

Washington Transportation Plan 2030



Washington State
Transportation Commission

WTP 2030 is Almost Complete

- Project Timeline: April 2009 – December 2010
 - 10 Meetings of the Advisory Group
 - DRAFT WTP 2030 Released August 2010
 - 5 Regional Listening Sessions in September 2010
 - Public comment through October 15, 2010
 - **FINAL WTP 2030 Adopted December 2010**

Extensive Outreach was Conducted

- Listening Sessions held in Vancouver, Yakima, Spokane, Everett and Bremerton with 134 participants
- Over 40 presentations, meetings and brownbags held in partnership with organizations around the state
- Over 40 letters and emailed comments received
- Over 130 responses to the public input tool

What We Heard

- Broad support for the foundational themes and general direction of WTP 2030
- Agreement with emphasis on preservation needs, economic vitality and the critical need for additional revenue
- Prioritization of strategies varied by audience
- As a goal, Stewardship is confusing to people

Major Themes Noted

Stronger Local Involvement; One Size Does Not Fit All

- Local jurisdictions want a larger role in implementing policies and allocating funds in their region
- Support for direct allocation of funding for smaller jurisdictions
- Allow for more flexibility in design and implementation

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Educate, Inform and Reach Out to the Public

- The benefits of transportation investments need to be better understood
- Change the public mindset: transportation projects are not “pork” but critical investments with economic impacts
- Connect transportation benefits to the individual: make it personal – cost savings, time saved during a commute

Strategy-level Comments

- Prioritize **maintenance and preservation** over new projects
- Strengthen the link between **transportation and land use**
 - Better implementation and greater enforcement of the concurrency requirement
- Increase and improve **inter-city transit** service and connectivity
- **Capacity** has not kept pace with growth in some areas
- Increase and diversify investment in **ferries**
- Support for greater investment in **non-motorized transportation and sidewalks**

Strategy-level Comments

- Address the transportation needs of **small towns and rural areas**, particularly related to transit
 - Implications for low-income and aging populations
- More directly address **climate change and energy**
 - Broaden the discussion of technologies and fuel sources related to alternative energy sources
- Increase aviation capacity and maintain facilities at **public use airports**
- Develop statewide **performance measures**

How to Use this Plan

- WTP 2030 is intended to guide investment and other transportation decisions as the Legislature begins Session in January 2011
- It reflects extensive outreach to understand and communicate transportation priorities and needs from around the state
- It supports the funding options outlined in the JTC's January 2010 report and provides additional recommendations related to tolling and ferries

Next Steps

- **Commission WTP 2030 Work Session, November 17 in Seattle at PSRC**
- **Commission Adopts WTP 2030, December 14 or 15**
- **Committee Presentations and Media Outreach, January 2011**

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