

2015 INTERIM WORKPLAN JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

July 23, 2015
Redmond

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2015 Meetings

- July 23, 2015, Redmond City Hall
- September, 2015, Ferry Tour (tentative)
- October 22, 2015, Olympia
- November 17, 2015, Skamania Lodge, with WA State Assoc. of Counties
- December 17, 2015, Olympia
- January 6, 2016, Olympia (if needed)

2015 Studies & Work Sessions

- Trooper Recruitment and Retention
- Weigh Station Planning, Placement and Operations
- WSDOT Design-Build Contracting Review
- Minority and Women-Owned Businesses
- Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Work Sessions

Future Studies

- Rail and Road Conflicts in Cities (2016)
- Rail Safety Consolidation at the UTC (2017-19)

Washington State Trooper Recruitment and Retention

Identify potential barriers to effective recruitment of cadets, and to the retention of troopers of various levels of tenure. (2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(1))

- \$250,000 appropriation
- Report due December 14, 2015

- Alyson Cummings and Mary Fleckenstein
- Jerry Long and Amanda Cecil

Washington State Trooper Recruitment and Retention, cont'd

- Consultant selected, The PFM (Public Financial Management) Group
- Kick-off meeting, held Tuesday, July 21
 - In addition to legislative and OFM staff, the workgroup includes Washington State Patrol staff and Washington State Troopers Association leadership
- Timeline
 - Study update and preliminary findings, October 22, 2015
 - Presentation of Draft Final Report, December 17, 2015

Weigh Station Planning, Placement and Operations

Evaluate the system's efficiency in managing operations and capital assets, and its effectiveness in achieving road preservation, traffic safety and freight mobility goals. (2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(2))

- \$125,000 appropriation
- Report due December 14, 2015
- Status: A consultant team led by Cambridge Systematics will start work on July 23, 2015

- Beth Redfield, Alyson Cummings and Mary Fleckenstein
- Jerry Long and Amanda Cecil

Weigh Station Planning, Placement and Operations, cont'd

Deliverables:

Educational materials about the planning, placement and operations of the system of weigh stations in the context of Washington State's commercial vehicle enforcement program;

Evaluation of the system's efficiency in managing its capital assets and operations;

Evaluation of the system's effectiveness at achieving outcomes relating to road preservation and traffic safety, while balancing the state goal of freight mobility; and

Recommendations regarding a more strategic approach to managing the system.

Design-Build Contracting Review

Convene a design-build review panel with national experts and local professionals to examine WSDOT's implementation and use of design-build, to maximize cost and schedule efficiencies and ensure design risk is borne by the appropriate party. (2ESSB 5997, Sec 3)

- \$450,000 appropriation
- Report due December 1, 2016

- Mary Fleckenstein and Beth Redfield
- Alyssa Ball, David Munnecke and Kim Johnson

Design-Build Contracting Review, cont'd

- The Request for Proposals is currently under development.
- Key dates
 - RFP publication by mid-August
 - Consultant selected and on board by early October
 - October 22, 2015 presentation to JTC
 - July, 2016 and October 2016 presentations to JTC
 - Final report due December 1, 2016

Design-Build Contracting Review Panel

Consultant will select at least two nationally-recognized experts in design-build

Local experts

- Association of General Contractors
- American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington
- Local 17, Professional and Technical Employees
- WSDOT

Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

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. (2ESSB 5988, Sec 201(2))

- No appropriation or report due date specified
- Information gathering phase

- Beth Redfield
- Alyssa Ball and Clint McCarthy

Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Work Sessions

Two work sessions in 2015 on the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project, updating current progress, timelines for completion, and the financial status of the project. (2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(5))

- Within existing funds
- Work Sessions will be at the October 22nd and December 17th JTC meetings in Olympia
- Mary Fleckenstein
- Alyssa Ball and Clint McCarthy

2016: Road-Rail Conflicts in Cities

Study road-rail conflicts in cities, and recommend a corridor-based process to prioritize projects addressing the impacts of increased rail traffic. (2ESHB 1299, Sec 204(3))

- \$250,000 from the cities' statewide fuel tax distribution
- Report due December 1, 2016

- Beth Redfield and Mary Fleckenstein
- Paul Ingiosi and Hayley Gamble

2016: Road-Rail Conflicts in Cities, cont.

- Build on the 2015/16 Marine Cargo Forecast update, an effort of the FMSIB and the Ports Association.
- In 2015, we will work with Association of Washington Cities to identify existing inventories of at-grade crossings as well as information gaps.
- Goal: Strategic, corridor-based investment plan

2017-19: Rail Safety Consolidation at UTC

Study consolidating rail employee safety and regulatory functions in the UTC, utilizing information that the UTC will provide in 2016 from a state agency workgroup that will identify the issues, laws and regulations relevant to such consolidation. (2ESHB 1299, Sec 102 & Sec 204(4))

- Appropriations, report due dates and staff assignments to be determined at a later date.

QUESTIONS?