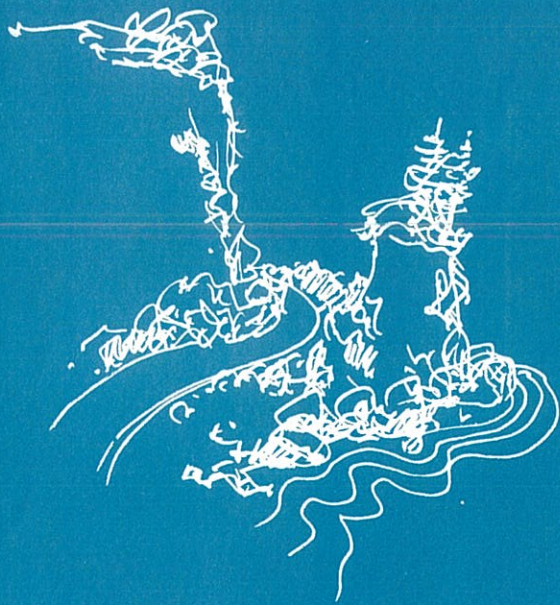


*Summary
Corridor
Management
Plan*



The Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway

*A Management Plan for the
State Route 112 Corridor*

*Projects, strategies and resources for
enhancing the travel experience,
supporting community development goals,
and preserving the natural and cultural
heritage of the SR 112 Corridor*

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A Message to the Reader,

Thank you for your interest in the Corridor Management Plan for SR 112, a route that serves a fascinating corner of Washington State. Most of our work here at the Department of Transportation is to keep traffic moving—building and maintaining the highways that connect the different regions of our state. We realize, however, that our work isn't really about cars and trucks – it's about the people and communities that the state's highways serve. The ideas included in the Corridor Management Plan represent exciting opportunities to make SR 112 work better for the communities it connects.

As many know, SR 112 is not an easy road to travel. In some ways it is reminiscent of the foot trails and logging roads that served the region prior to the highway's development. SR 112 was built in the rugged landscape along the north coast, and keeping it open as the land around it continues to slide and sag towards the Strait is challenging at times. Winding through narrow valleys and below coastal cliffs, the highway can be difficult to drive, especially for large vehicles like logging trucks and recreational campers. However, the twists and turns also offer a unique driving experience for visitors who are looking for a change from high speed and high volume freeways. The northwest corner of Washington State is an extraordinary place, and SR 112 is part of what makes a visit to the region an unforgettable experience. Many of the ideas included in the Corridor Management Plan can heighten that experience for visitors to your region, and contribute to your own quality of life.

This is a challenging era for transportation, and we find that the most important part of managing our highways wisely is listening to the people we serve. We listened carefully to those in your communities and learned both the kinds of changes that you want to see for SR 112, and the way that you would like to see those changes made. Many of the ideas in the plan are modest—improvements like viewpoints and pullouts, signs and brochures—however, in looking at the plan as a whole, the changes described represent significant benefits for the region. We are very excited about the possibilities for the future that you have imagined for your region.

Turning these ideas into finished projects will be a challenge. It will take creativity, energy, and commitment to find funding and implement projects. For some of these projects, the Department of Transportation can be an active partner with corridor communities. Other projects will require the development of new partnerships and diverse funding sources to bring new resources into the corridor. Although it may not be easy, the enthusiasm that corridor residents have shown during the planning process is a strong foundation for making the plan a reality.

Your vision for the future represents a real opportunity for improving the quality of life and economic vitality of the region. The Department of Transportation is pleased to have been involved at the beginning of this process, and we will be there with you whenever possible helping to strengthen the connections between the highway and your communities. We are at the beginning of an exciting journey.

Sincerely,

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