

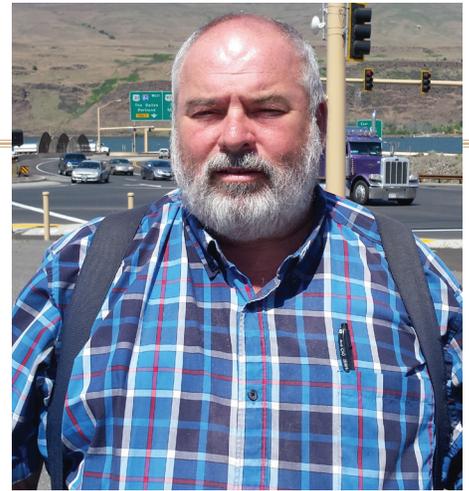
Randy Dyche owns and operates Bishop Towing and Repair in Biggs. “Since the bridge has gone in we’ve had zero accidents on the bridge or in the intersection,” he says. “People used to avoid Biggs. Now it’s easy to get in and out.”

The Interstate 84/U.S. 97 interchange at Biggs Junction 20 miles east of The Dalles is a connection point for the transfer of wheat from trucks to barges on the Columbia River. The interchange ramps and intersections were in a very tight area between the river and the railroad.

Biggs Junction, just south of the interchange, has also experienced increased commercial development catering to highway traffic. More than 40 percent of the vehicles in this area are large trucks.

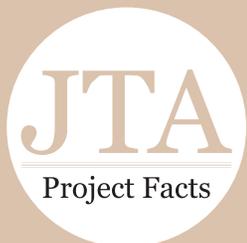
To fix these problems, the Biggs Junction project widened the highway and bridges on U.S. 97 from two lanes to five near the I-84 interchange and installed traffic signals at ramp intersections.

The project made the area around the interchange safer. Dyche says that has been a boon to business.



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“I knew this project was coming when I took over a lot of properties in Biggs,” he says. “The Biggs project has increased our business from when we started here at least 30 percent.”



Jobs & Transportation Act Funds:
\$19 million

Project Total:
\$31.5 million

Completion: 2019