

RUC STEERING COMMITTEE

Membership List

July 2012

All members of the Steering Committee were appointed by the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC).

Members Required by Legislation

Auto and Light Truck Manufacturers

Curt Augustine is Director of Policy and Government Affairs for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, a national trade association representing domestic and foreign car and light truck manufacturers. He served as chief transportation advisor to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and currently is a member of Oregon's Road User Fee Task Force.

Business

Neil Strege is Vice President of the Washington Roundtable, a public policy research and advocacy group comprised of chief executive officers of major Washington state companies. Before joining the Roundtable in February 2012, Neil worked at the King County Council and for a Member of Congress. He is a graduate of Washington State University and life-long resident of Washington State.

Cities

Don Gerend, Councilman, City of Sammamish, is the 2012 -2013 President of the Association of Washington Cities. Currently working in real estate, he has a Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Washington. He formerly worked as a rocket scientist with Boeing and as a Professor of Astronomy and Physics at Seattle University.

Counties

Pete Capell, PE, is County Engineer and Director of Clark County Public Works. He is a member of the Washington State Public Works Board and is Board Chair of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Environmental

Rod Brown, President, Washington Environmental Council, is a founder and partner of Cascadia Law Group. A graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, he is a Member, Board of Directors, Portland General Electric and served as a Member of the Connecting Washington Task Force.

Motoring Public

Janet Ray, Assistant Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Publishing, AAA Washington. A graduate of the University of Washington, Janet has been with AAA Washington for 38 years. She is the Chairman of the Board of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Public Transportation

Tom Hingson is the Director of Everett Transit. Tom has led the agency in several projects of regional significance including the ORCA regional fare card system and the Swift Bus Rapid Transit Agreement with Community Transit. A graduate of Seattle Pacific University with an MPA from the University of Washington, he also performs with the Seattle Opera.

Trucking

Matt Ewers, is Vice President of Inland Empire Distribution Services, a trucking, warehousing and logistics company operating from Spokane and Pasco. Active in the Washington State Good Roads Association, he has an engineering degree from WSU and an MBA from Brenau University.

User Fee Technology

Kush Parikh is Senior Vice President of Business Development at INRIX, a worldwide leader in traffic information, driver services and applications. Earlier in his career, he was a product marketing and applications engineer at IBM Microelectronics. Kush holds a MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and a B.S. in electrical engineering from the Pennsylvania State University. He was also recently granted INRIX's first business methodology patent related to data and traffic information.

Legislators

Senator Tracey Eide – Federal Way (D - 30th District)

Senator Ann Rivers – LaCenter (R - 18th District)

Representative Andy Billig – Spokane (D - 3rd District)

House Republican Caucus Appointment Pending

Additional Members Appointed by WSTC

Ports

Kurt Beckett is Chief of Staff for the Port of Seattle. Previously, he served as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell and worked for Congressman Norm Dicks for nearly 10 years, most recently as district director. Beckett is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Paula Hammond, PE, is Transportation Secretary. A graduate of Oregon State University in civil engineering, she currently chairs three AASHTO Committees: AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways; AASHTO Leadership on High Speed & Intercity Passenger Rail; and AASHTO Sustainable Transportation Steering Committee.

Cynthia Chen is Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Washington. Her current research interests include land use and travel behavior, the use of GPS in travel surveys, and residential search and location decisions. She chairs the subcommittee on Time Use and Activity and Travel Patterns at the Transportation Research Board (TRB), a division of the National Research Council. She also is a member of the TRB Committees on Travel Behavior and Values and Telecommunications and Travel Behavior.

Sharon Nelson served two terms as Chairman of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), from 1985 to 1997 and was Chief of the Consumer Protection Division, in the Washington State Attorney General's office from 2003-2006. She is the immediate. She sits on the Board of Directors of Itron, Inc., was a commissioner on the National Energy Policy Commission, and is a former Chair of the Board of Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports.

Commissioners

Tom Cowan – San Juan County – Commission Lead & Chairman of Steering Committee

Richard Ford – King County

Anne Haley – Walla Walla County

TOTAL Membership: 20 members (including Legislators and Commission members)