



Transportation Issues in Pierce County

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Washington Joint Transportation Committee

Presentation Agenda

- Pierce County
- The Pierce County Transportation System
- Regional Cooperation (RAMP)
- Thank you for
- We still have work to do



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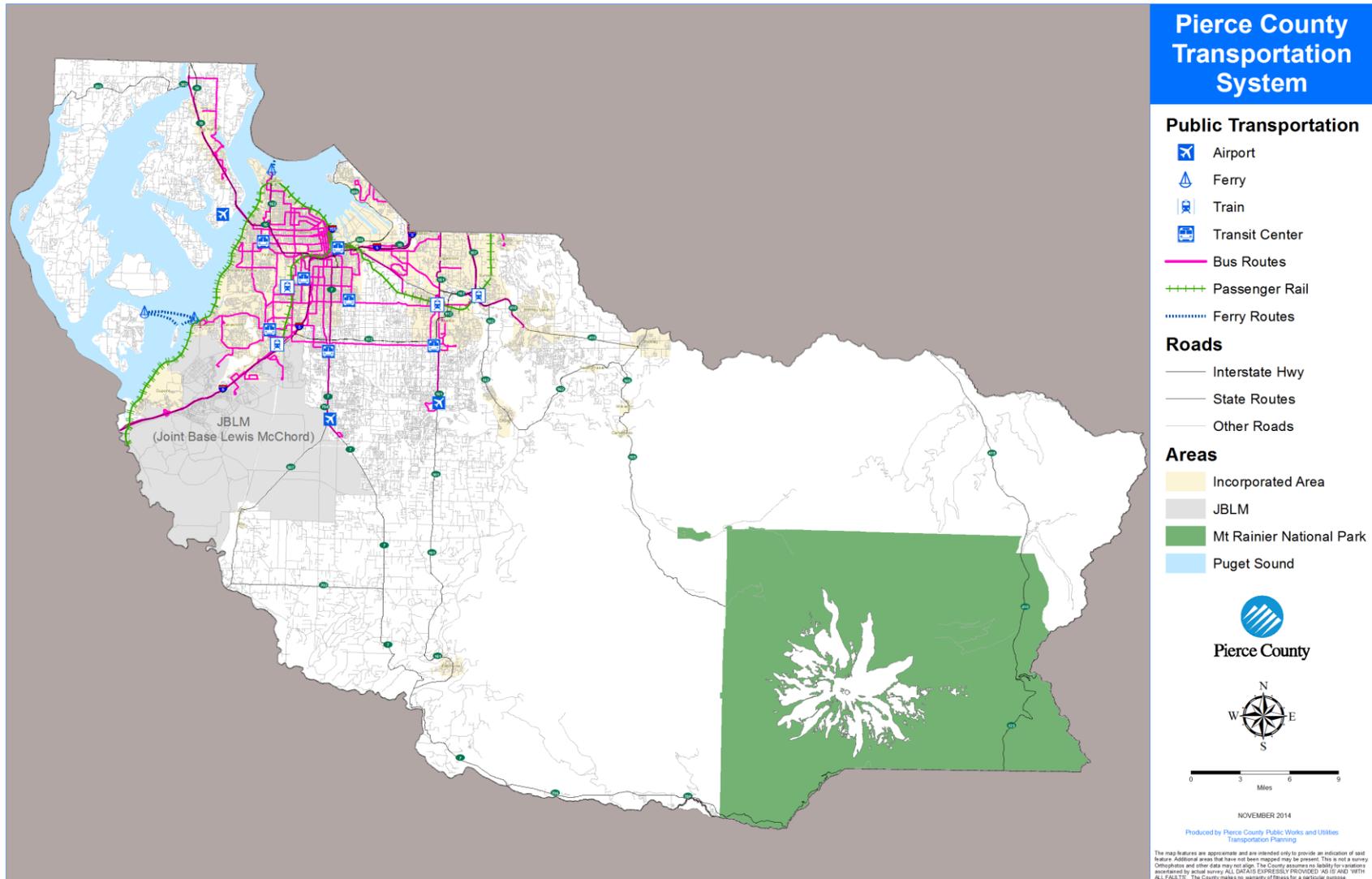
- *Pierce County Executive since January 2009*
- *Past President, PSRC Executive Board*
- *Past President and Member, Sound Transit Board, Pierce Transit Board, and the PSRC Transportation Policy Board*

