

**Public Transportation Advisory Panel  
 Workshop #2**

*August 6, 2010 – 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
 Sound Transit, Ruth Fisher Boardroom  
 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104*

**REVISED AGENDA**

**What should be the state’s role in public transportation?**

<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Topic</i></u>	<u><i>Presenters</i></u>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Agenda Overview</b>	Barbara Gilliland, Facilitator
10:10 a.m.	<b>Federal Perspective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trends Impacting Providers</li> <li>• Perspective on Reauthorization</li> </ul>	<b>William Millar, President</b> <b>American Public Transportation Association</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Current State Role in Public Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing WSDOT Roles</li> <li>• White Paper Highlights</li> <li>• Q &amp; A</li> </ul>	<b>Sheila Dezarn, Project Manager</b>  <b>Katy Taylor, Director</b> <b>Public Transportation Division</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Break-out Session #1</b> <p>How does the state’s current role address the needs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy makers/planners?</li> <li>• Providers?</li> <li>• Users?</li> </ul>	<b>Panel Members</b>
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK (Lunch provided for panel members)</b>	

<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Report Out on Session #1</b>	
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>State Role Peer Research Overview</b>	<b>Sheila Dezarn, Project Manager</b>
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break-out Session #2</b>	<b>Panel Members</b>
	What should the state's future role be?	
<b>1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Report Out on Session #2</b>	
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break-out Session State Roles Discussion</b>	<b>Barbara Gilliland, Facilitator</b> <b>Panel Members</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member Observations</li> <li>• Voting Exercise</li> </ul>	
<b>2:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Performance Management</b>	<b>Sheila Dezarn, Project Manager</b> <b>Eric Roecks, PB Advisor</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linking State Goals and Performance</li> </ul>	
<b>2:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Public Comment and Follow-up</b>	<b>Panel Members</b>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Barbara Gilliland, Facilitator</b>

**Break-out Session #1**  
**Focus: The State’s *Current* Role**

**Objective:** From the perspective of three cohort groups (Policy Leaders and Planners, Transportation Providers and Transportation Users), review and assess the state’s current role in each of the four categories below. Consider the following overarching questions:

- Are existing state public transportation resources and funding focused on the right issues and priorities?
- Do the current roles address the state’s emerging and/or unmet needs?
- Do the current activities support statewide transportation system policy goals as established by the Washington State Legislature?

**Summary of Current State Roles in Public Transportation**

Policy/Planning	Providing Services	Funding	Oversight/Coordination
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization of Transit Agencies</li> <li>• WTP</li> <li>• GMA</li> <li>• CTR</li> <li>• Greenhouse Gas Emissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Ferries</li> <li>• Intercity Bus and Rail</li> <li>• HOV System</li> <li>• Park-and-ride System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Authorized Local Tax Options</li> <li>• Federal Funds</li> <li>• State Multimodal Account</li> <li>• Other Direct State Funding                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ferries</li> <li>○ Intercity Bus and Rail</li> <li>○ HOV system</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TDPs</li> <li>• ACCT</li> <li>• Gray Notebook</li> <li>• Annual Summary of Public Transportation</li> </ul>

**Statewide Transportation System Policy Goals**

ECONOMIC VITALITY	To promote and develop transportation systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and goods to ensure a prosperous economy
PRESERVATION	To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services
SAFETY	To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system
MOBILITY	To improve the predictable movement of goods and people throughout Washington State
ENVIRONMENT	To enhance Washington’s quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance healthy communities, and protect the environment
STEWARDSHIP	To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system



**Process:** Panel members will be broken out into constituent groups as identified below. Each group has been assigned a person who will report out at the end of the session. Each group will take approximately 15 minutes to discuss each category.

The questions provided below are intended to generate thinking and do not need to be the focus of your discussion. The goal is to brainstorm comments, issues and ideas on the state's current activities.

