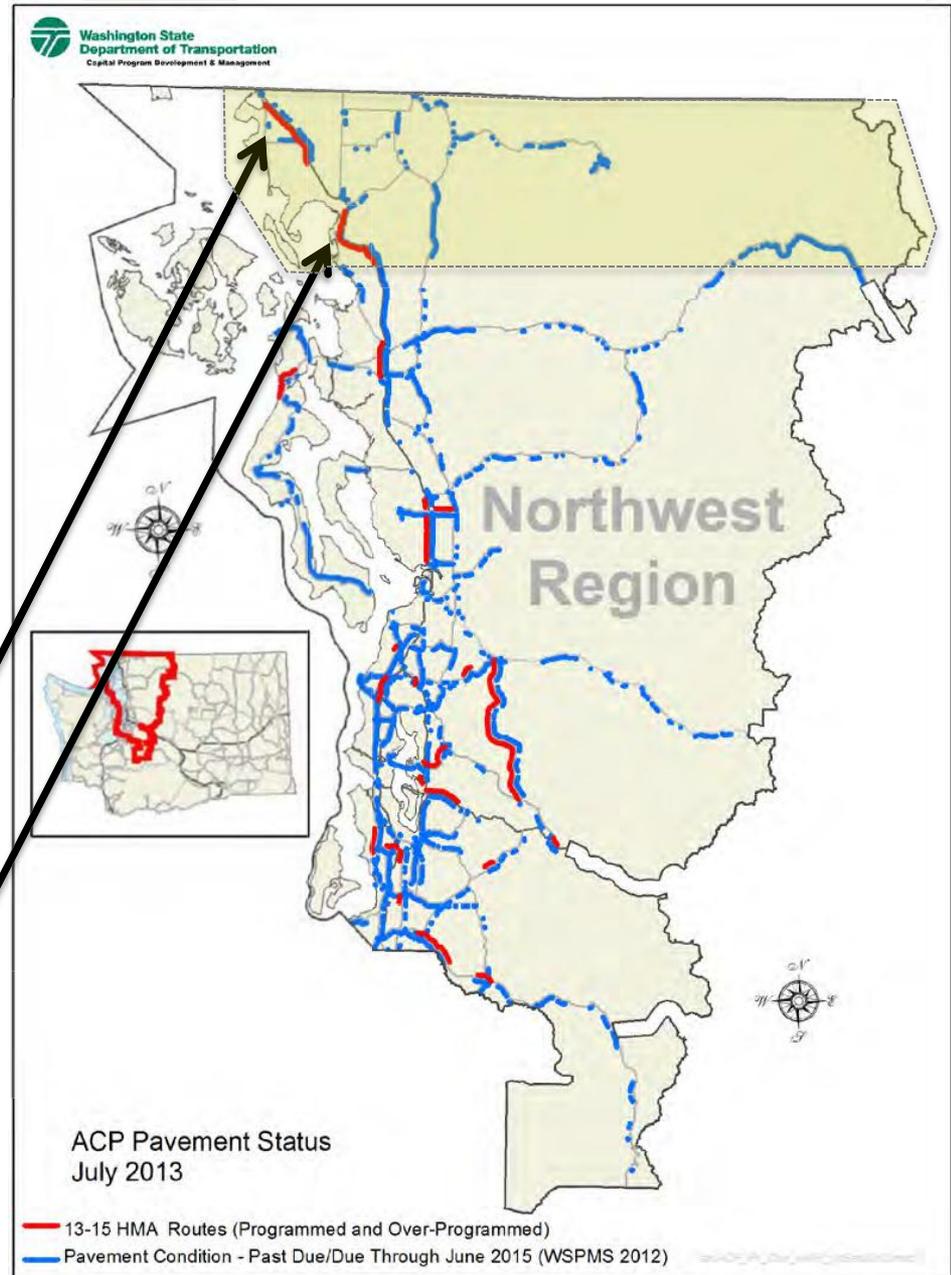
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A couple examples of unfunded due/past due pavement preservation

- I-5/Northbound Nooksack River to Blaine \$7.5m
- I-5/Southbound Nulle Rd to Iowa St



Keep It Safe

**The new Federal
Transportation
Act MAP-21
Does Not
Include Funding
for Border
Needs**

WSDOT Projects in Whatcom County

Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds

- SR 539/ Lynden-Aldergrove Port of Entry Improvements (Border)
- SR 539/SR 9 Advanced Traveler Information Systems (ATIS)

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant

- SR 542/SR 547 – Intersection Improvements (Kendall)

