

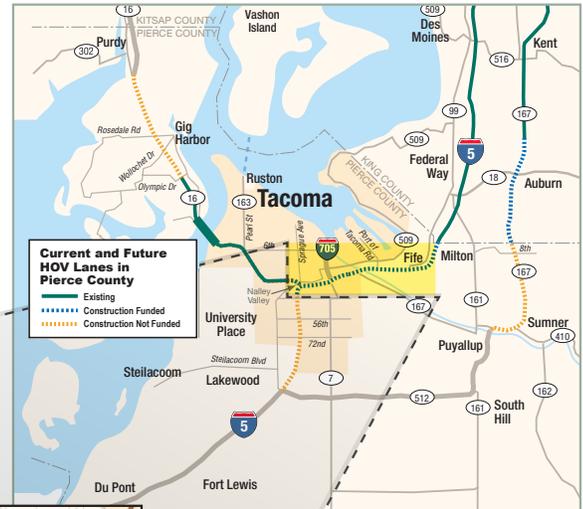


TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY HOV PROGRAM

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The Washington State Department of Transportation's Tacoma/Pierce County HOV Program is designing and constructing 70 lane miles of high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes on state highways in Pierce County. The program's first HOV lanes opened in 2007 on SR 16 between Union Avenue in Tacoma and Olympic Drive in Gig Harbor. Along with building HOV lanes, the projects incorporate other highway improvements such as adding safety features, enhancing the environment, and improving mobility.

The map below shows what projects are funded and now being worked on. These projects will add over 16 miles of HOV lanes to I-5 and SR 16, and will connect to the HOV lanes built north of the King/Pierce County line. The timeline below shows when each project will be designed and constructed. The map at right shows how WSDOT plans to expand HOV lanes even further into Pierce County when more funding becomes available.

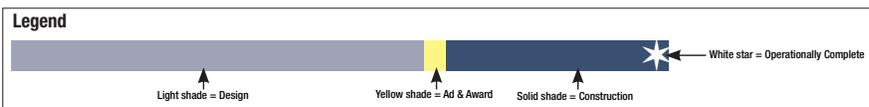
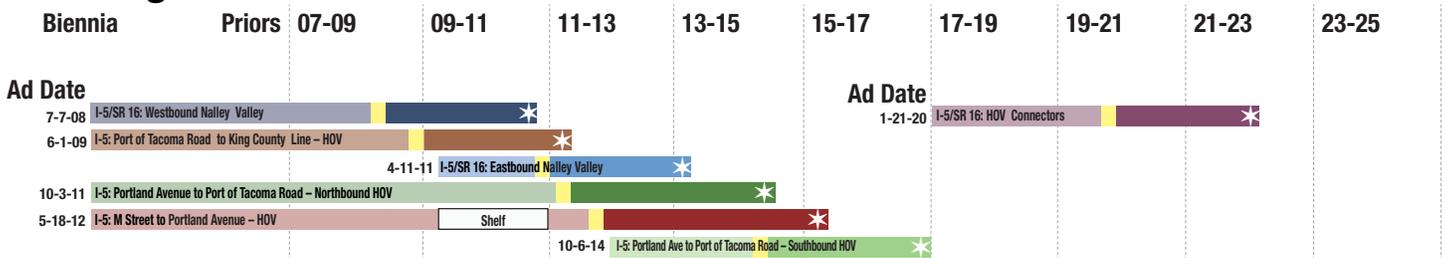


HOV Program Map



- 1 I-5/SR 16: Westbound Nalley Valley
- 2 I-5: Port of Tacoma Road to King County Line - HOV
- 3 I-5: M Street to Portland Avenue - HOV
- 4 I-5: Portland Avenue to Port of Tacoma Road - Northbound HOV
- 5 I-5/SR 16: Eastbound Nalley Valley
- 6 I-5: Portland Avenue to Port of Tacoma Road - Southbound HOV
- 7 I-5/SR 16: HOV Connectors

HOV Program Timeline*



*WSDOT's mission is to keep people and business moving. To that end, the above project timeline is subject to change based on decisions about maintaining traffic mobility during construction.

