

Interstate 90

Washington/Idaho State Line to Sherman Avenue (widen to 6-lanes)

Overview: Since 2005, traffic on Interstate 90 (I-90) has continued to grow at a pace that indicates that the interstate will reach its design capacity by 2025. Reduced speeds and number of available travel lanes are indications of the increasing regional impacts freeway incidents are having on the traveling public. The lack of system reliability is a precursor to reaching capacity, resulting in more recurring and incrementally longer delays for motorists.

Description: The I-90 project will widen the freeway from four (4) to six (6) lanes, from the Washington/Idaho state line to Sherman Avenue on the east side of Coeur d' Alene. This will include rebuilding some existing I-90 bridges that go over local roadways, such as Atlas and Huetter Roads.

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.