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“Autobots, Transform and Roll Out” – Optimus Prime

Introducing Wenatchee’s *MegaKittrick*.

If you have driven down North Wenatchee Avenue this summer or fall you have most certainly been impacted by the construction we have going on. For our last *Public Works at Work* for the year we wanted to showcase our “MegaKittrick” project. The project became known as the MegaKittrick in 2022 when two separate transportation projects were transformed into one giant \$10.7 million project.



The planning for this project started in 2008 and initially broke ground in 2022 with the demolition of the former WSDOT building that was located in the lot on the east side of North Wenatchee Avenue.

MegaKittrick is made up of four parts:

1. McKittrick Street was extended east to the west edge of the BNSF railroad tracks. Within the next two years McKittrick Street will be extended under the railroad and connect with Miller Street to the east (this is part of the Confluence Parkway Project).
2. A portion of the new Columbia Street behind Smitty’s Restaurant.
3. 1,200 feet of street improvements were installed along the east side of North Wenatchee Avenue.
4. A new traffic signal at the intersection of McKittrick Street and North Wenatchee

As of this fall, we have completed a substantial portion of this project. We have built out the extension of McKittrick Street to the railroad tracks and built a portion of Columbia Lane, which lies between North Wenatchee Avenue and the railroad tracks running north and south (behind Smitty’s restaurant). We added water and sewer to Columbia Lane for future commercial growth. We made pedestrian improvements along the eastside of North Wenatchee Avenue including new sidewalks, added a Link Transit stop, and added a landscape strip with street trees and ground cover between the new sidewalk and the edge of the street. On the west side of North Wenatchee Avenue, we have widened the street south of McKittrick Street to add additional pavement that will allow for future U-Turns at the intersection.

This project is just about wrapped up for the year before a winter shut down. Megakittrick will kick back off in early Spring 2024 when the contractor will install roadway and pedestrian lighting, the median islands along North Wenatchee Avenue, and the new traffic signal at McKittrick Street and North Wenatchee Avenue. We anticipate this working taking less than 2 months to complete.

The McKittrick Street underpass that runs under the BNSF railroad tracks will kick off in 2026.

Thank you for reading and if you have any questions about this project specifically you can visit our project page at www.wenatcheewa.gov/megakittrick or call us at (509) 888-3200.

