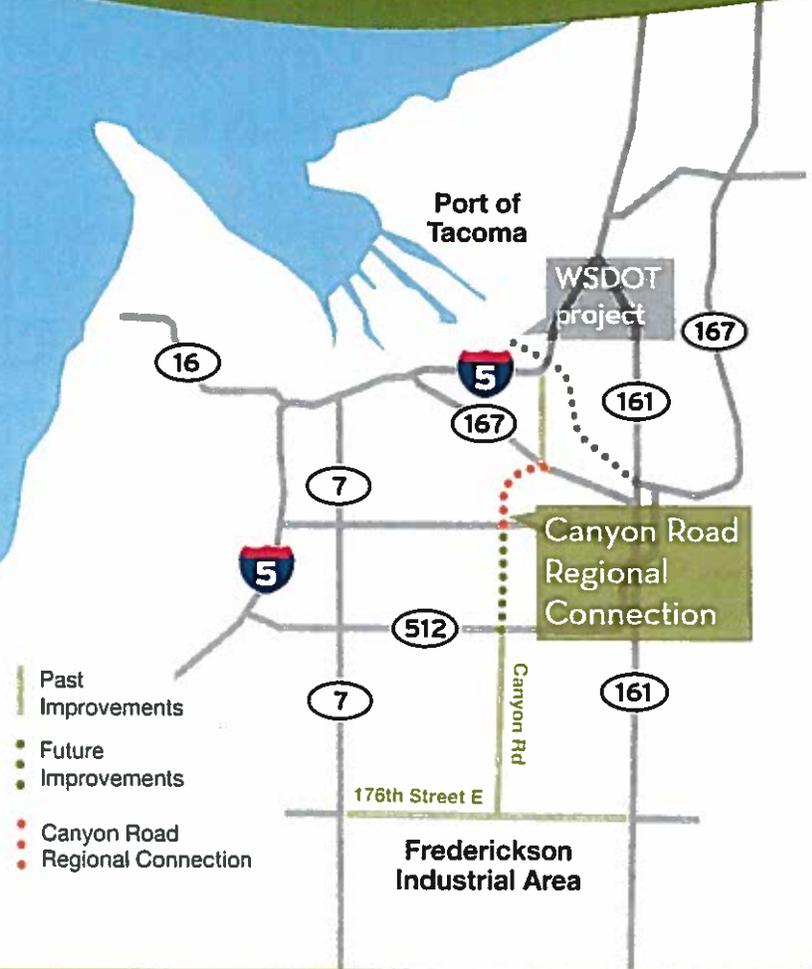


CANYON ROAD REGIONAL CONNECTION PROJECT

Supporting Pierce County's economy, environment, and mobility while maintaining regional rural character.

The Canyon Road Regional Connection Project:

- Reduces congestion for Pierce County residents
- Fosters economic opportunities for our regional businesses and economic centers
- Invests in meaningful restoration and environmental improvements



Key elements of the Canyon Road Regional Connection Project include the extension of Canyon Road East from Pioneer Way to 70th Avenue with a grade separation of the BNSF railroad, and the construction of a new, more efficient bridge over the Puyallup River. Once complete, this project will provide a new and more efficient route for commuters, freight vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians to travel around Pierce County.

Building on previous investments

Pierce County has invested nearly \$138 million in improvements to the Canyon Road corridor over the past several years. Pierce County added lanes, installed new lights and traffic signals, added medians, and built new non-motorized facilities, among other improvements. These improvements coupled with the Canyon Road Regional Connection Project will foster economic opportunities for our regional businesses and economic centers while reducing congestion for Pierce County residents.

Project Highlights



CONGESTION RELIEF

The Canyon Road Regional Connection Project will reduce congestion for Pierce County residents.