Pierce County is home to **820,000** residents, 23 cities and towns, each with an array of qualities

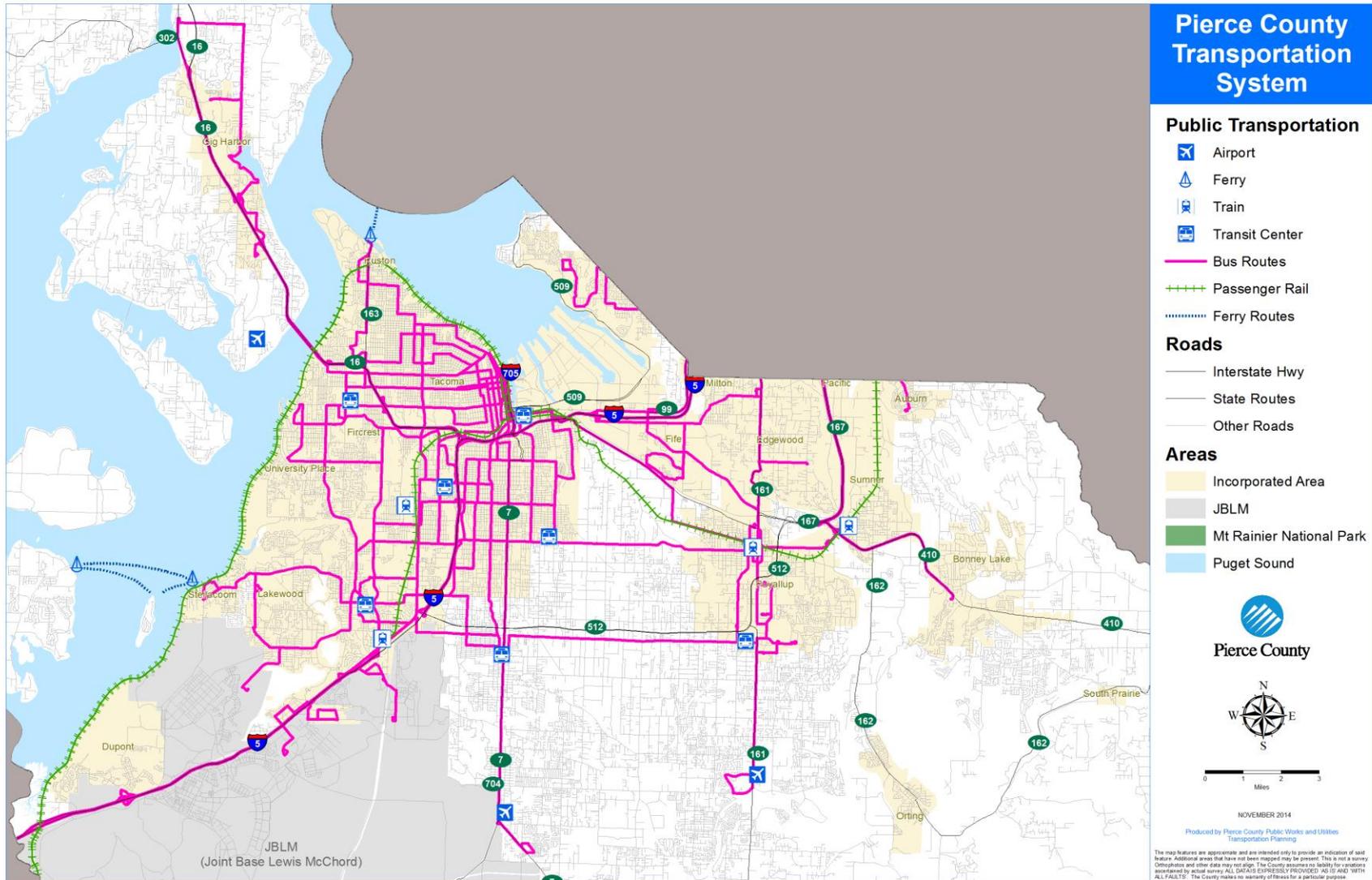


- *Unincorporated areas and communities like Graham, Midland, Summit, South Hill, Longbranch, etc.*
- *1,700 square miles, from Key Peninsula to Mount Rainier*
- *Urban, suburban and rural areas*

