

Phase 7 project timeline



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Total Project Cost \$51.6 million
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Build new overpass at Humorist Road
Total Project Cost \$21.3 million

For more information: wsdot.wa.gov/projects/us12/ninemilehilltofrenchtown/home

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Phase 7 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity

Estimated Project Cost \$161.2 million
(Funded by 2015 Connecting Washington Transportation Funding Package)

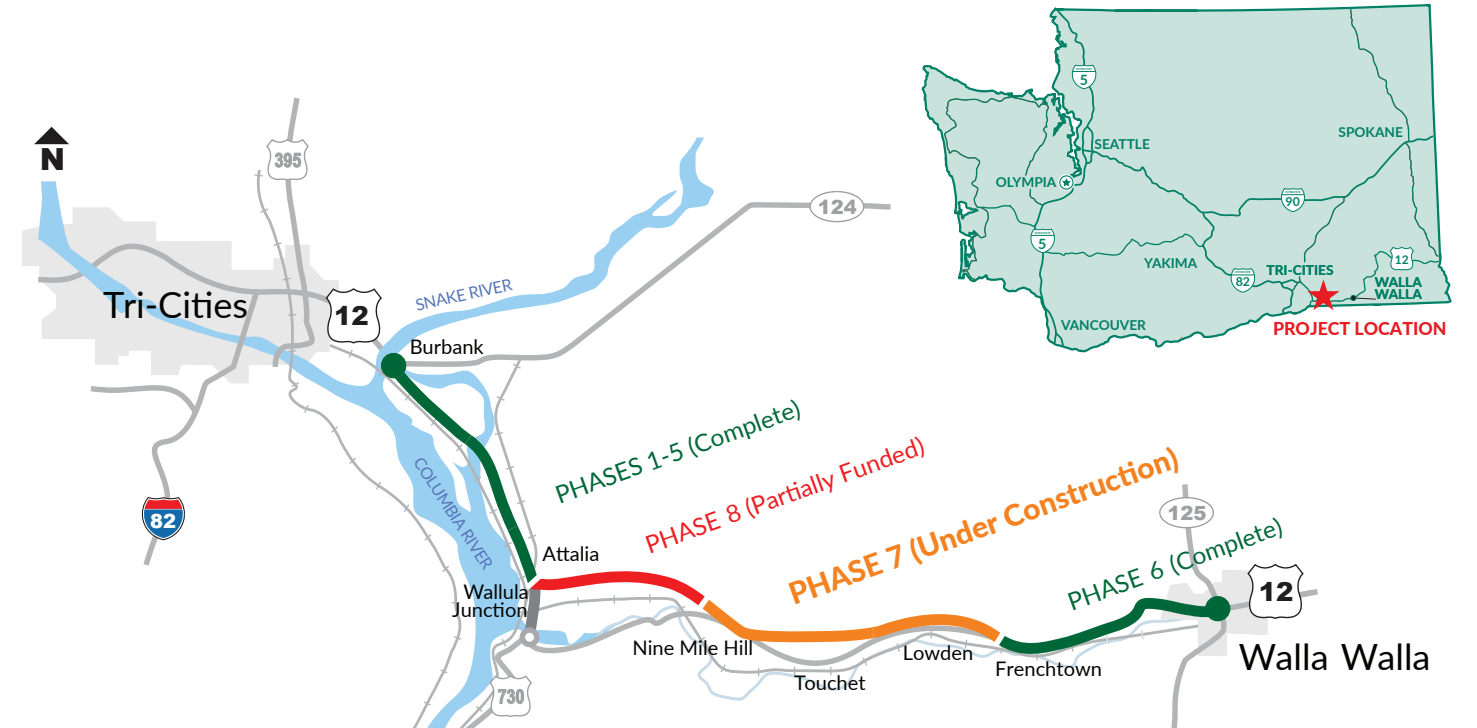
Phase 8 - Design & Right of Way PARTIALLY FUNDED Wallula to Nine Mile Hill

Design & Right of Way - Partially Funded . \$ 7.6 million
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Final Design & Construction-Unfunded. \$201.8 million
Estimated Total Project Cost \$209.4 million



WSDOT and contractor crews break ground on the project in March 2021.