- **More access:** The extension of Canyon Road East will extend the road north beyond where it currently ends at Pioneer Way East.
- **A more efficient bridge:** Construction of a new Puyallup River Bridge will create more efficient access between River Road East and North Levee Road East, providing new route options out of the Puyallup River Valley for everyone.
- **Multimodal options:** New route improvements will allow all commuters – bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers – more options.
- **Safer, more effective rail crossing:** A grade-separated rail crossing between 52nd Street East and Pioneer Way East will eliminate potential conflicts between vehicles and trains, reduce current delays on the roadway, and support the operation of Washington's valuable high-speed rail line.



ECONOMY

The Canyon Road Regional Connection Project will foster economic opportunities for our regional businesses and economic centers.

- **Faster, more direct routes for freight:** The extension on Canyon Road East will improve the route from the Frederickson Manufacturing Industrial Center to SR 167 and I-5, improving access to the Port of Tacoma, Downtown Tacoma, and Tacoma's industrial district.
- **New connections:** A new route from the Frederickson Manufacturing Industrial Center to other key industrial and economic centers will improve business opportunities and bring additional jobs to Frederickson and nearby jurisdictions.
- **Less time in traffic means a better economy:** Reduced traffic congestion as a result of a new route will help ensure freight, people, and goods arrive on time.
- **Preservation of vital farmland:** Pierce County is committed to working with local farmers, agricultural groups, and regional stakeholders to minimize effects on agricultural lands. Of all the potential design options studied, the County is pursuing the road alignment with the smallest impacts on local farms.

