

# **North Spokane Corridor M00800R**

## **Small Project Component Discussion**

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# NSC Projects Previously Presented to Task Force M00800R

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) / Ad Date	Cost Range	Region	SR	Title and Work Description	WI Number
01/13/2025	100-200M	Eastern	395	US 395/NSC Sprague Ave to Spokane River - Stage 3 - Construct new lanes	F00015Q
04/14/2025	200-300M	Eastern	395	US 395/NSC Sprague Ave to Spokane River - Stage 2 - Construct new lanes	F00015P
12/15/2025	50-100M	Eastern	90	US 395/NSC I-90 Improvements Hamilton to Thor	F00016B
04/20/2026	50-100M	Eastern	90	US 395/NSC I-90 Interchange - Stage 1	F00016C
08/18/2026	50-100M	Eastern	90	US 395/NSC I-90 Improvements Freya to Appleway	F00016D
02/22/2027	50-100M	Eastern	90	US 395/NSC I-90 Interchange - Stage 2	F00016E

These 6 projects have been a part of the CPARB review process since the proviso was enacted in late March 2024. The 6 projects constitute the major construction phases of the NSC and are the projects that make up the final pieces of the NSC as it connects to I-90.

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04/10/2024	Under 1M	Eastern	Multiple Routes	US 395/NSC 2024 DEMO NO 1 - Removal of Improvements on WSDOT properties located along the NSC	F30015R
07/22/2024	Under 1M	Eastern	I-90	I90, ER TMC Relocation - Communications Hub	F00015T
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## Why did we not go to CPARB with these projects ?

The first one was on ad prior to the proviso taking effect.

For the remaining 3, the CPARB component of the proviso requires that CPARB review and provide recommendations on delivery method.

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WSDOT is not authorized to use design-build on projects less than \$2m (RCW 47.20.780 and 785). All 3 projects are less than \$2m.

Since there was no delivery method other than design-bid-build that we could use for projects of this limited size, and because they are very small projects compared to all the others that CPARB is assessing, we did not bring them to CPARB for consideration.

There was absolutely no intent to circumvent the proviso or CPARB process, it simply did not appear to apply to these small projects. We will follow CPARB's direction related to the 9/03/24 project.

All 10 of the NSC projects are governed by the 5% pause provision in the proviso, and we have been following that for all the projects, including these 4. There is a small possibility that there could be additional emerging project(s) on the NSC similar in scope to those identified above. If that occurs, they will be routed through the CPARB process.

# WSDOT's Design-Build Authority

PDF **RCW 47.20.780**

## Design-build—Competitive bidding.

The department of transportation shall develop a process for awarding competitively bid highway construction contracts for projects over two million dollars that may be constructed using a design-build procedure. As used in this section and RCW **47.20.785**, "design-build procedure" means a method of contracting under which the department of transportation contracts with another party for the party to both design and build the structures, facilities, and other items specified in the contract.

The process developed by the department must, at a minimum, include the scope of services required under the design-build procedure, contractor prequalification requirements, criteria for evaluating technical information and project costs, contractor selection criteria, and issue resolution procedures.

[ **2015 3rd sp.s. c 18 s 1; 2007 c 152 s 1; 2001 c 226 s 2.**]

PDF **RCW 47.20.785**

## Design-build—Qualified projects.

The department of transportation is authorized and strongly encouraged to use the design-build procedure for public works projects over two million dollars when:

- (1) The construction activities are highly specialized and a design-build approach is critical in developing the construction methodology; or
- (2) The projects selected provide opportunity for greater innovation and efficiencies between the designer and the builder; or
- (3) Significant savings in project delivery time would be realized.

[ **2015 3rd sp.s. c 18 s 2; 2006 c 37 s 1; 2001 c 226 s 3.**]

# 2024 Proviso

37 (25) Prior to initiating new advertisements or requests for  
38 qualifications for the following projects: SR 9/Marsh Road to 2nd  
39 Street Vicinity (N00900R), SR 526 Corridor Improvements (N52600R), US

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1 395 North Spokane Corridor (M00800R), and SR 18 - Widening -  
2 Issaquah/Hobart Rd to Raging River - Phase 1 (L1000199), the capital  
3 projects advisory review board shall review the planned procurement  
4 methods for these projects. The board shall provide recommendations  
5 on procurement methods to the office of financial management, the  
6 department, and the transportation committees of the legislature for  
7 project L1000199 by July 1, 2024, and projects N52600R, N00900R, and  
8 M00800R by December 1, 2024. After the board provides  
9 recommendations, the department may initiate new advertisements and  
10 requests for qualifications, incorporating the recommendations as  
11 appropriate.

12 The department shall structure the advertisements, requests for  
13 qualifications, and requests for proposals, for projects referenced  
14 in this subsection, in a manner that provides a high degree of  
15 certainty that bids come in as expected according to engineer  
16 estimates made through the cost estimate valuation process. The  
17 department may request bid offers with alternatives for components of  
18 a larger project so that the department may present to the  
19 legislature modified options for projects to minimize project delays  
20 and stay within appropriated funding resources. If alternatives  
21 provided are at or below the engineer estimates, the department may  
22 proceed with the project award.

23 If bid proposals exceed engineer estimates by more than five  
24 percent or \$10,000,000, the department shall report this information  
25 to the transportation committees of the legislature within two weeks  
26 of receiving the bid proposals, and pause award and contract  
27 execution.

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- 1) Project was on ad prior to the proviso being enacted EE: \$3.46m Low Bid: \$3.53m **2% above**
- 2) Demo project: EE: \$686k Low Bid: \$615k 11.5% below the EE
- 3) TMC Hub EE: \$805k Low Bid: \$909k **13% above the EE**
- 4) Demo project – currently on hold until CPARB reviews EE: \$650k (approx)