US 12 - Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity Build New Highway (Phase 7)

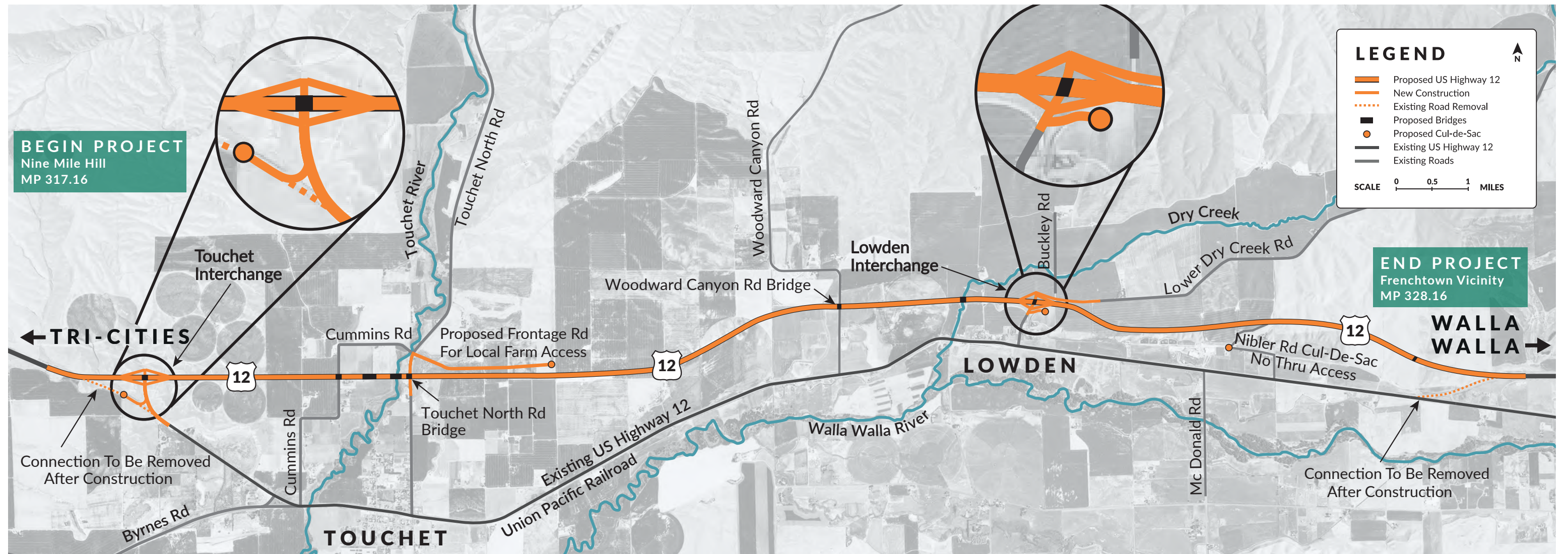


What's happening?



This project is Phase 7 of 8 on the US Highway 12 corridor and builds upon the \$291.9 million the Legislature has already invested in the corridor. Eastern Washington's economy relies on the ability to move freight, and this investment improves safety and freight mobility for users of the US Highway 12 corridor.

Four-laning US Highway 12 - Nine Mile Hill to Frenchtown Vicinity (Phase 7)



Corridor history

Since 2003, significant progress has been made toward four-laning existing US Highway 12 from the Snake River (near Burbank) to Walla Walla. After the 11-mile Phase 7 project is complete, approximately 10 miles of two-lane, undivided existing highway will remain between Attalia and Nine Mile Hill.

Corridor funding

The US Highway 12 Coalition secured federal funds in 2009 to begin the design of Phase 7 and in 2015 the Washington State Legislature provided the remaining funds as part of the Connecting Washington transportation funding package. Construction is planned to begin in early 2020 and the new four-lane, divided highway is anticipated to open in summer 2023.

Environmental status

WSDOT and the Federal Highway Administration completed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with the issuance of an Environmental Assessment (EA) in February 2010 and a Finding of

No Significant Impact in September 2010. These NEPA documents explain the process used to determine the selected alternative for Phases 7 and 8. A NEPA re-evaluation was completed for the majority of Phase 7 in May 2015 to evaluate areas of additional right of way that were not included in the original 2010 EA study area. The 2015 NEPA re-evaluation did not result in any changes to the project.

