



DECISION

Downtown Vancouver Ramps Improvements

Objective:

Modify ramps between SR 500 and Interstate Bridge (both north and south bound) to reduce conflicts caused by high traffic volumes in weaving and merging sections.

Summary of Results:

Traffic

- Ramp improvements eliminate four problem congested merging, weaving, and diverging freeway segments between SR 500, E. 39th Street, 4th Plain Boulevard, and Mill Plain Boulevard interchanges. The reduction in weaving/merging sections reduces high speed conflict points and improves traffic safety.
- Improves access to downtown Vancouver by reducing ramp-related congestion and delay.
- Supports provision of new southbound off-ramp to E. 6th Street in downtown Vancouver, consistent with City of Vancouver goals.

Environmental and Land Use

- Displaces 22 residential dwelling units, with no commercial/industrial displacements.

Construction Cost (2001 \$): \$93 million

