



## 2015 Interim Workplan

### Meeting Dates

**July 23, 2015** (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Redmond City Hall

Council Chambers

**September 16-17, 2015** (7:00 am – 5:00 pm)

FERRY TOUR

**October 22, 2015** (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

Olympia

**November 17, 2015** (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Skamania Lodge

In conjunction with the Washington Association of Counties Annual Meeting

**December 17, 2015** (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

Olympia

**January 6, 2016** (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

*Tentative – meeting will be held if needed*

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

Olympia

## 2015 Studies and Tour

### **1. Study of Washington State Patrol trooper recruitment and retention**

2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(1) appropriates \$250,000 for a study of trooper recruitment and retention issues, in order to identify potential barriers to effective recruitment of cadets, and the retention of troopers of various levels of tenure. The study will provide recommendations on how best to attract and retain the highest quality trooper workforce. A final report due on December 14, 2015.

Budget: \$250,000  
JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, with Mary Fleckenstein as back-up  
HTC and STC Staff: Jerry Long, Amanda Cecil  
Report due date: December 14, 2015

### **2. Study of weigh station planning, placement and operations**

2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(2) appropriates \$125,000 for a study of weigh station planning, placement and operations by the Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Department of Transportation. The goal is evaluate the system's efficiency in managing operations and capital assets, and its effectiveness in achieving road preservation, traffic safety and freight mobility goals. A final report is due December 14, 2015.

Budget: \$125,000  
JTC Staff: Beth Redfield, with Alyson Cummings and Mary Fleckenstein as back-ups  
HTC and STC Staff: Jerry Long, Amanda Cecil  
Report due date: December 14, 2015

### **3. Work sessions on the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project**

2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(5) directs Joint Transportation Committee to hold two work sessions in 2015 on the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project. The work sessions will be held in October and December, and may include representatives from WSDOT, the Seattle Tunnel Partners, and other stakeholders.

JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein  
HTC and STC Staff: Alyssa Ball, Clint McCarthy

#### **4. Design-build review panel (2015-2016)**

2ESSB 5997, Sec 3 directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a design-build contracting review study to examine WSDOT's implementation and use of design-build, to maximize cost and schedule efficiencies and ensure that risk is borne by the appropriate party. \$450,000 for the study is appropriated in the new-law transportation budget, 2ESSB 5988, Sec. 201. The study will be conducted with a panel of experts including a consultant and at least two nationally recognized design-build experts, and representatives from the Association of General Contractors, the American Council of Engineering Contractors, the Professional and Technical Employees Local 17, and WSDOT. The report is due by December 1, 2016.

Budget: \$450,000  
JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein and Beth Redfield  
HTC & STC Staff: Alyssa Ball and Dave Munnecke, Kim Johnson  
Report due date: December 1, 2016

#### **5. Minority and women-owned businesses**

2ESSB 5988, Sec 201(2) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to study issues surrounding minority and women-owned business contracting related to the transportation sector, identifying best practices adopted in other states that encourage participation by minority and women-owned businesses.

Budget: Not specified  
JTC Staff: TBD  
HTC & STC Staff: Alyssa Ball, Clint McCarthy  
Report due date: Not specified

#### **6. Study of road-rail conflicts in cities (2016)**

2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(3) appropriates \$250,000 for a 2016 study of road-rail conflicts in cities, with a goal of recommending a corridor-based process to prioritize projects addressing the impacts of increased rail traffic. This study will use the results of a \$250,000 study to be conducted in 2015 by the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board of freight infrastructure needs, including an update of long-term marine cargo forecast. A final report is due on December 1, 2016.

Budget: \$250,000 from the cities' statewide fuel tax distribution  
JTC staff: Beth Redfield, with Mary Fleckenstein as back-up  
HTC and STC staff: Paul Ingiosi, Hayley Gamble  
Report due date: December 1, 2016

#### **7. Rail safety consolidation at UTC (2017-2019)**

2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(4) provides intent language for the JTC to undertake a study in the 2017-2019 biennium of consolidating rail employee safety and regulatory functions in the UTC. The study would review information that the UTC will provide in 2016, based on work by a state agency workgroup to identify the issues, laws and regulations relevant to such consolidation (2ESHB 1299, Sec 102).

## 8. Ferry tour

The JTC will to host a ferry-focused tour on board a motor coach September 16 and 17. The tour will start in Olympia, and will likely include stops at Vigor Shipyard and Colman Dock in Seattle, Anacortes (overnight), Clinton and Mukilteo, Edmonds, and a ferry ride to the San Juan Islands aboard the *Samish*. Issues to be covered include vessel and terminal preservation and construction, the ferry reservation system, LNG fuel, and others.

Budget: Existing funds  
JTC staff: Beth Redfield, with all JTC staff as back-up  
Tour dates: Sept 16 & 17

## Reports to or consultations with JTC

1.	<u>Consolidating rail employee safety at the UTC.</u> The Utilities and Transportation Commission will report to the JTC by <b>December 31, 2016</b> , on the work by a state agency workgroup to identify issues, laws and regulations relevant to consolidating rail employee safety and regulatory functions in the UTC. This information will be used by the JTC for a study the Legislature intends for the JTC to undertake in the 2017-2019 biennium.	2ESHB 1299, Sec 102 and Sec 204(4)
2.	<u>Transportation Commission surveys.</u> The Transportation Commission will consult with the JTC when deciding survey topics and design of three transportation surveys, to ensure the results deliver the data, information and analysis the legislature needs to make future policy and planning decisions.	2ESHB 1299, Sec 205(2)
3.	<u>Study of freight infrastructure needs.</u> The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board will report to the JTC by <b>December 1, 2015</b> , on their \$250,000 study of freight infrastructure needs and the update of the marine cargo forecast. JTC will use this study in the 2016 study of city road-rail conflicts.	2ESHB 1299, Sec 206
4.	<u>520 allotments.</u> The director of the Office of Financial Management must consult with the JTC prior to making a decision to allot \$232.6 million of the SR 520 capital appropriation, which has been placed in unallotted status.	2ESHB 1299, Sec 306(12)(d)
5.	<u>Special license plates.</u> Dept. of Licensing is to report annually to the JTC and its Executive Committee concerning special license plates. Reports include annual financial reports and applications considered by DOL. In addition, the Executive Committee will receive copies of approval and rejection notification letters sent to sponsoring organizations, and any recommendations by DOL to discontinue a license plate series.	RCW 46.18.060
6.	<u>Surplus property.</u> WSDOT is prohibited from entering into equal value exchanges or property acquisitions for building improvements without first consulting with the Office of Financial Management and the Joint Transportation Committee	ESSB 5820
7.	<u>Practical design.</u> During the interim and before letting a contract for a project, WSDOT is required to provide a detailed description to the JTC of any changes to a project title or scope resulting from the application of practical design.	ESHB 2012
8.	<u>Permit streamlining.</u> WSDOT must report to the JTC by <b>December 31, 2016</b> , on the findings of a 2016 state agency workgroup that will identify issues, laws and regulations relevant to consolidating and coordinating the SEPA and NEPA review processes, in order to avoid delays to projects on state highways.	2ESSB 5994 (Sec 6)