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Exit 274 Interchange – Preliminary Design

Overview

This project will complete the preliminary design and environmental documentation for revisions to the partial interchange consisting of a full tight diamond configuration. The preliminary design process will include geometric alignment and foot print, hydraulic reporting, environmental reconnaissance, and NEPA.

Location

The map below shows the location of the interchange at Exit 274.



Why this project is needed

These improvements will provide beneficial, additional connectivity to State Route 543 (The cross-border "truck route") as well as road connections to alternate border crossing routes via Lynden and Sumas, WA. This project will also improve direct to the Blaine industrial area, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's secondary freight inspection facility, and the south of Blaine.

Results

With the goal the revising this partial interchange to a full tight diamond configuration, *this* project will result in a 30 percent preliminary designs and environmental documentation. This work will include geometric alignment, foot print, hydraulic report, environmental reconnaissance, and NEPA.

Estimated project Schedule

The interchange justification report (IJR) was completed and approved by FHWA in February, 2009. This project is estimated to take five months to complete. It can commence upon funding availability.

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Cost

This project is estimated to cost \$300,000.

This project is not currently funded.

Administration, funding, and partnerships

This project would be led by the City of Blaine, WA in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

While funding is not currently identified, typical sources to be monitored include: U.S. Federal Highways Administration, Washington State, and The City of Blaine.