EAST WEST CORRIDOR

Connecting Yakima and Terrace Heights and Interstate - 82
Region-wide comprehensive transportation improvement

Joint jurisdictional multiphase project aimed to increase capacity, mobility, level of service and freeway access.

The project is aimed to accommodate population growth and economic development while improving aging and inadequate infrastructure.

It will connect the urbanized and industrial areas of Yakima and Terrace Heights and provide an additional interchange to Interstate Route-82.
In 1994, a resident survey was conducted, and it was identified that the residents of Terrace Heights wanted and needed an improved connection from Terrace Heights into Yakima.

2001 the Terrace Heights Corridor Study supported the idea that there was a need for an additional arterial roadway to accommodate the urban area. This study provided several river-crossing locations to be considered.

In 1999, Yakima County Published the Terrace Heights Sub Area Plan. The transportation aspect of this plan was to remedy the issues which were brought about by the residents.

Subsequently Terrace Heights Drive was widened in several areas; To improve traffic to Union Gap, University Parkway was constructed, and Keys Road was improved.

Yakima County identified the need for an arterial river crossing directly from Terrace Heights at this time.
BergerABAM was contracted in 2011 to conduct a feasibility and alignment study of the previously suggested arterial routes. The current alignment was suggested

In 2017, Lochner provided a study that supported the need for a new freeway interchange and projects necessary to relieve traffic congestion to include a new exit onto Fair Avenue, a round-about at Lincoln/Fair and an on ramp from Fair Ave to Yakima Ave/I-82

In 2019 Yakima County began working on the Butterfield Road Project and in 2020 broke ground
Purpose

- Connects the urban and commercial areas of Yakima and Terrace Heights, providing a much-needed alternate east/west route.

- Increases the efficiency in moving people and goods from, to and through the area.

- Provides opportunities for economic development currently restricted by limited roadway capacities and freeway access.

- The new corridor will open opportunities for new public transit routes, improved emergency response times, and non-vehicular transportation.
PHASES
Butterfield Road Improvement

- Beginning At Terrace Heights and extending north to include the round about.
- Round-about legs will provide urban local access to Hartford Road and an arterial extension to Keys Road and to the Roza Canal crossing.
- Reconfigures access locations to limit turn conflicts and allow safer turn movements.
- Provides additional lane for turn movements and wider lanes necessary for truck traffic generated in commercial zones.
- Adds urban amenities to include curbs, gutters, and lighted pedestrian facilities.
- Will provide direct access from commercial zoning to the freeway.
- Facilitates the potential to extend the corridor further East.
PHASE 2 – Spring 2023

- From the round-about this phase will extend the urban arterial leg over the Roza canal to the vicinity of N 15th Street.

- Local access roadways will be extended to North for the residents on N 15th Street and to the East for the Residents of Hartford Road.

- Currently awaiting NEPA approval prior to going out to bid for construction.
PHASE 3 – 2023-2025

- Provides an arterial river crossing and local access to the residents on N 15th.
- Currently undergoing a redesign for the bridge to go over the river and under I-82.
- Redesign will significantly reduce the funding necessary to complete the project.
City Phases – Bravo Company Blvd (COMPLETE)
City Phase
City Phase – H Street Improvements
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