



# WTP2035

WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION PLAN

CONNECTING WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES  
FOR A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE

# WTP 2035 Update and Public Review Draft Plan

Joint Transportation Committee

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Washington State  
Transportation Commission

# WTP: Blueprint for the Future

- A comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation plan consistent with the state's growth management goals and based on the transportation policy goals .... RCW 47.01.071(4)
- Six transportation policy goals. RCW 47.04.280:
  - Economic Vitality
  - Safety
  - Environment
  - Preservation
  - Mobility
  - Stewardship



# Washington Transportation Plan 2015 - 2035 is Underway

## Key Participants:

- Core Project Team:
  - Transportation Commissioner Jerry Litt
  - WSDOT Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton
  - Representing Regional Transportation Planning Organizations:  
Lon Wyrick, Thurston Regional Planning Council
- Commission WTP Team: Commissioners Jerry Litt and Joe Tortorelli
- Consultant Team: Cambridge Systematics, BERK Consulting, Alta Planning and Natalie Quick Consulting
- Advisory Group: Public and private sectors, tribes, and interest groups

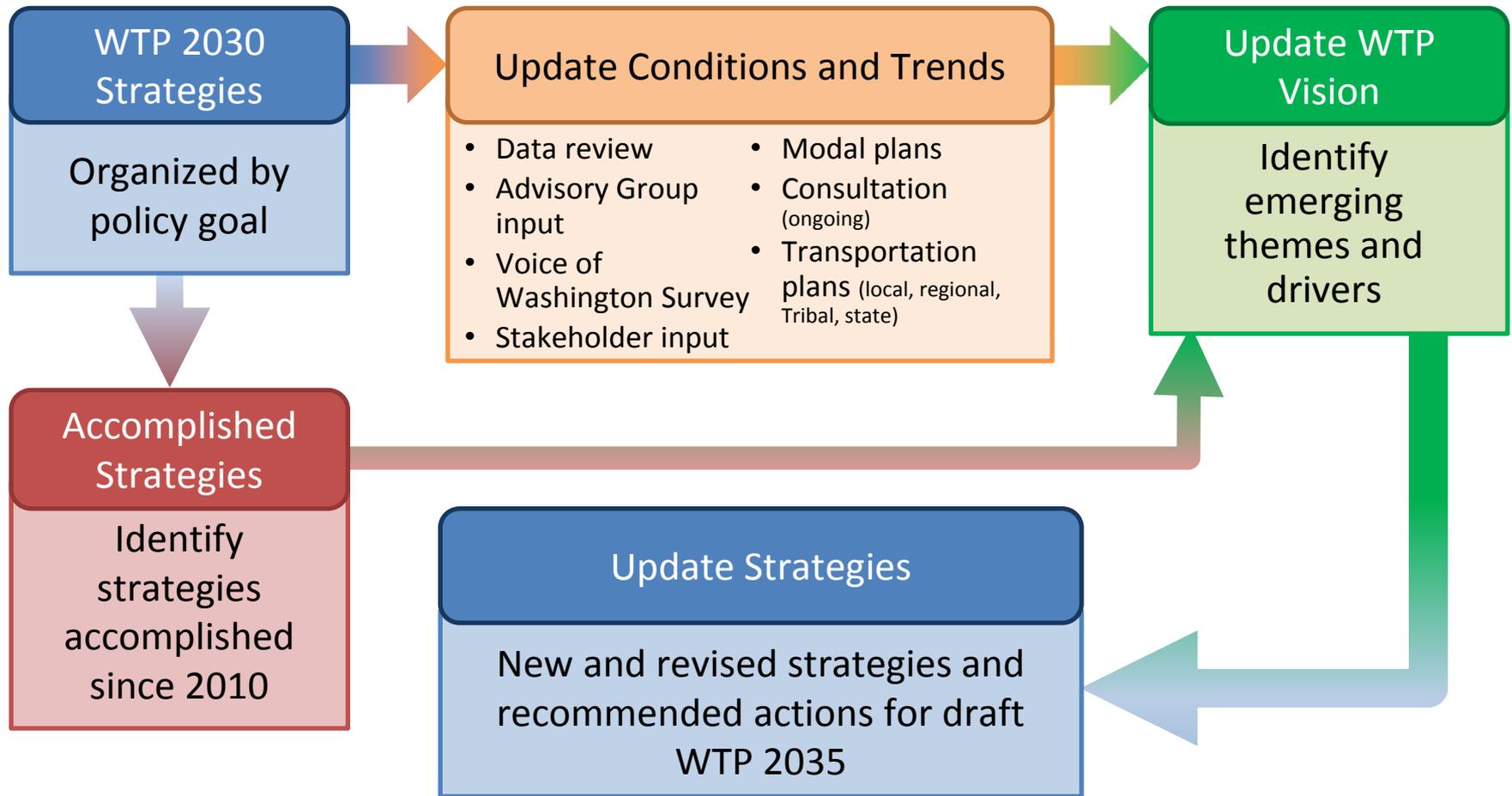
# Advisory Group Engagement

- Broad and diverse stakeholder group
- Involvement of state agencies, business, local government, transit, regional planning agencies, ports, environmental interests
- Advisory Group members will participate actively in broader statewide outreach

## Advisory Group Membership

- Association of Washington Business
- Association of Washington Cities
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- Governor's Office/OFM
- Healthy Communities
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Skagit-Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council
- Transportation Choices
- Tribal Representative
- Washington Public Ports Association
- Washington Roundtable
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington State Traffic Safety Commission
- Washington State Transit Association

# Developing the WTP 2035 Strategies



# Trends: What Do You Think?

Stakeholder Roundtables in Seattle, Spokane, Vancouver and Yakima, and with students at WSU and WWU:

- What are the top transportation issues today? Over the next 20 years?
- What are the current and foreseeable economic, demographic and cultural forces that will impact transportation infrastructure or services over the next five years? Over the next twenty years?
- What funding sources make sense for the future?
- What can we do without or with less than today in 2035?





