

Interstate 90 Port of Entry Relocation

Move Huetter Port of Entry to I-90 McGuire Road Overpass Vicinity

Overview: The Interstate 90 (I-90) Port of Entry (POE) is a multi-purpose facility focused largely on the inspection of commercial vehicles used in interstate commerce. This includes mostly semi-trucks; however, it can include special loads that are over-size, over-weight, or carrying hazardous substances. When I-90, through Kootenai County, operated as, essentially, a rural interstate, adequate roadway capacity provided the ability for drivers to “get around” trucks, which are required to travel over the weigh-in-motion scales and enter/exit the POE. Unfortunately, as traffic volumes have incrementally increased, so have conflicts between cars and trucks at this location. This project would relocate the POE to the west, closer to the Washington/Idaho state line, where adequate sight distance is available to smooth the transition of truck movements and reduce conflict points. Relocation of the POE also provides the ability to connect the Huetter Corridor to I-90 on existing right-of-way.

Description: Relocate the I-90 POE and weigh-in-motion scales to the west, in the vicinity of McGuire Road, where existing land can be used to create a more efficient and effective transition into and out of the facility.

Financial Strategy: As a limited access freeway that connects Seattle, Washington to Boston, Massachusetts, I-90 is designated on the Federal Interstate System, National Defense Highway System, National Highway System, and the National Freight Network. I-90 is eligible to apply and receive funds from at least six (6) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) national competitive grant and formula programs. These grant programs are highly competitive, requiring a substantial amount of information being filed, as well as a State and regional commitment to the project. Successful grant applications have typically included a significant regional/local financial contribution in the range of 30%, with States providing a similar amount using State and Federal sources. Because of I-90’s national, state and regional significance, the Local Option recognizes the freeway’s importance to local and regional movements of people and goods; however, the primary focus of I-90 is on interstate and intrastate travel, which is the responsibility of ITD and Federal grant programs.