Joint Transportation Committee
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Cost Recovery Structure for Cities & Efficiencies in Stormwater Management

FCS Group In partnership with
- Parametrix
- PRR, Inc.
- Foster Pepper PLLC
Cost Recovery Structure for Cities & Efficiencies in Stormwater Management - Study Objectives -

• Improve WSDOT reimbursement process for municipalities managing stormwater runoff from state highways

• Improve efficiency of coordination between WSDOT and municipalities for common stormwater management activities associated with state highways
Management Approach

FCS GROUP
- Local Stormwater Cost Recovery and Finance
- Project Management and Delivery

Parametrix
- Transportation and Stormwater Engineering
- GIS, Planning, and Policy

PRR, Inc
- Public Involvement
- Survey

Foster Pepper PLLC
- Legal
- Ordinance
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Organization Structure
Task Plan: Overview & Inventory

1. Overview of Stormwater Regulations and Fee Structures
   - Research stormwater regulations and current stormwater management cost recovery practices in both the State and the country.
   - Develop a “Stormwater 101” guide

2. State Highway Inventory (subject to the Clean Water Act)
   - Compile a list of applicable State highways within municipalities
Task Plan: Survey & Case Studies

3. Survey of Municipalities Managing State Highway Runoff
   - Perform a survey of at least 30 municipalities for input on improving recovery of costs of managing stormwater runoff from State highways
   - Summarize survey results in a white paper

4. Case Studies of Municipalities
   - Research and write up to 7 case studies from a representative cross-section of municipalities
   - Illustrate obstacles and successes interacting with WSDOT to recover costs of managing State highway stormwater runoff
Task Plan: Ordinance & Efficiencies

5. Model Stormwater Fee Ordinance for Municipalities
   - Incorporate results of the survey and case studies into a “model ordinance” for municipal stormwater fees
   - Address potential solution(s) to cost recovery from WSDOT, for example
     - Standardized rate schedule for WSDOT facilities

6. Efficiencies in Cost / Management of State Highway Stormwater Runoff in Municipalities
   - Incorporate results of the survey and case studies into recommendations on improvements to coordination between WSDOT and municipalities within regulatory constraints, for example
     - Shared operations
   - Meet with impacted parties; summarize recommendations in a white paper
Task Plan: Statute & Documentation

7. Recommended Amendments to RCW 90.03.525
   • Incorporate results of all previous tasks to recommend amendments to RCW 90.03.525 that improve the effectiveness of the stormwater cost reimbursement process

8. Draft, Final Reports and Presentations
   • Write draft and final reports
   • Present to
     - JTC (July, January)
     - Washington Association of Counties (November)
     - Legislative Committees (January)
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Questions?