

# **Benton-Franklin Council of Governments**

Benton, Franklin and  
Walla Walla Regional  
Transportation Planning  
Organization

Decade of Accomplishments

July 2009

- Constructed and/or widened roadway from Gage Boulevard to SR 224
- At major intersections, the roadway was widened to incorporate left turn pockets
- Constructed a major round-a-bout at intersection with Bombing Range Road
- Includes major Bike/Ped facilities



## **Keene Road Widening Project June 2000 - Present**

City of Richland/City of West Richland



## **Keene Road Widening Project, Cont.**



City of Richland/City of West Richland



- Over a mile of roadway was constructed with two travel lanes and a center left turn lane
- There is a bicycle lane and a sidewalk with curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway
- The project included reconstruction of a BNSF undercrossing
- A new parallel bridge was also constructed over the Yakima River. The project also added illumination and a storm water drainage system

## **Wine Country Road Improvements – April 2003**

City of Prosser

# Kartchner Interchange – August 2003



- This section of US 395 is a vital north-south corridor for international shipping through eastern Washington
- Construction of a interchange to connect Hillsboro Street and US 395
- Eliminated safety issues of left turn freight movements across freeway and signalized intersection that resulted in back-ups



Before

- Major All-Weather Road widened and resurfaced
- Improved safety of motorist



After

## **Pasco-Kahlotus Highway –October 2003**

Franklin County



- This project constructed a six-lane grade separated structure over the BNSF Railroad Stampede Pass Line
- Other project elements included retaining walls, water and sewer relocation, and traffic signal improvements at Deschutes Avenue and Clearwater Avenue
- Eliminated lengthy delays and safety issues while improving emergency response times in the area

## **Columbia Center Boulevard RR Improvements – April 2004**



- All-Weather road, important farm to market route
- Added truck climbing lane on curved steep grade for safety

## **Sagehill Truck Climbing Lane – September 2004**

Franklin County



- The roadway was widened to provide two 12 foot lanes, and a continuous left turn lane
- Bicycle lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter were installed on both sides of the roadway.
- Sight distance was improved by reconfiguring vertical curves and intersections
- Drainage improvements and illumination were included in the scope of work as well as bus turnouts and transit stops

## **Bombing Range Road – June 2005**

City of West Richland



- This project constructed a bridge over the BNSF railroad tracks on Ainsworth Avenue between 7th Avenue and 2nd Avenue in Pasco
- The bridge has two 12-foot travel lanes and an 8-foot shoulder on each side of the roadway along with a 7 foot sidewalk
- The Bridge was named after former City of Pasco Mayor, state legislator and railroad advocate Charles D. Kilbury

## **Charles D. Kilbury Overpass (Ainsworth RR Crossing) – March 2006**



- Two mile rail loop track on property
- 220,000 sq ft of refrigerated space
- 19 enclosed refrigerated rail docks
- Governor's 2006 Infrastructure Development Award
- US 12 widening critical in decision to locate facility in Walla Walla County

## **Railex Facility – October 2006**

Port of Walla Walla

# SR 240 widening and new Yakima River bridge – 2001-2007



- Bypass section completed in 2001, causeway section completed in 2007
- The construction of two bridges on SR 240 for increased capacity and decreased congestion
- Widen SR 240 from Columbia Center Boulevard to Stevens Drive to six lanes



- US 12 corridor project that widened US 12 from two to four lanes from SR 124 to Wallula
- This project improved safety by consolidating access within the project limits to two channelized intersections
- Construction of the four-lane divided highway will reduce congestion and intersection related accidents
- The average daily traffic on this route ranges from 7,000 to 13,000 vehicles  
As many as 33% of the vehicles are trucks

## **US 12 Wallula Additional Lanes – September 2007**



- Twenty-three mile bi-modal trail along the Columbia River shoreline
- Showcases the variety of natural, historical and cultural topics with sites of local interest.
- Governor's 2009 Smart Choice Award

## **Sacagawea Heritage Trail – September 2008**

Tri-Cities Rivershore Enhancement Council



- First and second phases were completed November 2006, opening eleven miles of new roadway constructed to WSDOT standards
- The third phase connected Finley Road to SR 397 (Chemical Drive) with an overpass at the BNSF railroad crossing
- Recently transferred over to WSDOT jurisdiction and formally extends SR 397 from Finley to I-82

## **SR 397 (Intertie) – October 2008**

Benton County

# Gage Boulevard Widening and Round-a-bout– November 2008



- Constructed two-lane roundabout at Center Parkway intersection
- Reconstruction of the entrances into the north industrial park and Columbia Center Mall
- Widened to four lanes from Keene Road to Center Parkway



City of Kennewick/City of Richland



- Enhancement project that added crosswalks, bump-outs, brick pavers, historic illumination and landscaping

## **Waitsburg Downtown Streetscape – November 2008**



- Center has 6 shelters, informational kiosks and 10 bus pullouts
- Houses the Marketing and Service departments for BFT

## **Three Rivers Transit Center – March 2005**

Phase	Cost	Status
1: New Lead Track, Turnouts and Runaround Track	\$3.4M	Complete
2: Container Terminal Track	\$0.7M	Complete
3: Add New Track 407	\$1.3M	Complete
4: Add New East Exit	\$0.9M	Funding Secured
5: Add New Track 415	\$2.2M	Funding Requested



- Construction of new tracks in Big Pasco
- Will reduce truck and general purpose delay caused by over 40 trains a day
- Improves access to multimodal and intermodal Port Facilities
- Improves efficiency of BNSF freight movement by elimination of grade crossing maintenance delays

## Big Pasco Industrial Intermodal Rail Hub 2006 - Present



- Includes four travel lanes and center turn lane with bicycle path
- Bypass for SR 125 will relieve congestion through Walla Walla on 9<sup>th</sup>
- Illumination, landscaping and updated Rose Street traffic signal

## **Myra Road US 12 to Poplar Street- February 2009**

Walla Walla County/City of Walla Walla/City of  
College Place/Port of Walla Walla/Valley Transit