The original route of this corridor, the Snoqualmie Wagon Road from Seattle to Ellensburg, was completed in 1867. Its establishment provided a direct link for trade and movement east and west of the Cascade Mountains for settlement and business.

**OLD SUNSET HIGHWAY HERITAGE CORRIDOR**

**From Seattle**

**Segment 1:**
- Take I-90 E to Spokane
- Exit 52 to W Summit
- Left SR 906/Forest Road 9041
- First left onto Forest Road 58

**Segment 2:**
- Take I-90 West to Seattle
- Exit 47 Denny Creek Road/Asahel Curtis Road
- Left Asahel Curtis Road/Forest Road 55
- Right at Forest Road 55/Tinkham Road

**Segment 3:**
- Take I-90 West to Seattle
- Exit 38 SE Homestead Valley Road
- Left at SE Homestead Valley Road

**Corridor length:** 12.8 miles

**Begins:** Alpental Access Road  
**Ends:** I-90  
**Highlights:** Mountain, forest and creek views

**Nearby:** Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum in North Bend
OLD SUNSET HIGHWAY MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residences and property.

SEGMENT 1 Forest Rd 58/Denny Creek Road
Mile 0.0 - 1.0
• Segment 1 off Alpental Road, paralleling I-90. On north side is a low masonry wall of flat-topped ashlar rock. Falls of South Fork Snoqualmie River visible below.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0
• Mile 1.1, 1915 switchbacks through boulder field.
• Mile 1.5. on southeast edge of road is an old radiator water fill. Concrete trough, about 5’ long, 2’ wide, now nearly buried with vegetation.
• Road has no shoulders or centerline.

Mile 2.0 – 3.0
• Mile 2.0, road runs along Franklin Falls Trail No. 1036, visible by its log railings.
• Springboard cuts in old growth stumps on either side of road.
• Mile 2.5 is turn off to Forest Road 5830. Opposite is a small interpretive sign marking access to hikeable, one-mile section of old Snoqualmie Pass Wagon Road.
• Mile 2.7 Entrance to Denny Creek Campground, with 32 campsites and access to Franklin Falls.

Mile 3.0 – 4.0
• Mile 3.0, before bridge crossing, is former site of Granite Mountain Lodge. Between road and river are remnants of foundations, a stone chimney and other features.
• New Forest Service bridge over South Fork Snoqualmie, built with rust-finished steel frame, and wood decking in the spirit of original 1914 bridge.
• Across bridge, at northwest side of road is Yellowstone Trail marker--a painted yellow arrow within black circle points east, marking the 1910 route made by Yellowstone Trail Association.
• Mile 4.4 is entrance to Tinkham Campground with restrooms, campsites and picnic tables.
• Mile 4.6 is a modern concrete ford through Harris Creek.
• Mile 4.9, site of recent wash-out repairs.

SEGMENT 2 Forest Rd 55/Tinkham Road
Mile 0.0 – 1.0
• South over I-90, cross a modern concrete bridge over the river. At mile 0.0, go right, west onto Tinkham Road.
• Gravel road follows old route of Snoqualmie Wagon Road along south bank of river--this is not part of Sunset Highway alignment.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0
• At mile 1.2 bear right to continue on Tinkham Road. Left is a turn off onto Forest Road 5510, not part of the historic corridor.

Mile 2.0 – 3.0
• Mile 2.3 cross over Hansen Creek.
• Road has a built-up roadbed and deep ditches on either side.
• Mile 2.9 is an older wood-decked span over Carter Creek.

Mile 4.0 – 5.0
• Mile 4.4 is entrance to Tinkham Campground with restrooms, campsites and picnic tables.
• Mile 4.6 is a modern concrete ford through Harris Creek.
• Mile 4.9, site of recent wash-out repairs.

Mile 5.0 – 6.0
• Mile 5.0 is a narrow ford over Rock Creek.
• Mile 5.8 Tinkham Road becomes paved.

Mile 6.0 – 7.0
• At mile 6.0 is Washington State Department of Transportation maintenance facility.
• Tinkham Road crosses over the river and I-90; enter westbound I-90 to reach corridor segment No. 3.

SEGMENT 3 SE Homestead Valley Road
Mile 0.0 – 1.0
• West on I-90 to exit 38. Left under freeway, to beginning of SE Homestead Valley Road.
• Road follows both Snoqualmie Wagon Road and later Sunset Highway alignments.
• Olallie Dam is at mile 0.5—no public access.
• Mile 0.9 1930s-style concrete pour panel pavement.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0
• Mile 1.2 is Olallie State Park. This day-use park features Twin Falls Natural Area trails, a fish weir and small hydroelectric station at Weeks Falls, and old-growth trees.
• At mile 1.2 begins parallel highway alignments—one is paved with early 1930s-style concrete pour panels.
• Concrete bridges over Change Creek illustrate two eras. Earlier bridge date stamped 1953.
• Mile 1.7 begins a rock wall, date uncertain. To northwest is entrance to Twin Falls/Iron Horse Trail.
• Mile 1.8 road crosses a modern bridge. Road continues under I-90, and reconnects to westbound freeway.

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