

# SR 4 - Skamokawa to Coal Creek Road - Paving and Guardrail Upgrade

## Project Status

April 2009

- WSDOT combined two projects, one highway preservation project and one highway safety project, on SR 4 that will be advertised for construction in May 2009.
- The project is currently in the final stages of design and environmental documentation.
- Construction is scheduled to begin summer 2009.

## Overview

Throughout this project, guardrail improvements and paving will take place along State Route 4, between Skamokawa in Wahkiakum County (milepost 27.47) and Coal Creek Road in Cowlitz County (milepost 55.01). Additionally, West Little Island Road and Beaver Creek Road in Wahkiakum County will be paved by agreement with Wahkiakum County.

A recent statewide analysis found that this section of SR 4 is in need of roadside safety enhancements and preservation to help decrease the severity of run-off the road collisions and rejuvenate the roads' surface to enhance drivability.

Guardrail improvements include replacing existing guardrail, replacing cable barrier, restoring eroded roadway embankments, restoring asphalt curbs under guardrail and retrofitting bridges with three-beam guardrail as necessary.

Paving this section of SR 4 will repair ruts and cracks in the existing pavement and extend the life of the roadway, in addition to providing a smoother and safer ride for motorists.

## Why is WSDOT making safety improvements to this corridor?

In a recent statewide analysis of collisions, one of the major areas of concern was the number of collisions in rural areas. In the 2003 legislative session, funding was allocated to preserve and make safety improvements to this corridor, which would reduce the severity of these collisions, improve roadside safety and extend the life of the roadway.

## Our Partners

WSDOT is working with Wahkiakum County to pave two county roads in the project vicinity. Wahkiakum County received \$200,000 in ARRA funds which they are contributing to the paving portion of this project.

## The End Result

This project will preserve and improve roadside safety on SR 4, through Wahkiakum and Cowlitz counties by paving and upgrading guardrail to meet current standards. These preservation and safety improvements will help reduce the severity of run-off the road collisions along this corridor and improve the condition and life of the roadway.

## Project Benefits

- **Safety:** This project will improve safety by reducing the severity of collisions where motorists have driven off the roadway.
- **Preservation:** This project will strengthen and preserve 28 miles of SR 4 in Wahkiakum and Cowlitz counties.

## What is the project timeline?

- **2008:** Design process began.
- **May 2009:** WSDOT will advertise this project for construction.
- **Summer 2009:** Construction scheduled to begin.
- **Fall 2009:** WSDOT anticipates construction to be complete.

## Financial Information

- Pre-existing funds: **\$7.7 million**
- 2003 Legislative Funding Package (Nickel funding): **\$3.6 million**
- Wahkiakum County: **\$900,000**  
(2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA): **\$200,000**)
- **Total funding available: \$12.4 million**

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