

SR18 Widening WSDOT's Project Goals as of May 16, 2024

WSDOT has established the following goals for the Project:

1. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation
 - a) Meets or exceeds DBE requirements throughout the life of the Project with an integrative approach to maximize DBE participation.
2. Minimize Impacts

Promotion of public and employee safety is a key value of WSDOT's Strategic Plan. Minimizing impacts to the traveling public must be balanced with the need to provide work zones where the safety of both the traveling public and workers is prioritized. This goal will be evaluated based on successful experience performing the following activities:

 - a) Reduction of worker exposure to traffic hazards by utilizing positive protection devices such as truck mounted attenuators, temporary barrier, or movable barrier, managing overall worker exposure to traffic hazards by selecting and proposing efficient closure/detour strategies, and incorporating smart work zones devices and applications to manage work zone traffic and improve worker safety.
 - b) Minimize impact to traffic by maintaining highway operations, minimizing the number and/or duration of traffic shifts, full roadway closures, lane closures, and through safe, effective maintenance of traffic strategies and construction staging.
 - c) Provide timely and effective communications plan, aimed at notifying the public about construction work, freeway and ramp closures, and traffic delays.
3. Project Management
 - a) Effectively manage the Project schedule, budget, and risks to identify and resolve issues early and effectively at the lowest level in partnership with owners.
 - b) Effective communication and partnering relationship with local and government agencies, tribes, project partners, emergency services, local school districts, local recreational organizations and stakeholders, and Utilities.
4. Environmental Stewardship and Collaboration
 - a) Successfully design and construct a project that complies with the Injunction to mimic natural stream processes and maximize stream function through the inclusion of natural stream elements.
 - b) Successfully manage and obtain the environmental permits that meet the Project requirements and schedule, by successfully developing plans and exhibits required by the permitting agencies, without the need for re-submittals.