A History Of Change

TUKWILA INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD
Highway History

- 1910 – Pacific Highway Association formed
- 1913 – Right-of-Way Purchase
- 1917 – Paving Started
- 1923 – Washington State Road No. 1
- 1925 – Federal Designation (U.S. 99)
Early Roadway Usage

• Main north-south arterial through Puget Sound Region
• Farms, truck gardens, orchards, berry fields, dairy farms lined the highway
Early Roadway Usage

- 1940 – Four lanes
- 1954 – Land use changed; became lined with strip developments
Interstate 5 Influence

• 1962 – I-5 from Port of Tacoma to Midway Opened
• 1964 – Pac Highway becomes a SR-99
• 1967 – I-5 Between Midway and Seattle Opened
• 1970 – SR-99 joined SR-599
• 2003 – Pac Highway turned over to Tukwila
Existing Highway Conditions

- 2.4 miles long
- 40 MPH
- Bounded by major highways (I-5 to the east; SR-518 to the south; SR-509 to the west; SR-599 to the north)
- Four-lanes with center turn lane
- Not used as a through route
Traffic Volumes

- Volume has decreased
- 1991 – 19,490 Average Daily Volume
- 2005 – 18,479 Average Daily Volume
- Predominantly community traffic
• Volumes drop off dramatically between SR 599 and SR 518
• 70% of vehicles on TIB are local
Accident History

- Since 1995, the corridor has:
  - 920 accidents
  - 417 injuries
  - 4 fatalities, 3 of which were pedestrian/cyclist related
  - 5% of all accidents involved pedestrians/cyclists
Transit

- One route (Metro 174) on TIB
- Other routes on adjacent and cross streets
- Route 174 provides service all day
  - Every 20-30 minutes
  - 5:30 am to 3:30 am
- About 2,000 riders per day at Tukwila stops
Light Rail

- Station open in 2009
- Improvements to the S 154th Street/TIB intersection
- Future connection to SeaTac Airport crosses over TIB
Pedestrians

- Jaywalking common
- High volumes, especially around S 144th Street
  - Foster High School influence
- New facilities are a major improvement
Business & Residential Community

• Strip Developments Continue along Highway
• Businesses Do Not Typically Generate or Receive Regional Traffic

• Residential Neighborhoods Surround Highway
Highway Improvements

- 2004 – Phase I (S. 152nd to S. 139th)
- 2007 – Phase II & III (S. 139th to SR-599)
- Curbs, gutter, sidewalks, drainage, pedestrian lighting, crosswalks, landscaping, custom bus shelters
Comparison to SeaTac

- **SeaTac**: landscaped medians and access control
- **Tukwila**: minimal landscaping and no restrictions
Maintenance

- Graffiti
- Bus shelter (maintenance and cleaning)
- Roadside litter
  - Highway 99 Action Committee picked up 20,401 pounds in 10 years
- Pedestrian lights, street lights
- Cameras
Summary

- Serves as main arterial for the immediate area
- Traffic volume decreasing
- Adequately sized
- Roadway characteristic (center-turn lane) supports strip developments
- High maintenance roadway