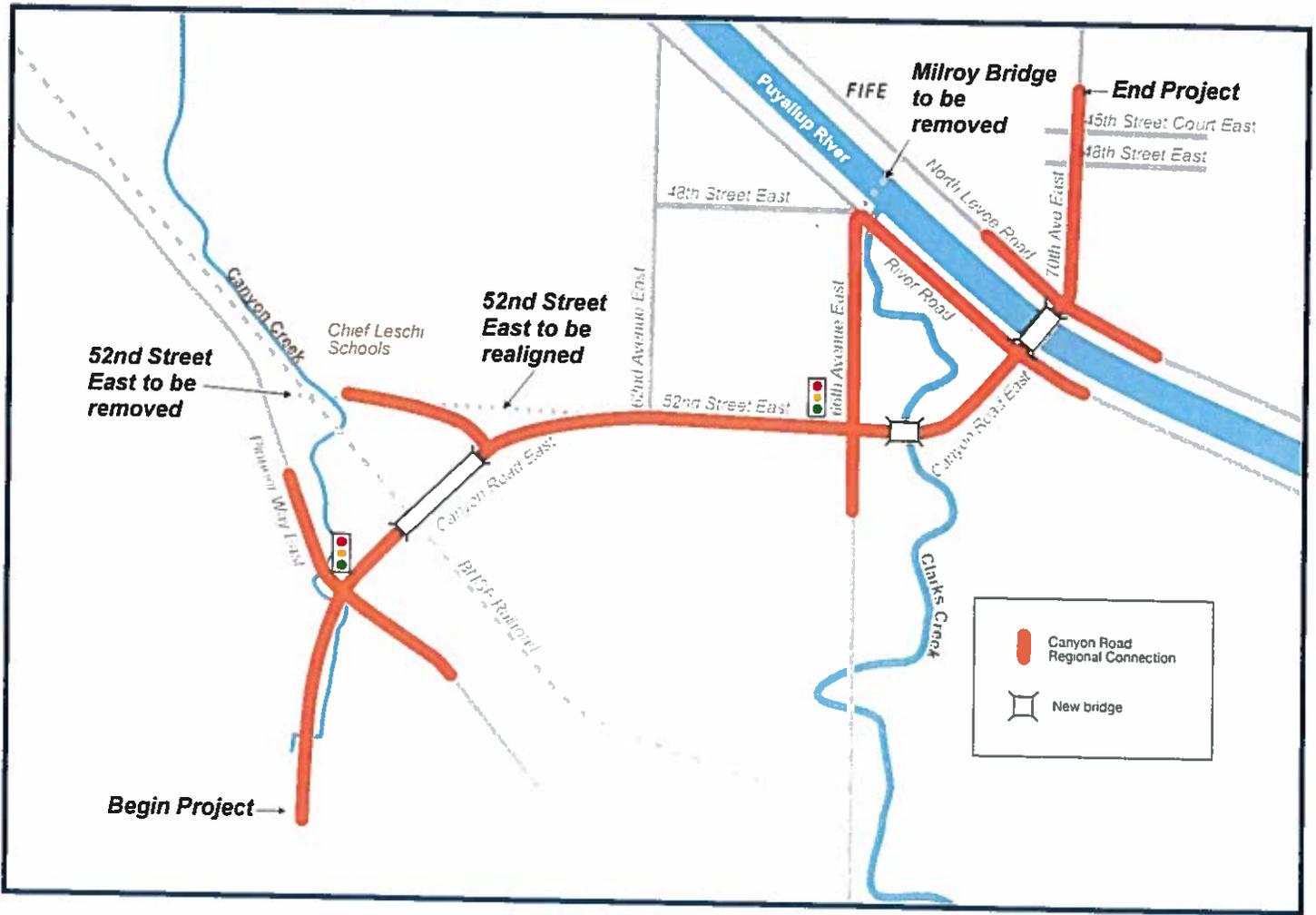


ENVIRONMENT

The Canyon Road Regional Connection Project will invest in meaningful restoration and environmental improvements.

- **More than \$1.5 million investment in environmental mitigation**
- **Wetlands restored:** Healthy wetlands can help reduce storm and flood damage. The project will re-establish 5.86 acres of functional wetland, rehabilitate and enhance 10.56 acres of degraded wetland, and preserve 6.59 acres of intact wetland. In addition, mitigation efforts will increase flood storage capacity and help prevent damage to farmland.
- **Salmon habitat improved:** Wetlands are critical for spawning salmon populations. The project will add vegetation, reduce cover of invasive plant species, increase cover of native plant species and vegetative diversity, enhance stream channel conditions, and establish off-channel habitats in wetland areas adjacent to the creek.

Project Area



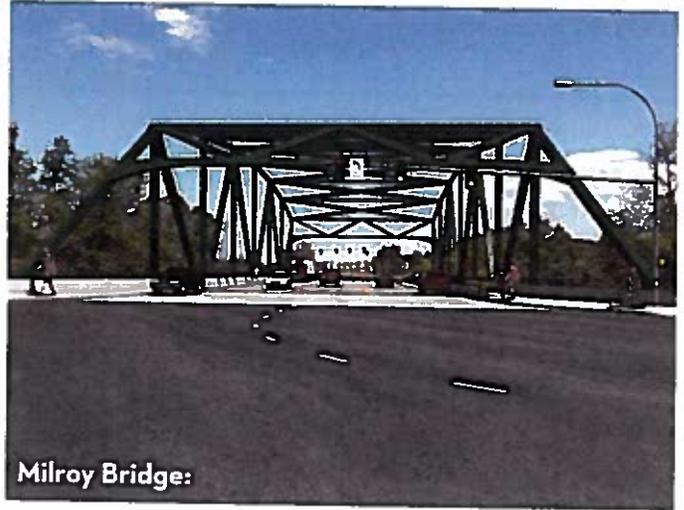
Project Timeline





BNSF Crossing:

This project will construct a grade-separated rail crossing, which will improve safety and efficiency for vehicles using Canyon Road, while supporting the operation of Washington's high-speed rail line.



Milroy Bridge:

The Canyon Road Regional Connection Project will remove and replace the existing Milroy Bridge. Pierce County is currently evaluating the type, size, and location for the new bridge.

Project Guidance Team Members

Pierce County is working closely with a Project Guidance Team that includes stakeholders directly adjacent to the project area. Members include the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Washington State Department of Transportation, City of Fife, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company.



The Project Guidance Team meets regularly throughout the year and is discussing the following topics:

- Overall project design
- Milroy Bridge replacement
- Constructability plan
- Community outreach
- 30% design for some areas of the project
- Economic analysis of the project area
- Right-of-way updates
- Mitigation strategies for streams and wetlands

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