



## **Getting Results for Families in Snohomish County**

When Governor Gregoire took office in 2004, she inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit, the state had made massive cuts to education and healthcare, unemployment had risen and critical areas like transportation had suffered years of neglect.

The governor took on these and many other challenges and set out to make a difference in the lives of Washington's citizens and working families.

But there is still much work to be done, and with Gov. Gregoire's leadership, our state can continue to make progress and look forward to four more great years.

### **Strengthening the Economy**

Gov. Gregoire was raised by a single, working mother, and understands what it's like to live paycheck to paycheck. She is building a stronger economy for our state.

- She inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit four years ago. Since then, she cut red tape and turned the state's deficit into a big surplus. The Pew Center on the States ranked Washington as one of the top-three best managed states in the nation.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create nearly 225,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business. Fortune Magazine ranks Washington as the fifth-best state for small business.
- Governor Gregoire's Department of Community Trade and Economic Development provided \$500,000 through its Energy Freedom Account to support the Snohomish County Biodiesel Crusher.
- Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, our highways are recovering from a decade of neglect. From 2003 to 2004, only 12 transportation projects were completed. Thanks to Gov. Gregoire's focus on transportation, today we have 165 completed projects. In the next six months, 109 more projects will be started or completed.
- Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, WSDOT completed the I-5 expansion from SR 526 to US 2 to improve traffic flow.

- To improve safety on US 2, Gov. Gregoire allocated funds to hire six more state troopers to reduce DUI violations and \$14 million for safety improvements between Gold Bar and Monroe to reduce vehicles crossing the centerline and speeding.
- Other work to improve transportation in Snohomish County includes:
  - Widening SR 9 at Marsh Road, between Schloman Rd and 256 ST NE and between 212 St SE and 176 St SE.
  - Building an additional two lanes on a separate alignment on SR 522 between Snohomish River Bridge and US 2.
  - Building freeway stations on I-5 at south Everett and Mountlake Terrance to provide direct connections from the stations to park and rides.
- Gov. Gregoire is leading the effort in building a new fleet of ferries. WSDOT is holding workshops with Snohomish County communities served by ferries to hear directly from the citizens.

### **Protecting Children and Families**

As a mother and tough-on-crime former attorney general, Gov. Chris Gregoire understands what it takes to protect and help our children and families.

- Under her leadership, Washington's crime rate is at a 14-year low. Nobody is tougher on sex offenders: she increased jail sentences for sex offenders, required electronic monitoring of the worst, and expanded the state DNA registry for criminals convicted of sex crimes.
- Gov. Gregoire increased funding for schools to reduce class sizes, increase teacher pay, and focus on math and science standards so our children will be prepared for the global economy. In 2008, more than 91 percent of students passed the WASL.
- She supports a University of Washington branch campus in Snohomish County and has provided \$4 million for site selection and a master business plan.
- Gov. Gregoire's improvements to Snohomish County colleges include:
  - Everett Community College: \$40.6 million to build a new University Center; \$9.3 million to renovate Meadowdale hall; \$2.8 million to replace Index Hall.
  - Edmonds Community College: \$2.5 million to replace electrical systems.
- She supported Vocation Skills Centers with \$23.2 million to help train the next generation of workers in Snohomish County.
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes all of our children deserve healthcare. She has expanded healthcare to 84,000 more children with the goal to have all kids covered by 2010.
- The Camano Island Health Clinic received \$500,000 to expand and enhance its facility.
- She provided the YMCA of Snohomish County \$3.2 million to acquire more land.

### **Creating a Cleaner Future**

Gov. Gregoire believes our environment is our greatest asset and legacy to our children and grandchildren. She is creating a cleaner, greener Washington.

- Gov. Gregoire is leading the nation's fight against global warming. Laws passed under her administration will create real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Washington is one of the nation's largest producers of renewable energy. Gov. Gregoire put the state on track to create 25,000 green collar jobs by 2020 in areas like renewable energy to continue Washington's leadership.
- She is working with businesses, communities, Tribes and elected officials to clean up Puget Sound, restore fish habitat and leave a legacy for future generations.
- Gov. Gregoire provided cleanup grants to Everett Landfill.
- She provided support Snohomish and Sultan's waste water treatment plants.

## **Gov. Gregoire's Snohomish County Investments**

**Gov. Gregoire is helping and protecting our children and families. In Snohomish County, she directed investments to:**

- Lake Stevens Civic Center renovations.
- Artspace projects and the Edmonds Center for the Arts.

**Gov. Gregoire's is taking on the challenge of improving our neglected highways. In Snohomish County, she directed investments to:**

- I-5 to install concrete barriers in the north bound direction and to widen shoulders to reduce collisions.
- US 2 to install rumble strips, build passing lanes and improve interchanges between Gold Bar and Monroe.
- SR 9 between SR 522 and 228th St. SE to widen the highway and westbound ramp.
- I-5 from SR 526 to Marine View Dr to design and construct northbound and southbound HOV lanes.
- SR 9 to improve intersections at Marsh Road.
- I-5 from 164th St SW to SR 526 to build HOV lanes in each direction.
- I-5 between SR 526 and US 2 to design and construct northbound and southbound HOV lanes in the city of Everett.
- SR 9 between SR 96 to Marsh Rd. to widen SR 9 to two lanes in each direction and add left and right turn lanes at SR 96 and Marsh Rd.
- SR 9 between 212th St SE and 176th St SE to widen SR 9 to four lanes and build a raised median.
- SR 532 from 270th St NW to 72nd Ave NW to improve several intersection choke points and improve and consolidate driveways.
- SR 9 between Schloman Rd and 256th St NE to widen SR 9 to provide twelve-foot lanes and four-foot shoulders and realign two existing curves along this section of roadway.
- SR 522 between the Snohomish River Bridge and US 2 to construct two additional lanes on a separate alignment to form a four-lane divided highway from the Snohomish River Bridge to US 2 in the city of Monroe.