



# South Union Gap

## Interchange Improvements

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### Why improve the South Union Gap interchange?

Commercial and retail businesses continue moving into south Yakima and Union Gap, causing increased congestion. Currently, the South Union Gap interchange lacks full connections to I-82 and US 97, forcing additional traffic to use Valley Mall Boulevard interchange, adding to congestion.

Reconstructing the South Union Gap interchange will improve local access to the freeway and provide better connections to the Yakima Regional Airport. Improvements planned for this interchange would link directly to the proposed South Union Gap Regional Beltway Connector, providing direct access to I-82 for southwestern Yakima and Union Gap. Improving this interchange will ease traffic congestion and accommodate economic development opportunities.

### What improvements will WSDOT make?

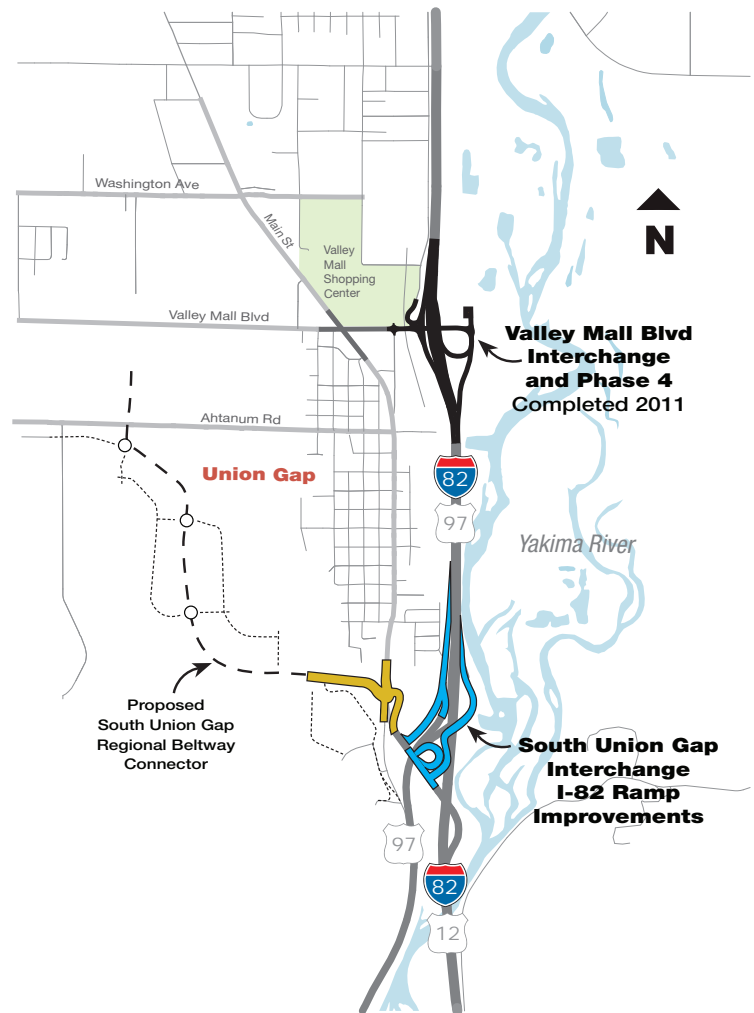
WSDOT will complete design, right of way and construct two additional ramps at the South Union Gap interchange. The new ramps will add connections from eastbound I-82 into Union Gap and from Union Gap to westbound I-82.

### Project Benefits

**Economic Vitality.** Improve freeway access to open up new areas for development and ease congestion.

**Safety.** Improve capacity of the interchanges, provide efficient connections to local roads, improve traffic flow, lessen conflicts and improve safety.

**Health/Environment.** Improves access to Fulbright Park and the Central Washington Agricultural Museum.



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**Estimated cost to complete design and construction**

I-82 Ramp Improvements project estimate . . . . . \$ 34.4 million  
 (Funded by Connecting Washington) **Funded**

Regional Beltway Connector project estimate . . . . . \$ 21.8 million

**Total Project Estimate (in 2016 dollars) . . . . . \$ 56.2 million**

Note: This estimate includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs.

**Timeline**

Construction of the funded I-82 Ramp Improvements is planned to begin in 2019. Timing of the Beltway Improvements is subject to funding.

**For more current project information, visit:**  
[www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i82/souniongap\\_ic](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i82/souniongap_ic)

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