



Getting Results for Families in E. King 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 was rising 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 its working families.

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

Protecting Children and Families

As a mother and former tough-on-crime 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. In east King County, more Community Correction Officers were hired to help increase community safety.
- Gov. Gregoire increased funding for schools to reduce class sizes and increase teacher pay, and focus on math and science standards, so our children will be prepared for the global economy. In 2008, more than 90 percent of students passed the WASL.
- Gov. Gregoire is increasing investments in King County schools to total \$3.2 billion. She directed investments to a Center for Arts, Technology and Communication at Cascadia Community College and a Science and Technology building will be built at Bellevue Community College. UW Bothell has 500 new enrollment slots. East King County community and technical colleges benefit from nearly \$4 million for building improvements.
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes healthcare is a right, not a perk, especially for children. She has expanded healthcare to 84,000 more children with the goal to cover all kids by 2010.

Strengthening our 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.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create more than 200,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business.
- 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 130 completed projects.
- In East King County, Gov. Gregoire allocated \$1.6 billion for transportation projects. A total of \$350 million is being spent on I-405 to reduce congestion and improve safety with additional lanes and better interchanges. The 520 bridge will be replaced four years early and between \$500-700 million under the original budget. I-90 will have more HOV lanes and access ramps.

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 made a \$3 million investment in the Skykomish cleanup to restore the flood control levee and upland areas, and remove contaminated sediment from the Skykomish River.

Gov. Chris Gregoire's E. King County Investments

Governor Gregoire is getting results so that all our children have a world-class education. In East King County, she directed investments toward:

- Repairing L Building at Bellevue Community College.
- Constructing Vocational Skills Centers at the Northeast Vocational Area Cooperative in Bothell
- Improving the Brightwater Environmental Education Center.
- Adding 500 new enrollment slots at the UW campus in Bothell.
- Constructing a Center for Arts, Technology, Communication at Cascadia Community College.
- Improving the Science and Technology at Bellevue Community College.
- Constructing the Allied Health Building at Lake Washington Technical College.

Governor Gregoire is making up for a decade of neglect on our highways. In East King County, she directed investments toward:

- Constructing one more additional general purpose lane northbound on I-405 from SR 181 to SR 167 and another lane northbound and southbound between SR 181 and I-5
- Extending the southbound HOV lane on SR 167 north to I-405.
- Constructing one additional lane in the northbound and southbound directions between I-90 and SE 8th St.
- Constructing an interchange for the I-405 and SR 515 crossing to improve traffic flow
- Constructing one additional lane in the northbound and southbound directions between I-90 and SE 8th St. to reduce congestion on I-405
- Constructing on and off ramps on I-405 between NE 8th St and SR 520 to relieve congestion
- Constructing a new bridge crossing at NE 10th Street extending across I-405 between 112th Ave NE and 116th Ave NE
- Constructing an auxiliary lane on I-405 between 112th Ave SE and I-90
- Constructing a general purpose lane from NE 70th Street to NE 124th Street and southbound from SR 522 to SR 520
- Constructing a new westbound lane from SR 520 to NW 70th Street, constructing new eastbound and westbound lanes from NE 70th Street to 197th Place NE, and constructing two new westbound lanes from 187th Place NE to the Sahalee Way vicinity

Governor Gregoire is protecting and helping our children and families. In East King County, Gov. Gregoire directed investments toward:

- Adding one more Community Corrections Officer (CCO) to each unit
- Removing contaminated sediment from the Skykomish and restoring flood controls
- Repairing the exterior and foundation of Saint Edward State Park Seminary Building
- Preparing to construct the Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE) in Bellevue
- Improving the Brightwater Environmental Education Center
- Building the Fire Training Academy Sanitary System and dormitory
- Supporting in the Asian Counseling & Referral Service
- Funding in a Job Development Fund for the City of Kirkland
- Acquiring the Eastside Trail
- Upgrading the Lake Sammamish Park access
- Investing in the White Center Emergency Food Association