

What's next?

In 2015, the Legislature secured \$426 million with the Connecting Washington funding package to complete the remaining eight miles of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project from the Stampede Pass Interchange to Easton. The remaining eight miles of the I-90 project are divided into two phases. In order to efficiently build the new roadway and keep traffic moving through the work zone, the project phases will be built in the sequence shown above.

Cabin Creek Interchange to West Easton Interchange - Phase 3

Phase 3 covers close to six miles from Cabin Creek to the West Easton Interchange. This phase continues to widen I-90, build truck climbing lanes, straighten curves, and build bridges and walls. A new wildlife overcrossing, similar to the overcrossing in Phase 2, will be constructed at the top of Easton Hill. The new alignment moves the westbound lanes adjacent to the eastbound lanes from Easton Hill to the West Easton Interchange.

In 2020, crews will start building detours that will be used when construction of Phase 3 begins in 2021. Crews will start by widening the westbound lanes between mileposts 67 and 70, which will become the eastbound lanes. Crews will also be building a new bridge over the Kachess River as well as a temporary bridge over Sparks Road.



Design visualization of truck climbing lanes.



Design visualization of the wildlife undercrossing on Anabasis Grade.



Design visualization of the wildlife overcrossing located near Easton Hill.

Price Creek Vicinity to Cabin Creek Interchange - Phase 4

Phase 4 covers close to three miles from the Stampede Pass Interchange to the Cabin Creek Interchange. This phase continues to widen I-90, straighten curves, add and replace bridges and culverts, expand chain-up areas and address wildlife connectivity.



Stampede Pass Interchange



Cabin Creek Interchange

Why is the I-90 Project area unique?

The I-90 Project area is located within the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area, which is managed by the US Forest Service (USFS) to protect forest habitats, restore watersheds, and enhance fish and wildlife connectivity. To implement planned improvements in this area, WSDOT and its partners developed solutions that are compatible with the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area Plan and meet the needs of people and wildlife. For example, as WSDOT removes existing bridges and culverts to accommodate additional lanes, it will rebuild these structures using proven designs to reconnect habitats and facilitate the movement of fish and wildlife. These measures will also increase safety be reducing wildlife/vehicle collisions. When complete, the I-90 Project will help create a healthier ecosystem in the central Cascades and provide a safer, more reliable transportation system. While the I-90 Project proceeded from preliminary concept through design and construction, organizations such as the Cascades Conservation Partnership, Mountains-to-Sound Greenway Trust, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service led a concerted effort to protect and enhance the surrounding forests. These efforts added approximately 75,000 acres of conservation lands within the central Cascades. WSDOT and FHWA continue to strive to align the I-90 Project with these conservation efforts.

Who are I-90 Project partners?

The I-90 Project team has formed cooperative partnerships with county, state and federal agencies, tribes, conservation organizations, and universities. These partnerships allow WSDOT to coordinate closely with land managers, perform wildlife monitoring activities, and identify possible mitigation sites that align with project objectives.

























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I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East - Hyak to Easton Corridor

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What is the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project?

Interstate 90 is a critical link connecting the large population and business centers of the Puget Sound with the agricultural industries and recreational activities of eastern Washington. The I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project covers a 15-mile corridor from Hyak to Easton. WSDOT is building a safer, more efficient and reliable transportation corridor to facilitate the movement of people, freight, fish and wildlife.



What's been accomplished so far?

Hyak to Keechelus Dam - Phase 1

Phase 1 covers five miles from Hyak to Keechelus Dam. The 2005 Transportation Partnership Account provided \$457 million to widen I-90, build and replace bridges including two new avalanche bridges, stabilize rock slopes and expand chain-up and chain-off areas. Construction started in 2009. The first three miles was completed in 2013 and the remaining two miles is scheduled to be complete in 2019.

Keechelus Dam to Stampede Pass Interchange - Phase 2

Phase 2 covers two miles from Keechelus Dam to the Stampede Pass Interchange. Project savings from Phase 1 provided \$108 million to widen I-90, build and replace bridges, stabilize rock slopes and build the first wildlife overcrossing in the project corridor. Construction started in 2015 and is scheduled to be complete in 2019.

