

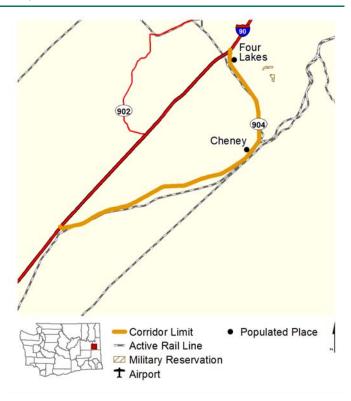
# Corridor Sketch Summary

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WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative is a collaborative planning process with agency partners to identify performance gaps and select high-level strategies to address them on the 304 corridors statewide. This Corridor Sketch Summary acts as an executive summary for one corridor. Please review the User Guide for Corridor Sketch Summaries prior to using information on this corridor:

# SR 904: I-90 Jct (Tyler) to I-90 Jct (4 Lakes Rd)

This 17-mile long north-south corridor is located in eastern Washington, southeast of the city of Spokane. The corridor travels between the Interstate 90 junction in the community in Tyler and the I-90 junction in the community Four Lakes, forming a "C" off I-90. The route passes through the city of Cheney. The corridor is predominately rural in character and land uses throughout the corridor consists of single- and multi-family homes, agriculture, and undeveloped, open space. The communities of Tyler and Four Lakes are denser and include more residential housing then the rural segments of the corridor. The city of Cheney is dense with more uses present, including residential, commercial, civic, and industrial, laid out in a grid-like pattern. Notable landmarks in and near Cheney are Eastern Washington University and the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. One airport, Spokane International, is located just to the northeast of the corridor. The Eastern Washington Gateway parallels the entire corridor, crossing it once in Cheney, while the Union Pacific Railroad parallels a portion of the corridor in Cheney.



## **Current Function**

State Route 904, also known as Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson Memorial Highway, is a state highway located entirely in Spokane County. This corridor primarily serves as a connector route to the communities of Tyler, Cheney – including EWU – and Four Lakes. This corridor is a heavily used commuter route for college students and employees of EWU. In addition to EWU, this route provides other significant connections such as the cities of Spokane and Spokane Valley, the Spokane International Airport, and the Spokane Amtrak station. The corridor provides access to recreational destinations including Meadow Lake and Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. A portion of this route serves as the main street of Cheney. This is a corridor of significance or importance to the Spokane and Colville tribes. Spokane Transit Authority with fixed route transit serves Cheney. Wide shoulders are present along the corridor allowing for bicycle and pedestrian use. Sidewalks are present within Cheney.

## **Future Function**

Based on the projected population, land use, and economic trends, the future function of this corridor is expected to remain the same.

# Highlights and Performance

SR 904 is primarily a two-lane, undivided highway. In Cheney, it transitions to a three- and four- lane highway with several turn lanes present. Between Cheney and Four Lakes, the corridor is a three-lane undivided highway. The annual average daily traffic on this corridor is highest on the outskirts of Cheney and lowest at its junction with I-90 in Tyler.

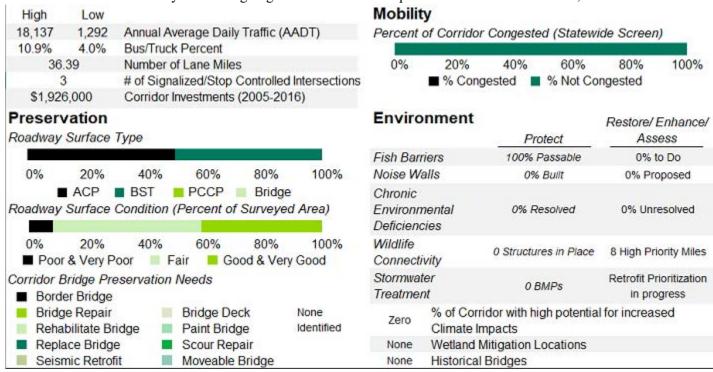
# What's working well?

- The entire corridor performs above WSDOT's congestion threshold.
- There are no fish passage barriers present on the corridor.
- There are no vertical clearance or other restrictions on this corridor.
- The entire corridor has a low rating for climate vulnerability impacts.

# What needs to change?

• Roughly 73% of pavement conditions have not been surveyed.

WSDOT monitors the state system in ongoing efforts to track asset performance. For this corridor, WSDOT finds:



1) 2015 data unless otherwise noted. 2) For more information see the User Guide for Corridor Sketch Summaries at http://bit.ly/WSDOTcorridorsketch

## What we heard from our partners

WSDOT collected feedback from agency partners. Key themes included:

- Concern over congestion and illegal passing on the corridor. [Mobility]
- Interest in passing lanes or additional lanes between Betz Road in Cheney and Four Lakes. [Mobility]

# Strategies

WSDOT identified the following strategies and associated actions to keep the corridor working well and address performance gaps. Regional partners collaborated on high-level mobility strategies. The identified strategies are not meant to be all-inclusive, nor an established list of priorities. Further evaluation is needed before any strategy can be recommended as a solution to address performance. Project funding decisions will take place at the programming phase, and are subject to statewide prioritization. For more strategy information, visit the Corridor Sketch Summary User Guide.

Policy Goals / Strategies	Description and Near-Term Actions
<b>Economic Vitality</b>	
Under Development	WSDOT will continue to work with partners in developing strategies to address economic vitality.
Environment	
Protect and Maintain	Protect and maintain existing assets that provide environmental function (these include WSDOT's mitigation sites, storm water systems, fish passable culverts).
Enhance or Restore	Enhance or restore natural areas and environmental functions associated with the multimodal transportation system.
Fish Barrier Retrofit	WSDOT has prioritized the removal of state-owned culverts that block habitat for salmon and steelhead. See interactive map of uncorrected fish barriers at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/FishPassage/default.htm.
Mobility	
Assessment	A mobility performance strategy has not been identified by WSDOT.
Preservation	
Maintenance	Based on expenditure history, it is expected that the top three activities will continue to be maintenance on snow and ice control, pavement repair, and litter removal.
Pavement	WSDOT has identified two Pavement actions in the next six years encompassing 75% of the corridor.
Stewardship	
Planning	Under Practical Solutions, the Corridor Sketch Initiative identifies corridor performance, and assesses alternative strategies to improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

#### For more information

To find out more information about this corridor or how to get involved, please contact:

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