Needs and benefits

- **Economic growth:** Completing the corridor will improve travel time and community access to the local road network.
- **Reduce risk of crashes:** The proposed four-lane highway will reduce the risk of crashes by decreasing the number of intersections on US 12 while separating opposing traffic with a median. This project will also reduce conflicts between passenger vehicles and slow-moving freight. Intersections with local roads will allow safe access to and from the new highway.
- **Freight mobility:** Commercial trucks make up as much as 12% of traffic on US Highway 12 in this area. Building a four-lane highway will improve access for freight to Eastern Washington port facilities.

Phase 7 project features

This section of US 12 is located north of the communities of Touchet and Lowden. To maintain access to these communities two interchanges will be constructed with local roads including the existing US 12 at the bottom of Nine Mile Hill and Lower Dry Creek Road. Bridges will be constructed to maintain connectivity along Cummins Road, Touchet Road North and Woodward Canyon. New bridges will be constructed to span the Touchet River, Touchet Floodway, and Dry Creek.

Stakeholders

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- Port of Walla Walla
- Walla Walla County
- City of Walla Walla
- City of College Place
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Proposed US Highway 12 corridor near Nine Mile Canyon, looking east to Touchet.

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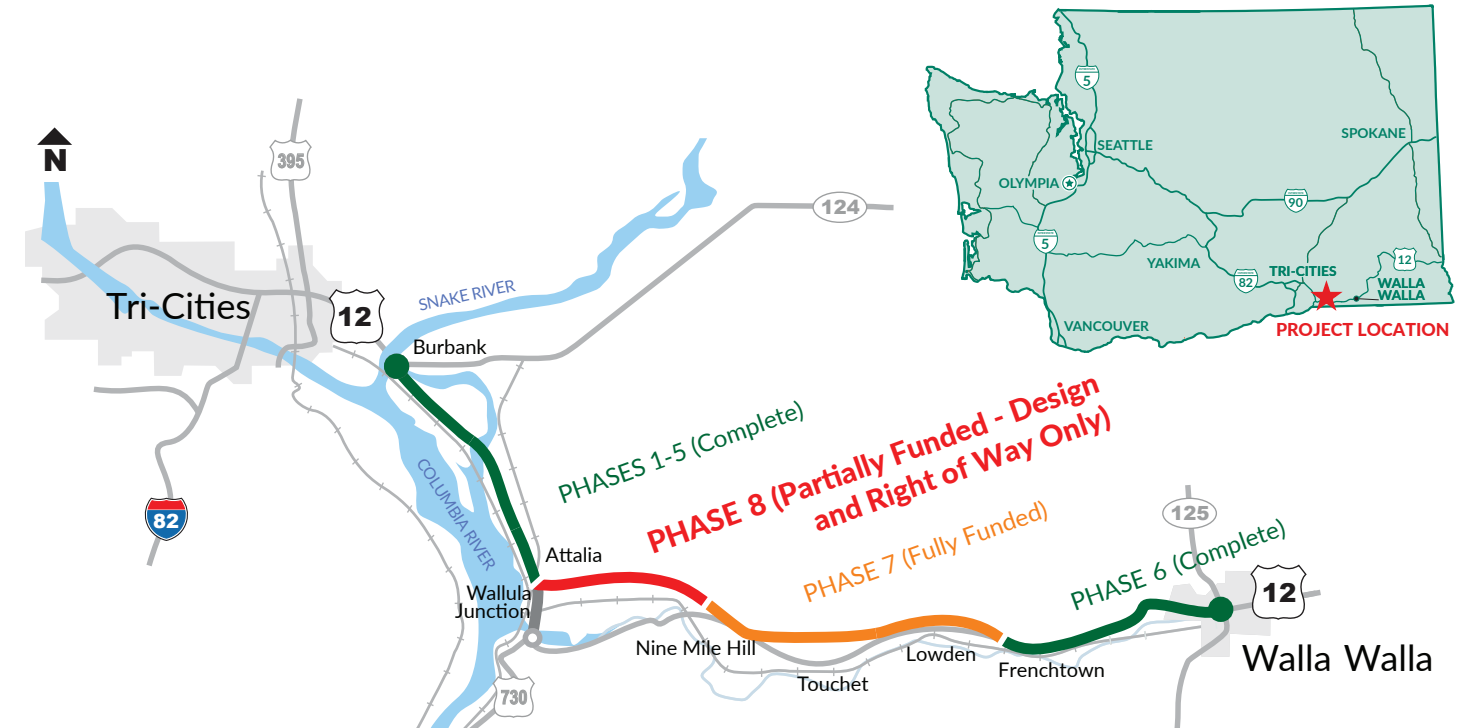
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Proposed US Highway 12, looking west to the Boise Paper Wallula Mill and the proposed US Highway 12 intersection.

