SR 167 Completion Project (Puget Sound Gateway): Connecting the Valley to Port of Tacoma by 2029–2030

Pillar: The Corridors | **Basis:** Agency Schedule (As-Of 2026-11-16) | **Primary Source:** WSDOT Puget Sound Gateway Program | **As Of:** 2026-11-16 (Target 2029–2030)

WSDOT's SR 167 Completion Project builds a 6-mile tolled expressway linking Puyallup to I-5/SR 509 near the Port of Tacoma, with Stage 1a and the first 2 Port-to-I-5 miles open and Stage 2b running through 2029–2030.

Operational Continuity & Corridor Facts

• The SR 167 Completion Project closes the missing 6-mile freight gap between Puyallup (existing SR 167) and I-5/SR 509 near the Port of Tacoma.

• Stage 1a (70th Ave East Bridge over I-5 in Fife) is complete, and the first 2 miles between I-5 and SR 509 near the Port of Tacoma are open.

• Stage 2a (SR 161 to SR 410, including a diverging diamond interchange) is in progress for late 2027 opening (finishing 2028); Stage 2b (I-5 to SR 161) is scheduled 2026–2030 with 2029 opening.

WSDOT SR 167 Completion Project Phasing

Stage	Scope	Status / Target	Freight Impact
Stage 1a	70th Ave E Bridge over I-5 (Fife)	Complete	Improved I-5 port access
Port-to-I-5 Segment	2 miles I-5 to SR 509 / 54th Ave E	Open	Direct Port of Tacoma link
Stage 2a	SR 161 to SR 410 widening + DDI	2025–2028 (Open late 2027)	Removes Puyallup bottleneck
Stage 2b	I-5 to SR 161 new expressway	2026–2030 (Open 2029)	Completes valley-to-port link

Corridor Exposure, Triggers & Facility Actions

• Until Stage 2b opens in 2029, Tacoma breakbulk and container drayage from Kent/Auburn still funnel through congested I-5/Fife interchanges.

• Factor active 2026–2029 construction detours and lane closures around Fife/Puyallup into heavy-haul OSOW permit routing.

• Once complete, Stage 2b gives Green River Valley space manufacturers a direct expressway corridor to Tacoma's East Blair 1 / Terminal 7 breakbulk berths.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

• **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• **Auburn WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/auburn-wa-space-cluster-profile/

• **Kent WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/kent-wa-space-cluster-profile/

• **Supply-Chain & Procurement Desk Brief:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-procurement-lead-desk-brief/

• **Launch Segment Continuity Exposure:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-launch-continuity-corridor-exposure/

• **WSDOT Puget Sound Gateway / SR 167:**
https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/puget-sound-gateway-program

• **NWSA Terminals & Breakbulk Operations:** https://www.nwseaportalliance.com/cargo-operations/terminals

• **WSDOT Commercial Vehicles & OSOW:** https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/commercial-vehicles

Provenance Note: Construction stages and target opening dates stated strictly per WSDOT Puget Sound Gateway Program as of 2026-11-16.