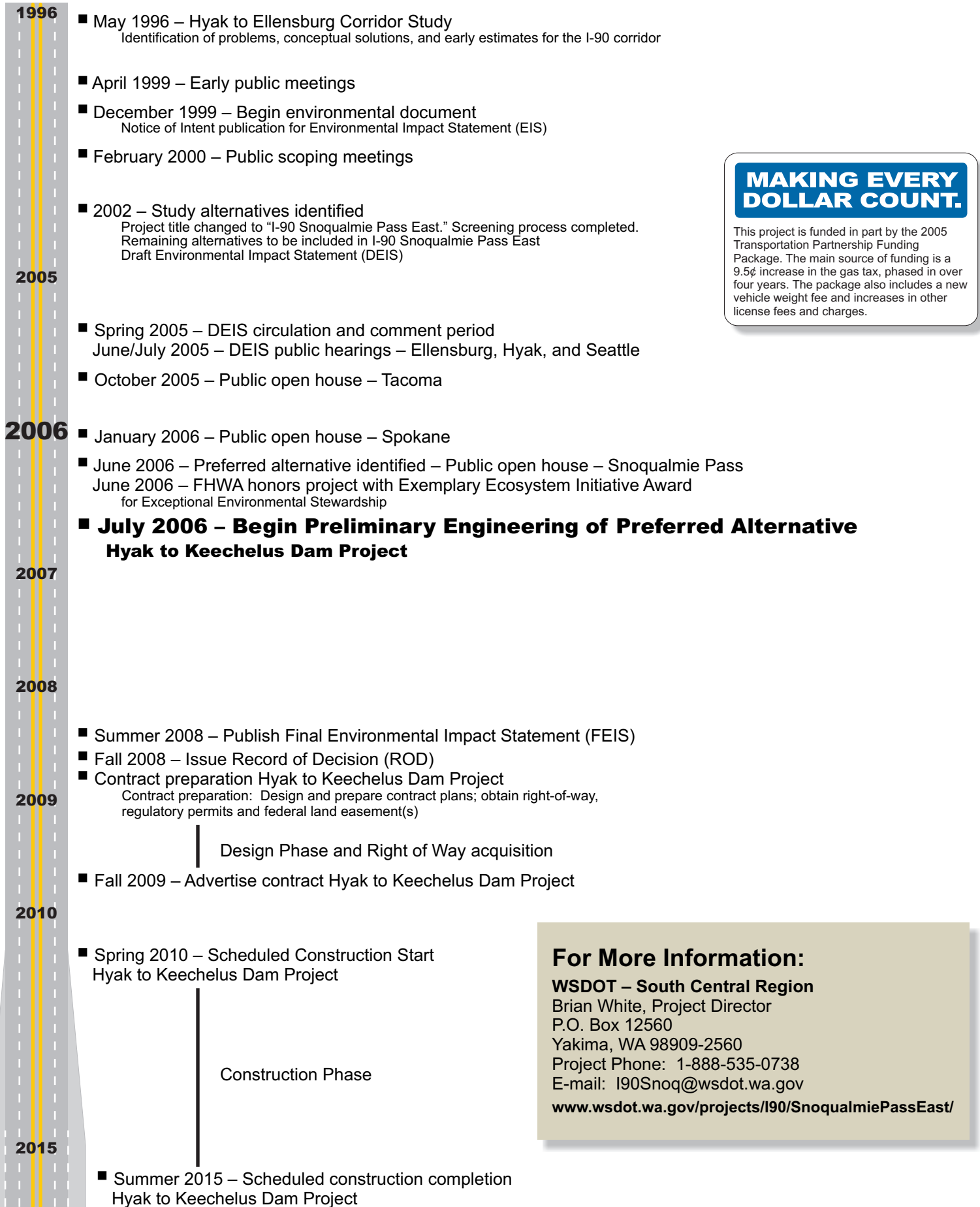


# I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East – Project Timeline



**MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT.**

This project is funded in part by the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package. The main source of funding is a 9.5¢ increase in the gas tax, phased in over four years. The package also includes a new vehicle weight fee and increases in other license fees and charges.

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# I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East



Interstate 90 is a critical link connecting Puget Sound’s large population and business centers with the farmlands, diverse industries, and extensive recreational areas of Eastern Washington. The uninterrupted movement of people, freight and business over Snoqualmie Pass is essential to our quality of life and the economic vitality of Washington State.

This project builds a safer, more efficient and reliable freeway from Hyak to Easton, ensuring the continued availability of I-90 as a primary statewide transportation corridor. The Hyak to Keechelus Dam project (Phase 1) is the first funded project to improve safety and add capacity within the I-90 corridor.

### Improve the Highway

- **Six-lane freeway** improves traffic flow and accommodates projected traffic volumes for the next 20 years
- **New pavement** replaces aging, deteriorated roadway to provide a smoother safer ride
- **Straightening roadway curves** increases sight distance, driveability, and safety

### Protect the Public

- **Avalanches** will be significantly reduced creating a more reliable, safer freeway
- **Rock fall** hazards will be minimized, reducing lane closures and improving public safety
- **Wildlife** will cross over and under the highway, minimizing the risk to wildlife and the traveling public

### Project Budget (Phase 1)

Total: \$545\* million  
 (Includes design, right-of-way, and construction costs)

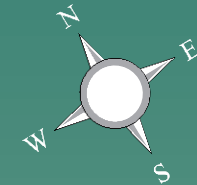
### Construction Timeline (Phase 1)

Scheduled start: Spring 2010  
 Scheduled completion: Summer 2015

\*As approved in the 2008 Supplemental Transportation Budget.



# I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project



## Improving the Highway

### Traffic Congestion



Each year 35 million tons of freight and 10 million vehicles travel over Snoqualmie Pass. Traffic volumes continue to increase, and have climbed to as high as 58,000 vehicles per day during peak travel periods.

### Deteriorating Pavement



The highway pavement on I-90 is between 30 and 50 years old, and has exceeded its lifespan. Due to extreme weather conditions and heavy usage, the asphalt pavement is rapidly deteriorating.

### Sharp Curves



There are numerous sharp curves which limit sight distance throughout the corridor. The Hyak to Easton section of I-90 has an accident rate double that of other rural sections.

## Protecting the Public

### Avalanche Closures



I-90 is closed an average of 80 hours per year due to avalanches. It is conservatively estimated that avalanche closures cost business and private travelers \$17.5 million annually.

### Unstable Slopes



Falling rocks from unstable slopes ranging in size from small stones to complete slope failures have caused serious accidents, and closed traffic lanes.

### Habitat Connectivity



I-90 acts as a barrier dividing wildlife habitats. In an effort to meet environmental objectives, WSDOT will connect habitats on either side of the highway which will provide safe passage for both motorists and wildlife.