#### Policy & Planning

- Are existing state policies focused on the right public transportation goals, issues and priorities?
- Is there an overemphasis on some areas to the exclusion of others?
- Given the limited funding available, should the state focus more on providing incentives and/or disincentives to advance state goals?
- Is there a clear role for public transportation in supporting and achieving the state's non-transportation policy goals (growth management, greenhouse gas emissions, etc.)? If not, how should that be addressed?

#### Direct Operations

- What is – or should be – the state's role in providing basic mobility? Should it be different for rural versus urban areas?
- What should be the state's role in providing public transportation infrastructure?
- Should the state be involved in providing intercity bus connectivity?
- What needs are not currently being met that the state could or should address directly?

#### Funding

- Is the state's current level of direct funding consistent with the state's policy goals?
- Should the state give greater emphasis to ensuring a minimum level of service in rural areas and target its limited dollars accordingly?
- Are the local option funding tools that the public transit agencies currently have adequate for addressing future unmet needs? If not, should the state play a role in directly funding unmet needs or, alternatively, provide more local options and keep local funding decisions local?
- Can/should the state encourage more user pay and/or private provision of service? How?

#### Coordination and Oversight

- Is the state's current role appropriate and adequate? What needs or issues do its activities address?
- Should the state expand or augment the coordination roles they currently play?
- Should or could the state play a more active role in coordinating better connectivity between systems and modes (e.g., bus/bus transfers; rail/bus transfers; ferry/bus/rail transfers)?
- What role do the state-required Transportation Development Plans and the Human Service Transit Plan play in measuring whether these systems and services adequately address current needs and priorities?

## Break-out Session #2

### Focus: The State's *Future* Role

**Objective:** This session is to consider the state's future role. Based upon the ideas and issues generated from the *first breakout session*, the groups will focus on three questions:

1. Are there existing state roles that should be *reduced or eliminated*?
2. Are there existing state roles that should be *enhanced or expanded*?
3. Are there *new roles* that should be *added*?

**Process:** Panel members will be broken into mixed groups. Each group has been assigned a member who will be responsible for reporting out at the end of the session. Each group will spend approximately 15 minutes discussing each of the three questions above.

The questions below are intended to generate ideas and not guide the discussion. The goal is to discuss and identify elements and areas for future consideration. There will be a voting exercise at the end of the full group discussion to identify if there are areas of agreement.

- If the state were to place greater emphasis on coordination of services, multimodal connections and service integration, would this result in a different targeting of federal and local funds than what currently happens today?
- Does the state provide a policy framework that either fosters -- or hinders -- private sector involvement in providing public transportation? Are there barriers to greater public-private integration?
- Are there other public safety issues related to public transportation that the state should address?
- What role should the state play in supporting or facilitating public transportation investments or services that support Economic Vitality?
- How can the state create greater partnerships to support the development and expansion of existing state facilities (ferry terminals, park and rides, HOV lanes)?
- Is the state adequately positioned to address emerging needs?
- Should the state consider changes to existing legislation to augment existing programs support overarching statewide policies (e.g. CTR; GMA)
- How should public transportation unmet needs be identified and prioritized?



### **Break-out Session #1**

#### **Group 1 – Policy Makers and Planners**

Senator Haugen  
Senator Hatfield  
Senator King  
Representative Clibborn  
Representative Moeller  
Representative Lias  
Representative Nealey  
Page Scott  
**Charlie Howard**

#### **Group 2 – Public Transportation Providers**

Katy Taylor  
**Kelly Scalf**  
Richard DeRock  
Kevin Desmond  
Martha Rose  
Joni Earl  
Karen Stites  
Gladys Gillis

#### **Group 3 – Public Transportation Users**

Levi Wilhelmsen  
Rick Benner  
Jim Stanton  
Ted Horobiowski  
Virginia McIntyre  
**Alice Tawresey**  
Tom Jones

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**Highlighted Names: Member Reporting Out**