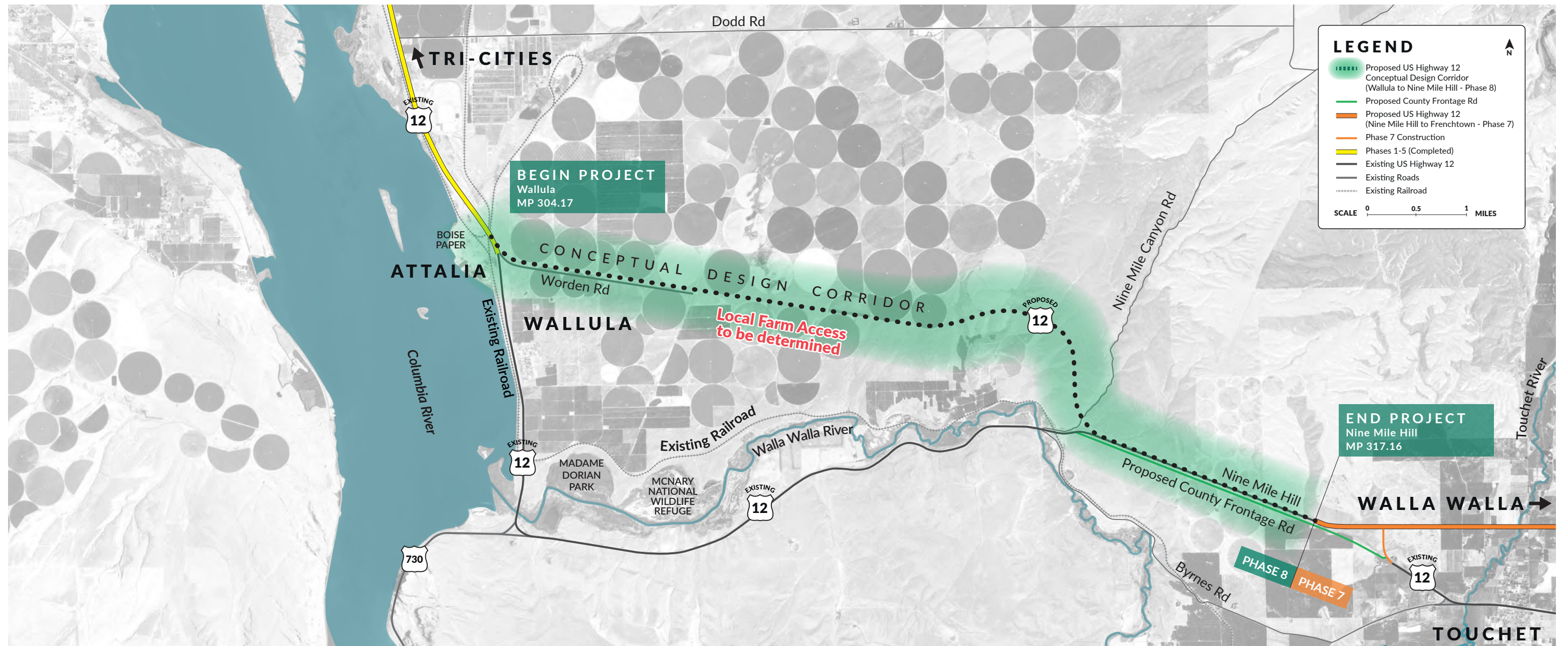
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