Finish What We Started

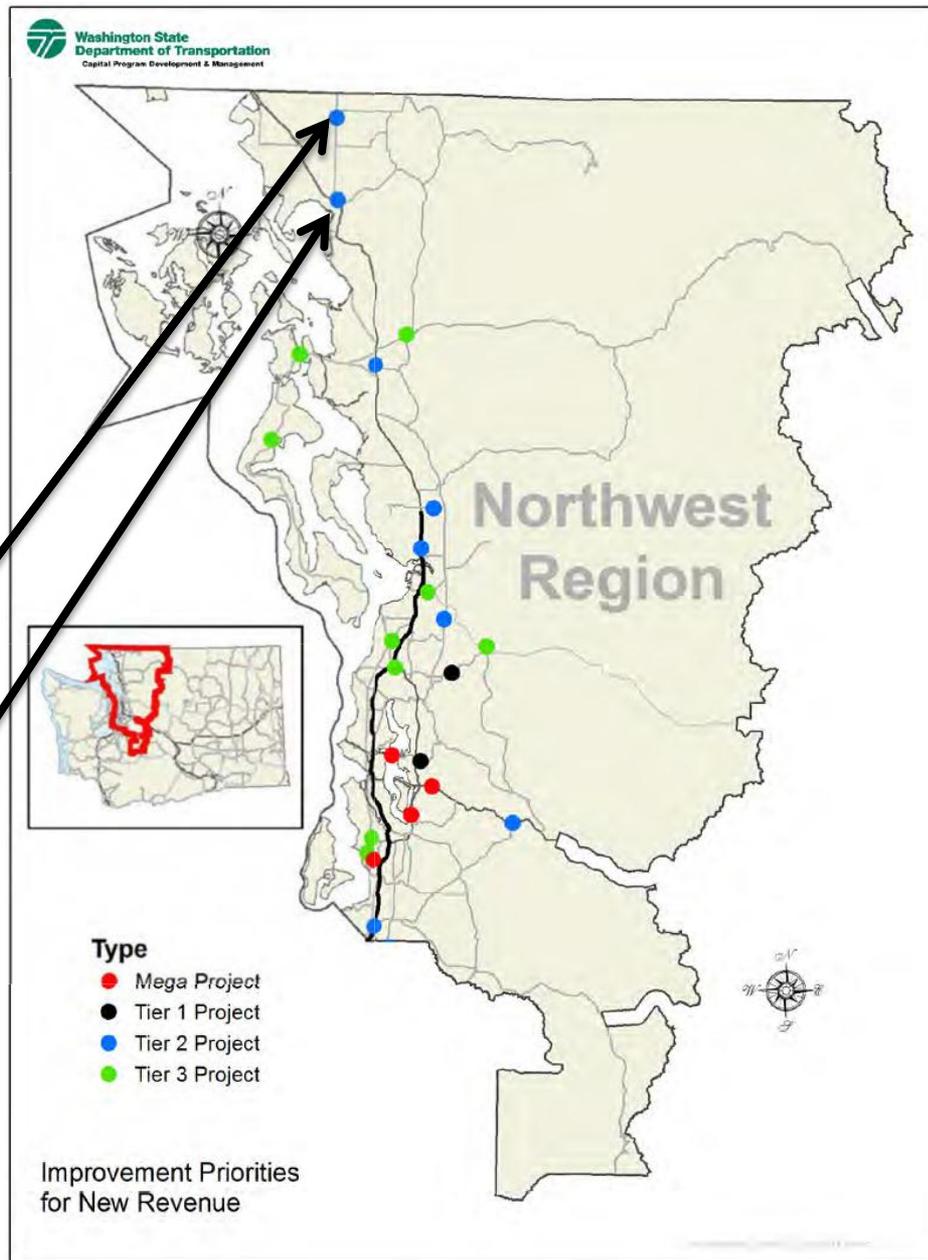
2013 Unfunded System Investments

SR 539/ Birch Bay-Lynden Road to north city limits improvements

Funds needed:
\$12.0 million

I-5 Bellingham interchange safety improvements

Funds needed:
\$120.0 million



Let's keep our regional planning process delivering

In the past 10
years,
planning has
led to project
development

Planning (2003-2005)

- I-5/SR 539 Improved Access

Project (2012-2014)

- SR 539/I-5 to Horton Rd Access Management and Safety Improvement (\$3.5m CBI funded)
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Planning (2005-2008)

- I-5/Fairhaven to Slater Master Plan

Project (2008-2010)

- I-5 Ramp Safety Improvements (\$15m TPA funded)
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Planning (2011-2012)

- I-5/Bakerview Value Planning Study

Project (2012-2013)

- Bakerview Interchange Mobility Improvements (\$3.2m multi-funding partnership)

What's Next?

Cascade Gateway Integrated Investment Strategy

Supporting Economic Development



Regional effort led by WSDOT with Whatcom Council of Governments, Lummi Nation, Whatcom County, cities of Ferndale and Bellingham, the Port of Bellingham and the Whatcom Transit Authority

Questions?

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