



## **Getting Results for Families in 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 citizens and 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.

### **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.
- 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. The Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center received funding to better prepare workers for jobs in the manufacturing, construction and transportation industries. Kirkland, Burien and Pacific received grants for economic development.
- 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.
- Gov. Gregoire is adding extra lanes, better ramps and more efficient interchanges to reduce congestion on I-405. The 520 bridge will be replaced four years early and between \$500-700 million under the original budget. More HOV lanes are being added to I-90 and SR 167.

### **Protecting and helping our 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. Gov. Gregoire also funded the expansion of the Seattle Crime Lab.

- 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 90 percent of students passed the WASL. In King County, Greenbridge Early Learning Center received more funds to help our youngest children enter school ready to learn.
- With her support, King County community colleges and vocation skills centers are expanding and improving buildings. Renovations at the University of Washington will create more space for students and help current students to better access technology.
- 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 have all kids covered by 2010. Funds were give for an addition to the King County Public Health Laboratory, and Children's Hospital received \$2.5 million to better serve young patients.

### **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. Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, the Skykomish and Duwamish rivers, both important tributaries to the Puget Sound, are being cleaned up.

# **Governor Gregoire's King County Investments**

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

- Acquiring land for Seattle Central Community College
- Improving Greenbridge Early Learning Center
- Repairing Bellevue Community College's L Building
- Constructing new buildings at Aviation High School
- Supporting Vocational Skills Centers in the Northeast Vocational Area Cooperative
- Renovating Savery Hall Renovation at the University of Washington
- Constructing Cascadia Community College's Center for Arts, Technology, Communication
- Constructing Bellevue Community College's Science and Technology center
- Upgrading the Computing and Communications buildings at the University of Washington
- Initiating the Kent Station Phase 2 in Green River Community College
- Renovating Seattle Central Community College's Edison North
- Renovating Clark Hall at the University of Washington
- Renovating the University of Washington's Health Sciences H Wing
- Renovating Green River Community College's Physical Education building
- Renovating Green River Community College's Humanities and Classroom Building
- Renovating Lake Washington Technical College's Allied Health Building
- Renovating Shoreline Community College's Automotive Training Center
- Redeveloping the Duwamish Education Center

**To reduce congestion and make our highways safer, Gov. Gregoire has directed investments towards:**

- Replacing the SR 520 bridge
- Reducing congestion on I-405 by constructing an additional general purpose lane northbound from SR 181 to SR 167, extending the southbound HOV lane on SR 167 north to I-405, and adding one general purpose lane in each direction between the SR 181 and the I-5 interchanges
- Constructing one additional lane on I-405 in both directions between I-90 and SE 8th St.
- Constructing a new interchange on I-405 at SR 515 (Talbot Road) on the north side to reduce congestion.
- Constructing a new northbound HOV lane on SR 167 between 15<sup>th</sup> St SW and 15<sup>th</sup> St NW to reduce congestion and increase capacity and mobility
- Repairing the surface of I-5 between Boeing Access Rd. and the Snohomish County line.
- Constructing one new lane in each direction of I-405 between I-90 and SE 8th St.
- Constructing a new general-purpose lane northbound on I-405 from SR 181 to SR 167 and extending the southbound HOV lane on SR 167 north to I-405.
- Constructing new on and off ramps on I-405 between NE 8th St and SR 520
- Constructing a new interchange to reduce congestion and improve efficiency on I-405 at SR 515 (Talbot Road)
- Widening SR 167 from 8<sup>th</sup> St. E to S 277<sup>th</sup> St., adding a new northbound HOV lane from 15th SW in Auburn south into Pierce County, and creating a southbound HOV lane from 15th NW in Auburn south into Pierce County
- Adding a third eastbound lane on SR 518 between SeaTac Airport and the I-5/I-405 Interchange.

- Constructing a new interchange on SR 522 to provide access to the new University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia Community College joint campus
- Adding a transit and HOV lane in each direction on I-90
- Adding a northbound lane from NE 124th Street to NE 160<sup>th</sup> Street
- Improving traffic mobility around I-405 by constructing a new bridge crossing at NE 10th Street extending across I-405 between 112th Ave NE and 116th Ave NE.
- Widening SR 900 by adding one lane in each direction from SE 78th Street to I-90, constructing HOV lanes on SR 900 between the Park and Ride lot and I-90, and widening two SR 900 bridges
- Improving 520 by realigning ramps, constructing five new bridges and widening the roadway to eight lanes

**To protect King County families and to strengthen their communities, Governor Gregoire directed investments towards:**

- Cleaning up pollution in the Skykomish River
- Cleaning up water in the Duwamish River
- Improving Seattle's Children's Hospital
- Building a new Highline West Seattle Mental Health Facility
- Building a new addition and upgrading the HVAC Systems at the Public Health Laboratory
- Expanding the Seattle Crime Lab
- Creating a DNA Crime Lab Computer system
- Training workers for living-wage industrial jobs at the Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center
- Creating job-development programs in Pacific and Kirkland
- Supporting the Museum of History and Industry
- Renovating the UW Playhouse Theater
- Creating a Performing Arts Center in Bellevue
- Supporting the arts at the Seattle Art Museum and City Center's McCraw Hall
- Building a new site for the Wing Luke Asian Museum
- Creating a Seattle Chinese Garden
- Providing support services to the Pacific Asian-American community through the Asian Counseling & Referral Service
- Supporting the local Jewish community through the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
- Supplying food to local food banks through Northwest Harvest
- Protecting and preserving Camp Kilworth
- Protecting and preserving the Eastside Trail
- Improving parks in Lake Sammamish
- Improving the Maple Valley Lake Wilderness Lodge and Conference Center
- Developing the Burien Town Square
- Creating an Events Center in the City of Kent
- Improving infrastructure at the Tukwila Southcenter Parkway
- Improving facilities at the Rainier Valley Boys and Girls Club
- Building a new swimming pool at the Shoreline YMCA
- Improving clubhouse facilities at the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club
- Renovating the Wallingford Boys & Girls Club clubhouse