

US 195 / INTERSTATE 90 STUDY

A multimodal study to address safety, operations, access, and infrastructure issues in the corridors

Objectives:

- Improve safety for all users
- Preserve limited access of US 195
- Develop alternate routes on local system
- Solve interchange issues
- Plan for bridge and other infrastructure improvements

Purpose

The US 195 and I-90 corridors have experienced increasing operational and safety issues, particularly at their interchange and at local access points. The interchange ramps do not meet current design standards. Topographical constraints, sensitivity to the natural environment, sustaining recreation access and supporting active transportation will be considered. The condition of infrastructure, specifically the aging I-90 Latah Bridges, will also be included in the

scope. Current challenges include:

Safety

Reduce collisions, improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists

Operations

Maintain reliability, improve congestion at the interchange and on I-90

Access

Coordinated land use and environmental management, recreation access

Infrastructure

Road and bridge conditions, railroads

While WSDOT is actively addressing some of these issues, there is an identified regional need to balance the function of US 195 as a state highway while improving local access, safety, and mobility.

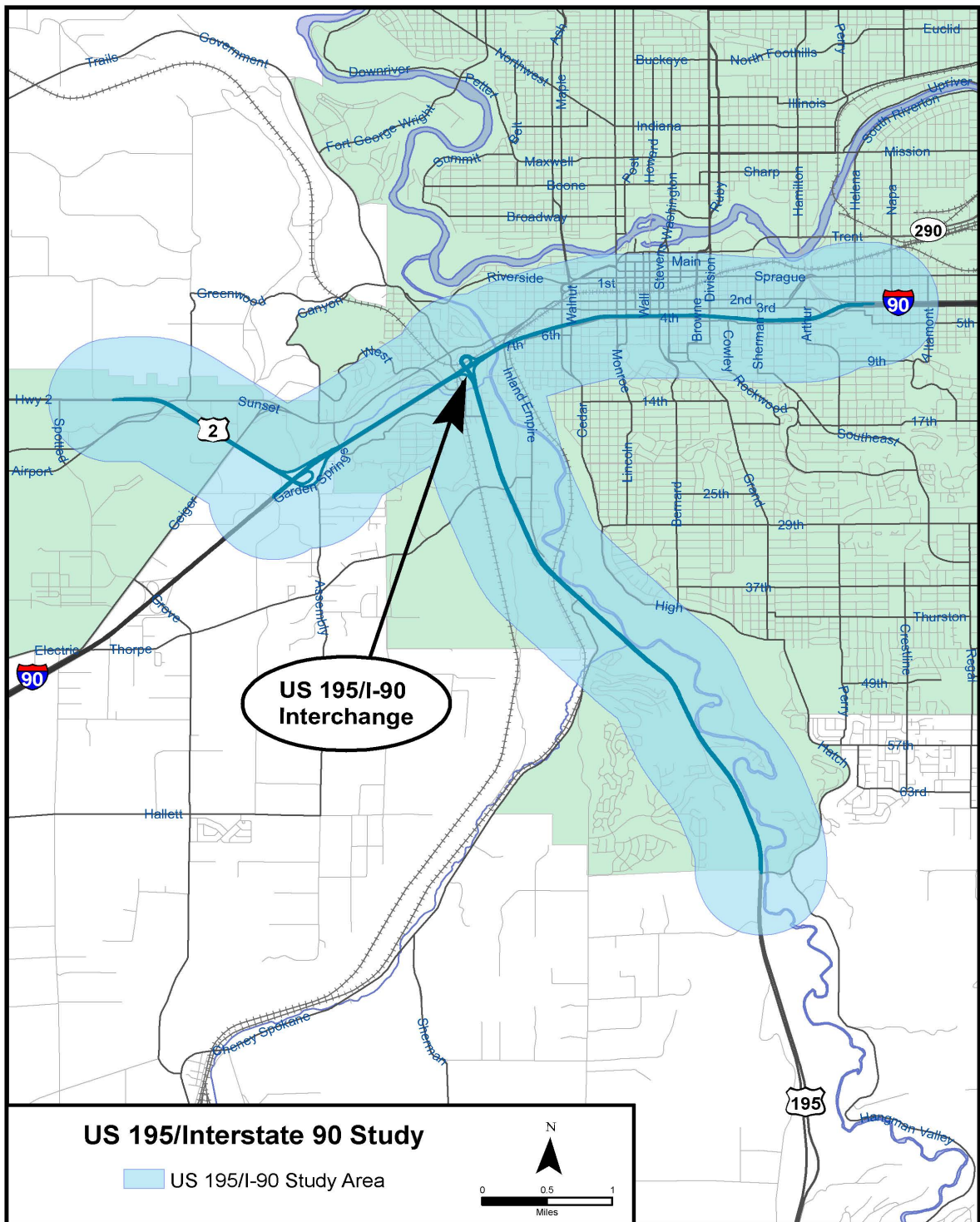
The purpose of the multi-jurisdictional US 195/I-90 study is to develop a strategy for addressing these issues while considering practical solutions. The need for more coordinated land use planning and access management between agencies will be addressed as well. The study is a collaborative effort between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the City of Spokane, Spokane County, Spokane Transit Authority (STA), and Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC). SRTC will serve as project manager and regional coordinator for the study.

Approach

The I-90/US 195 Study will be undertaken using a systems approach. The study will examine the interface of all modal systems including local, regional and state facilities, functions and services. All modes of travel will be considered such as public transportation, private vehicles, pedestrian, biking and freight. The study will consider the needs of all users. Solutions identified will be developed with an explicit understanding that the resulting projects will need collaborative and innovating approaches from all funding sources for success.



Interstate 90 and railroad bridges over Latah Creek at the interchange with US 195



Study Partners



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