

Pierce County/South Puget Sound Transportation Initiative



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What's Our Goal?

**Restore funding for critical
Pierce County/South Puget
Sound/RAMP projects**

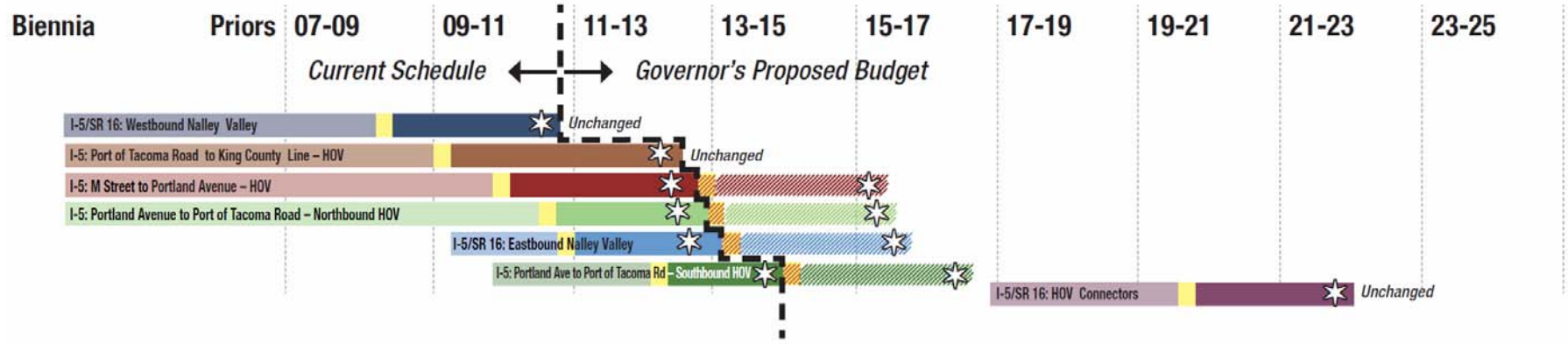
What's at Stake?

WSDOT/Governor's proposed transportation budget cuts funding to critical Pierce County projects that were funded in 2008 by the Legislature:

- SR 167
- I-5/SR 16 HOV, SR 167 HOV

TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY HOV PROGRAM

HOV Program Timeline – Current Law Budget compared to Governor’s Proposed Budget



Legend

- Light shade = Current Law Design
- Yellow shade = Current Law Ad & Award
- Solid shade = Current Law Construction
- Hatched shade = Construction - Governor's Proposed Budget
- Yellow-Hatched shade = Ad & Award - Governor's Proposed Budget
- ★ White star = Operationally Complete
Some HOV lane segments will open at this point; others will not operate as HOV until adjacent segments are complete.

HOV Projects

State funds:

- 2007 Legislature appropriated \$781 million
- 2008 Legislature appropriated \$789 million
- 2009 Governor's proposal \$367 million



Interstate 5 - Existing



Interstate 5 - Proposed

Source: WSDOT

HOV Request

- Replace \$422 million appropriated for HOV construction
 - Significantly improves regional mobility and environmental quality in the South Puget Sound region

SR 167 Extension

State funds:

- 2007 Legislature appropriated \$208 million
- 2008 Legislature appropriated \$94 million
- 2009 Governor's proposal \$31 million

Note: Additional stakeholders dedicated \$26 million to SR 167's completion



Interstate 5 - Existing



Interstate 5 - Proposed

Source: WSDOT

SR 167 Request

- Replace \$63 million promised for land acquisition
 - Economic conditions favor right-of-way acquisitions now
 - Preserve the critical right-of-way before development occurs

What's our Message?

1. **Regional impact**

Relieves regional bottleneck that impedes commuter and freight mobility in the South Puget Sound

2. **Economic development**

Creates jobs, spurs new private investment, retains existing businesses

3. **Environmental impact**

Supports transit, vanpools and carpooling on I-5 corridor in the South Puget Sound, improves air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and increases roadway efficiencies

4. **Public safety**

Relieves congestion, saves lives and property

5. **Cost savings**

Reduces state construction costs through project efficiencies during this advantageous bidding climate

Timeline

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| February 4 | RAMP |
| February 4-6 | Gather signatures |
| February 5/12 | Meeting with Pierce County state delegation |
| February 6- | Continue gathering signatures
Lobby legislators |
| March 4 | RAMP – Transportation Initiative update |

Pierce County Facts

State

Past 20-year deficit	\$642,192,000
Projected 10-year deficit	\$619,981,000
Proposed Governor's cut	\$485,000,000

Federal

Highway Projects	\$261,604,000
Transit Capital	\$182,970,000
Transit Formula Funds	\$165,312,000

Pierce County Donor Program

\$2.2 Billion

What Could it Have Been?



OR...

What it Could Have Been!



What we need you to do

- Support the Pierce County state legislators' efforts to restore funding for critical Pierce County/South Puget Sound/RAMP projects
- Sign the letter and gather additional signers
- Lobby legislators: email and phone and get others to do the same

Q & A

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