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## Draft Strategies and Actions: Emerging Themes

# WTP 2035 Key Messages

- WTP 2035 represents an *incremental shift* rather than a major change in direction and strategy.
- Washington's future economic vitality and quality of life depend on efficient implementation and effective operation of a connected multimodal transportation system. This requires an integrated and coordinated planning process supported by best management practices.
- A clear policy and funding role for the State in multimodal transportation, particularly public transportation, is important to Washington's many regional planning partners and local transportation service providers.
- Statewide, there is an identifiable need for a secure, sustainable, long-term source of funding for transportation. Continuing the funding status quo will result in declining condition and performance of Washington's transportation system, due to inadequate maintenance and failure to address growing demand.



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## Economic Vitality

**To promote and develop transportation systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and goods to ensure a prosperous economy**

# Economic Vitality: Emerging Theme

**Support economic vitality through more efficient freight and passenger mobility**



# Economic Vitality: Emerging Theme

## Maintain and Improve Commercial Air Service to Smaller Airports





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# Preservation

**To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services**

# Preservation: Emerging Themes

**Prioritize maintenance and preservation of transportation systems**

**Develop sustainable funding sources that allow a more cost-effective, proactive approach to system maintenance, preservation and eventual rehabilitation or replacement of critical infrastructure including transit vehicles and ferries**





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## Safety

**To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system**

# Safety: Emerging Themes

**Improve safety and security for all transportation modes and users, on the complete system including state, local and tribal infrastructure**

**Identify networks of redundant or alternate routes to maintain mobility in corridors critical for commerce and emergency services**





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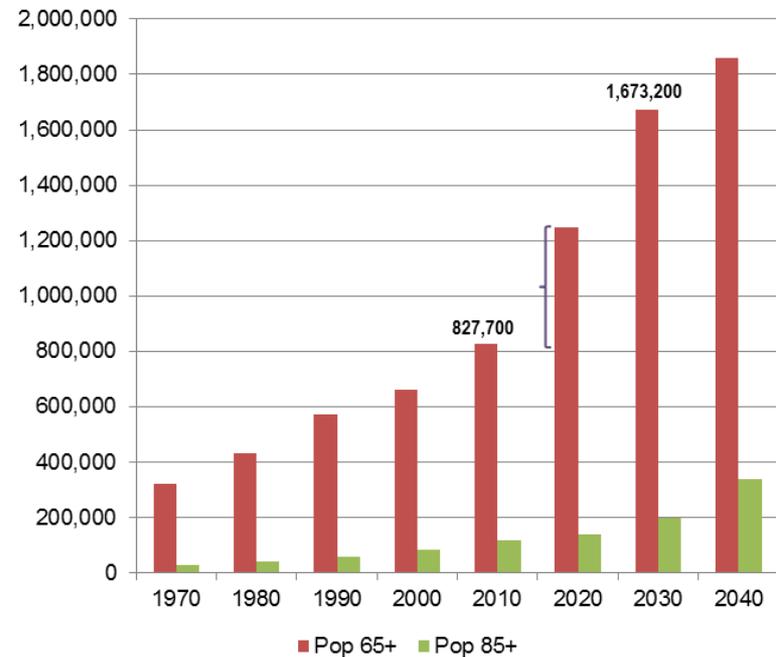
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# Mobility

**To improve the predictable movement of people and goods  
throughout Washington state**

# Mobility: Emerging Themes

Anticipate and work to accommodate Washington's changing demographic picture, with all of its implications for changing travel patterns and preferences



# Mobility: Emerging Themes

**Prepare for impacts and benefits of constantly evolving technology through more rapid adoption of innovative technologies, review and revision of system plans every few years, direct support for applied research, and development of cost-effective proposals to address future transportation needs**



# Mobility: Emerging Themes

**Reduce obstacles to multimodal travel and increase the number of realistic travel choices for any given trip**





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# Environment

**To enhance Washington's quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance health communities, and protect the environment**

# Environment: Emerging Themes

**Reduce the transportation system's impacts on the state's natural environment and decrease greenhouse gas emissions**

**Improve the energy efficiency of the entire transportation sector**





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# Stewardship

**To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system**

# Stewardship: Emerging Themes

**Better integrate land use policy and transportation planning, including clear linkages between WTP 2035 and the goals of the Growth Management Act**

**Extend mobility and accessibility to all user groups and distribute funding costs more equitably**



# Next Steps

[www.wtp2035.com](http://www.wtp2035.com)

**Late July**

**Release Public Review Draft WTP**

**2035 August – September**

**Public Comment Period**

- Public Forums in Bellevue, Bremerton, Kennewick, Spokane, Vancouver
- Webinars co-hosted by Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council and Whatcom Council of Governments

**December**

**Commission adopts**



**Thank you!**

**Commissioner Joe Tortorelli  
Paul Parker, Deputy Director**



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