

# Hazel Dell Road Improvements

## Project Details



### What is the project?

The project will replace the existing Hazel Dell–West Side Highway Y-intersection with a T-intersection, adding a left hand turn lane from West Side Highway onto Hazel Dell Road. Street lights will be installed at the intersection for better nighttime visibility. In 2014, the first mile of roadway will be improved with wider shoulders and realignment to improve visibility and safety.

### Why is the project needed?

The existing intersection and roadway are characterized by diminished sight distance. Drivers use line-of-sight to determine if there is enough distance to turn onto or off of the road. Improving line-of-sight distance on Hazel Dell Road should improve overall driver safety.

### How does this impact me?

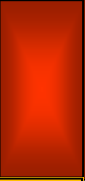


Traffic delays of up to 20 minutes may be possible at times. Check the weekly traffic delay details at [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks).

### More Questions?

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## Project Timeline

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|   | <b>Summer 2013</b><br>Rebuild the Hazel Dell–Westside Hwy intersection, including Westside Highway turn lane.                     |
|   | <b>Summer 2014</b><br>Reconstruct Hazel Dell Road milepost 0.0 to 1.0, including widening lanes and realigning corners and hills. |
|  | <b>Fall 2014</b><br>Finalize road improvements and demobilize.  |

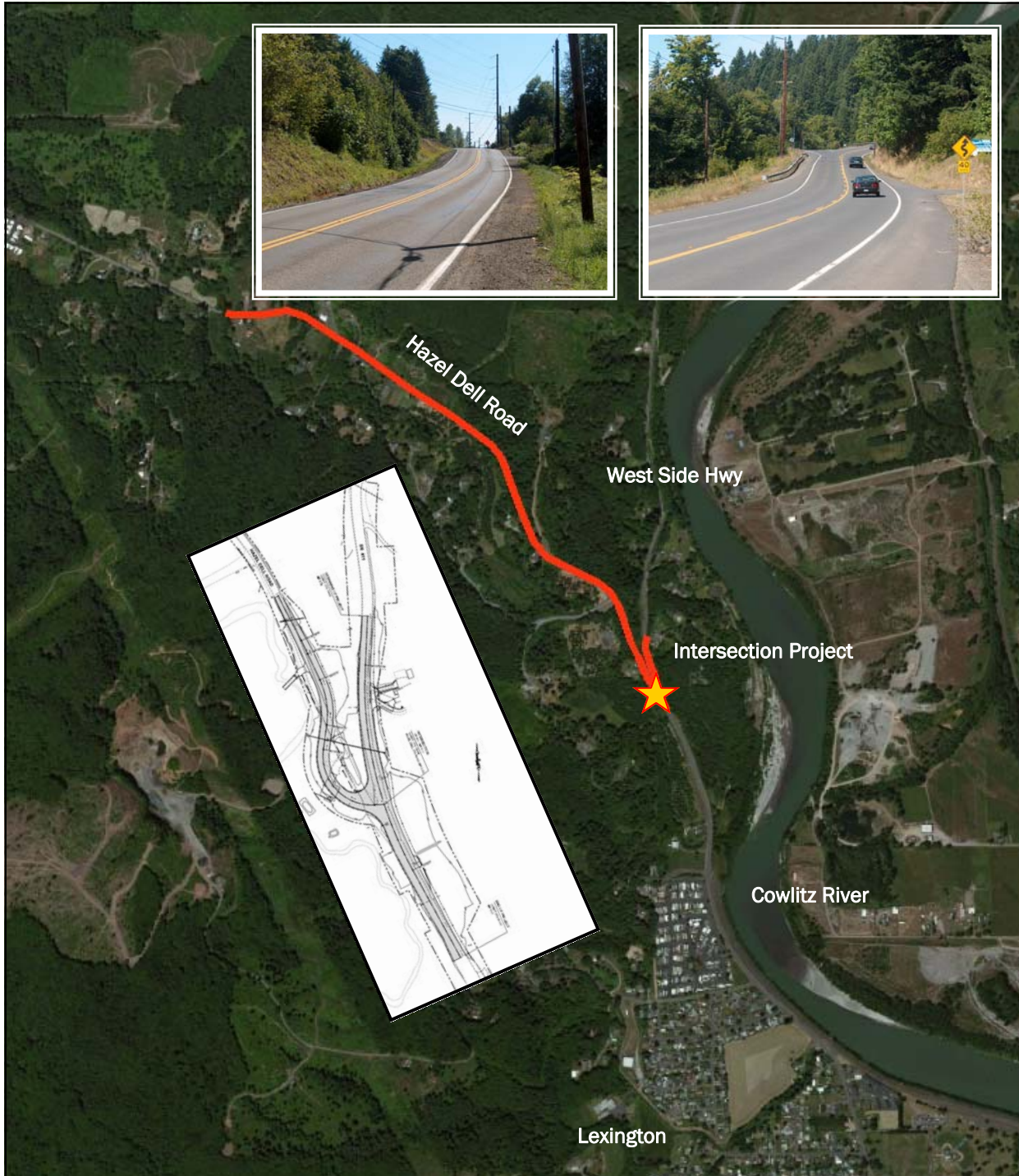
Cowlitz County will improve the Hazel Dell / West Side Highway intersection, including a turn lane from West Side Highway, in 2013. In 2014 the first mile of Hazel Dell Road will be widened, curves straightened and hills reduced to improve visibility and safety.



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### Project Images

The first phase of the project is the intersection of Hazel Dell and West Side Highway. As shown in the top left and cover, drivers come into the intersection from Hazel Dell Road at a Y angle, reducing the driver's ability to see southbound traffic. Additionally, vehicles turning from West Side Highway onto Hazel Dell Road, as shown top right, are without a turning lane in a 45 MPH speed zone. The existing hillside reduces oncoming traffic's line of sight. The project will remedy both problems, creating a T intersection at Westside Highway, excavating part of the obscuring hillside, and adding a turning lane from West Side Highway into Hazel Dell Road.



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