

I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project Overview

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Interstate 90 is the main east-west transportation corridor across Washington State. I-90 connects the deep-water ports, large population centers, and retail and service businesses of the Puget Sound with the farmlands, industries, and extensive outdoor recreational areas of Eastern Washington. The uninterrupted movement of cars, trucks, freight, and recreational vehicles across the Cascade Mountains and Snoqualmie Pass is essential to our quality of life and the economic vitality of our state. Through the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project, WSDOT will improve I-90 by providing a safer, more efficient six-lane freeway from Hyak to Easton. The project will straighten roadway curves, replace old pavement, reduce rock fall hazards, and build a new snowshed to reduce closures due to avalanche control. WSDOT will also construct wildlife crossings over and under I-90 for the safe movement of wildlife and enhance wetlands and habitats throughout the corridor. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009 on the first five miles of the I-90 corridor between Hyak and Keechelus Dam.