

SEATS

SouthEast Area

Transportation Solutions Coalition

Transportation Priority Needs

WHO ARE WE?

SEATS is a transportation and economic development coalition led by the cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Black Diamond, with participation from the cities of Auburn and Enumclaw, King County, Port of Seattle, Sound Transit, Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, and BNSF Railway. While we consist primarily of government agencies today, we hope to expand our reach to the private sector in the future.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Our mission is to promote and create an efficient transportation network and a growing economy in Southeast King County.

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

We recognize that regional collaboration on transportation issues is more essential than ever for success with federal and state funding.

We will:

CONNECT – Maintain and enhance our connections to the larger Puget Sound region and beyond.

ADVOCATE – Represent our interests to the larger Puget Sound region and beyond.

COLLABORATE – Provide a forum for our local governments and others to collaborate on transportation issues.

IMPLEMENT – Create, maintain, and implement a work plan that addresses our needs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Keep your Legislators, both State and Federal, informed about our transportation needs in Southeast King County. Let us know your ideas and needs for better transportation service.

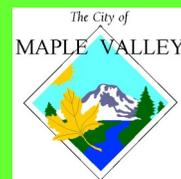
ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & PRIORITIES:

The listed projects in this Brochure **do not** address all of the **major projects and transit needs** required to address the growth that has **already** occurred in SE King County pursuant to the Growth Management Act. Financial support has not followed actual population growth. **Transit service is minimal and does not address the demand.** The infrastructure needed to get workers from homes to jobs is essential to support the economy, not only in SE King County, but in the job centers that workers must commute to.

1. Covington has two additional projects to address SR 516 shortcomings. These include:
 - CIP 1124: This project connects SE Wax Road/180th Avenue SE to SE 272nd Street via a new route designated as 185th Place SE and is a downtown bypass.
 - CIP 1063: This project provides for design and future construction of additional turn lanes, channelization, and signal modifications on SR 516 between 160th Avenue SE and 164th Avenue SE.
2. Maple Valley and Black Diamond have had significant growth requiring the expansion of SR 169. Total costs have been estimated at \$600 million dollars for various capacity-adding projects from Renton to Enumclaw.

WANT TO CONTACT US?

The SEATS coalition meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at Covington City Hall. For more information, please contact Covington City Councilmember Wayne Snoey, the Chair of SEATS, at wsnoey@covingtonwa.gov, or Covington City Manager Derek Matheson at dmatheson@covingtonwa.gov.



To enhance vehicle and freight mobility, transit schedule reliability, public safety, and economic development in Southeast King County, SEATS supports the following improvements on the SR 516 and SR 169 Corridors:

State Route 516 (Kent-Kangley Road) Corridor:

SR 516 is the principal East-West corridor connecting Covington, Maple Valley and Black Diamond to SR 18 to the employment and freight centers located in Auburn, Kent, Renton and beyond. Specific improvements identified include:



Jenkins Creek to 185th Avenue SE (Covington): The project will widen this segment of SR 516 from 2 lanes to 5 lanes and provide a new crossing at Jenkins Creek. In addition, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, landscaping and stormwater facilities will be installed. The estimated cost is **\$14 million**.

185th Avenue SE to 192nd Avenue SE (Covington): The project will widen this segment of SR 516 from 2 lanes to 5 lanes and add sidewalks, bicycle lanes, landscaping and stormwater facilities. The estimated cost is **\$16 million**.

SE 218th Avenue to SR 169 (Maple Valley): The project will widen SR 516 from 2 to 5 lanes, from 218th Ave SE to 216th Ave SE, and reconstruct the intersection at 216th Ave SE. From 216th Ave SE to SR 169, the corridor increases to three lanes with two travel lanes and a center turn lane. The project provides sidewalks, transit stops, sidewalks and bicycle lanes and reconstructs the intersection at Witte Road SE. The estimated cost is **\$17.6 million**.

State Route 169 (Maple Valley Highway) Corridor:

SR 169 is a State Highway of Significance and a T-2 truck route (4-10 million tons of freight annually) that connects Enumclaw, Black Diamond and Maple Valley to SR 18 and I-405. Consistent with the SR 169 Route Development Plan (WSDOT 2007), the following projects are needed to reduce congestion, improve safety and enhance mobility for all forms of transportation:



Witte Road SE to SE 280th Street (Maple Valley): Widen the SR 169 corridor from 2 lanes to 5 lanes between Witte Road SE and SE 280th Street, including intersection improvements. The estimated cost is **\$46.4 million**.



Roberts Drive Roundabout (Black Diamond): The intersection of Roberts Drive (major east/west arterial) with SR-169 is at an acute angle and in close proximity to Pipeline Road and Ravensdale Road, causing congestion and a high accident location. The project will eliminate existing hazards and improve traffic operations by installing an roundabout and realigning Pipeline and Ravensdale Roads. The estimate cost is **\$2.2 million**.

