

# Joint Transportation Committee

## Washington State Legislature

### 2009 Potential Interim Studies

#### Financial Implementation Strategies (House and Senate)

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“...a comprehensive analysis of mid-term and long-term transportation funding mechanisms and methods. Elements of the study will include existing data and trends, policy objectives, performance and evaluation criteria, incremental transition strategies, and possibly, scaled testing....”

**Budget:** \$236,000 (House) - \$200,000 (Senate - Phase 1 & 2)

**Schedule:**

- Phase 1, baseline data and methods assessment by Dec. 31, 2009
- Phase 2, performance criteria by June 30, 2010.
- Phase 3, recommend planning level alternative funding strategies by Dec. 31, 2010

#### Toll Operations (House)

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“...the joint transportation committee will convene an independent expert review panel to review the assumptions for toll operations costs used by the department to model financial plans for tolled facilities...”

**Budget:** \$200,000

**Schedule:** Complete by Sept. 1, 2009

#### Asset Valuation I-90 Reversible Lanes (House)

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“...an independent analysis of methodologies to value the reversible lanes on interstate 90 to be used for high capacity transit pursuant to sound transit proposition 1 approved by voters in November 2008. The independent analysis shall be conducted by sound transit and the department of transportation, using consultant resources deemed appropriate by the secretary of the department, the chief executive officer of sound transit, and the co-chairs of the joint transportation committee. It shall be conducted in consultation with the federal transit and federal highway administrations and account for applicable federal laws, regulations and practices. It shall also account for the 1976 interstate 90 memorandum of agreement and subsequent 2004 amendment and the 1978 federal secretary of transportation’s environmental decision on interstate 90. The department and sound transit must provide periodic reports to the joint transportation committee, the sound transit board of directors, and the governor, and report final recommendations...”

**Budget:** \$350,000

**Schedule:** Complete by Sept. 1, 2009

#### Transportation Resource Manual Update

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Update Transportation Resource Manual for 2009 changes. Evaluate transition to total web based manual and improvements to website.

**Budget:** JTC admin

**Schedule:** TBD

## Ferry Study (House)

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“Ferries Finance Study – Funding provided for monitoring implementation of recent Ferries Finance Study recommendations and subsequent legislative direction.” (Budget Notes)

“...Washington state ferries develops a plan for a reservation system pilot program and the plan is reviewed by the office of financial management and either the joint transportation committee or the transportation committees of the legislature. This analysis must include an evaluation of the compatibility of the Washington state ferries' electronic fare system, proposed reservation system, and the implementation of smart card.” (Sec. 309(12))

**Budget:** \$100,000

**Schedule:** No deadline

## Ferry Study (Senate)

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“The study must include the following:

- (a) An analysis of employment issues regarding Washington state ferries. The committee shall convene a work group, to include the office of financial management's labor relations office, union representatives, Washington state ferries representatives, and any other applicable stakeholders approved by the cochairs to engage in the analysis. The analysis must summarize the following issues for consideration by the legislature during the 2010 legislative session:
  - (i) The collective bargaining process, and terms of collective bargaining agreements and other items regarding the relationship between the department of transportation and ferry union employees;
  - (ii) Terms of collective bargaining agreements that will allow more efficient operations of Washington state ferries; and
  - (iii) The role of the marine employees commission; and
- (b) Recommendations to the legislature on the following items, to be due by December 15, 2010, except that recommendations on the reservation system under (b)(vi) of this subsection must be completed by December 15, 2009:
  - (i) A ferry vessel procurement process;
  - (ii) A ferry vessel maintenance, preservation, and improvement program;
  - (iii) Using a third party to manage the design and construction of new vessels;
  - (iv) The establishment of a vessel replacement fund;
  - (v) Third-party project management of major terminal preservation and improvement projects over fifty million dollars;
  - (vi) A reservation system and electronic fare system; and
  - (vii) Project budgeting for terminal projects.”

**Budget:** \$600,000

**Schedule:**

- Labor Summary by December. 31, 2009.
- Reservation System Review by December 15, 2009.
- Vessel and Terminal Studies by December 15, 2010