

## State Highway 97 Corridor Study Issues

### SH 97 Corridor Study / Route Development Plan Issues (Non-Prioritized)

- Continued growth within the corridor
- Capacity of current roadway
- Funding of improvements
- Poor visibility
- Accidents within the corridor
- No current public roadway improvement projects on the horizon
- Comprehensive Plan update underway by Kootenai County
- Narrow roadway - no shoulders in most areas
- Environmental challenges regarding roadway improvements
- Drainage issues along SH 97
- Truck traffic on SH 97
- Safety of the roadway
- Traffic loading may degrade scenic highway
- Construction related traffic - impact to current and future users of the roadway
- Highway 97, designated a Scenic Byway, may be ill-suited, especially in the Beauty Bay area
- Summer traffic volumes versus winter traffic volumes
- Increased traffic from large trucks hauling construction materials has increased wear on the road and danger to drivers
- Preserve rural lifestyles and natural resources
- Vehicle size limits
- Construction related traffic control
- Impact to water resources
- Impacts to wildlife/endangered species - Winter time bald eagle population
- Increased travel time as a result of more traffic
- Passing lanes
- Turnouts for slow vehicles
- Road rage
- Response times for EMS, police, and fire

