

SR 303 Corridor Study

Corridor Need Statement

Livability, safety, and economic vitality are common areas for improvement highlighted by the City, Kitsap County, the State, the public, and business owners along the SR 303 corridor. These higher-level categories of improvement were considered by the project team and were broken into more measurable needs with specific performance gaps.

Improve corridor safety

Existing data shows multiple serious injury accidents and two fatalities along the SR 303 corridor in the last 5 years. Based on the State's Target Zero goal, as shared by the city and county, and the community's desire to improve safety there is a need to reduce crash potential in the study area.

Improve corridor reliability

SR 303 provides a direct connection to downtown Bremerton, the Washington State ferries, and the Naval Shipyard. The SR 303 corridor needs to provide reliable travel time for people delivering goods, traveling to work, accessing the ferries, and trying to reach service facilities. People have noted that their travel times can vary considerably from one day to the next and that travel planning can be difficult. Travel time reliability needs to be improved for all modes along the corridor.

Improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity

The SR 303 corridor lacks consistent, delineated pedestrian and bicycle connectivity both along and across the corridor. This lack of connectivity discourages walking and biking and creates possible safety issues. Increased levels of connectivity improve safety, equity, are associated with higher levels of physical activity, and improve health by increasing access to health care, goods, and services, thereby helping the City meet their goal of improved livability. Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity improvements are needed to improve accessibility to transit facilities for improved transit usage along the corridor.

Increase economic investment

The SR 303 corridor is essential to the economic vitality of the region. The existing corridor bisects the community, negatively impacting quality of life, and effecting economic investment. To meet the City and County's growth targets and goals for attracting more businesses and mixed-use development to the corridor, transportation improvements that help spur future investments are needed.

Improve access to transit

Kitsap County and the City of Bremerton are expected to experience significant growth in the next 20 years. To meet future needs of the public, Kitsap Transit has identified the SR 303 corridor as it's primary high capacity transit corridor for the future. Better non-motorized access to transit facilities as well as improved transit speed and reliability are needed to provide sustainable transit operations, improve regional connectivity, and attract new riders.