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Total Road Miles **5525.3**

Federal Hwy 26.1

State Routes 267.5

Urban Unincorporated 894.9

Rural Unincorporated 2113.2

Incorporated 1886.1

Urban Federal 180.3

Rural Federal 157.2

Bus Road Miles **382.5**

Bus Route Miles 547.8

Passenger Rail Miles **51.5**

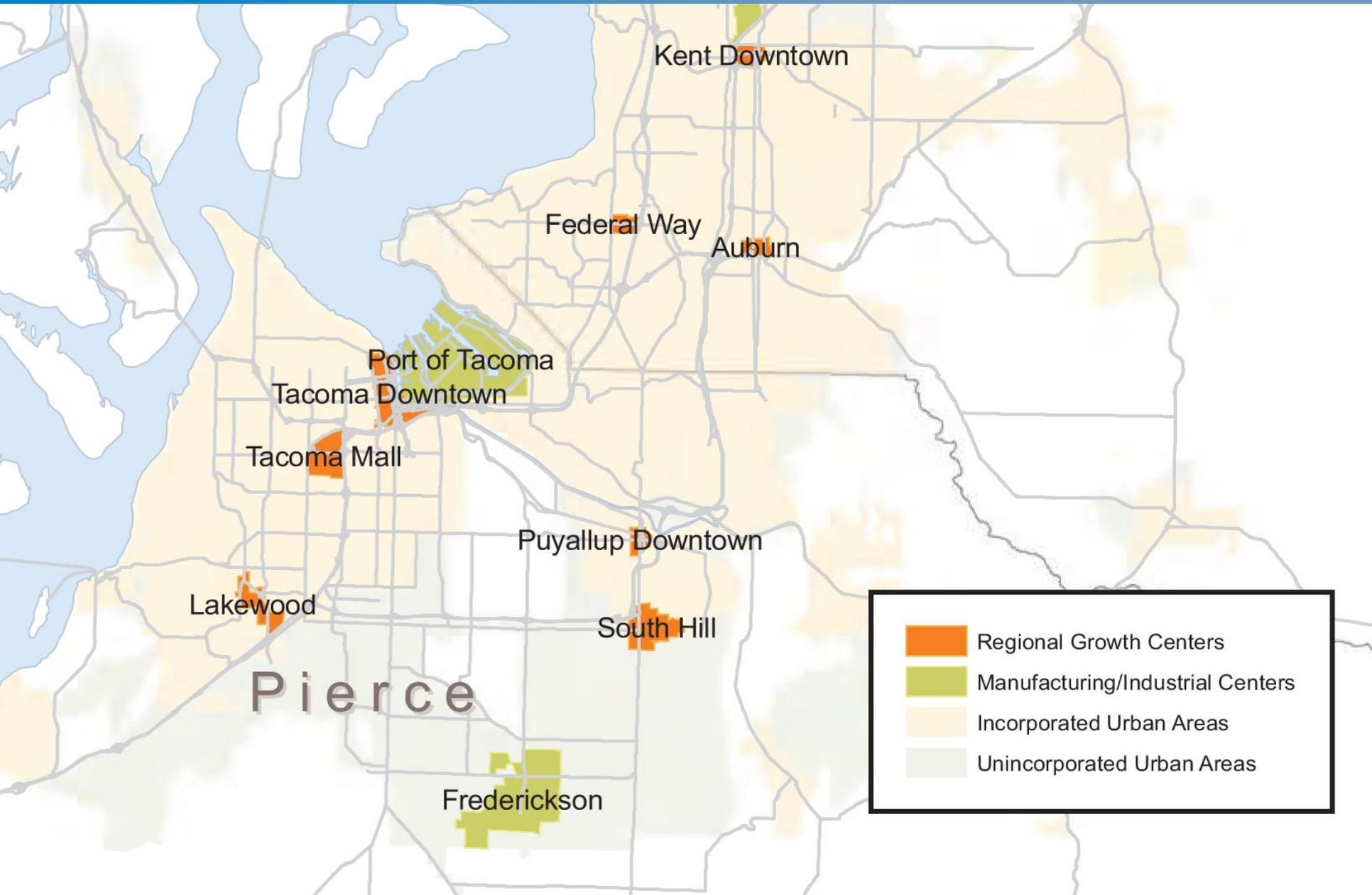
Ferry Miles **10.05**

Airports **3**

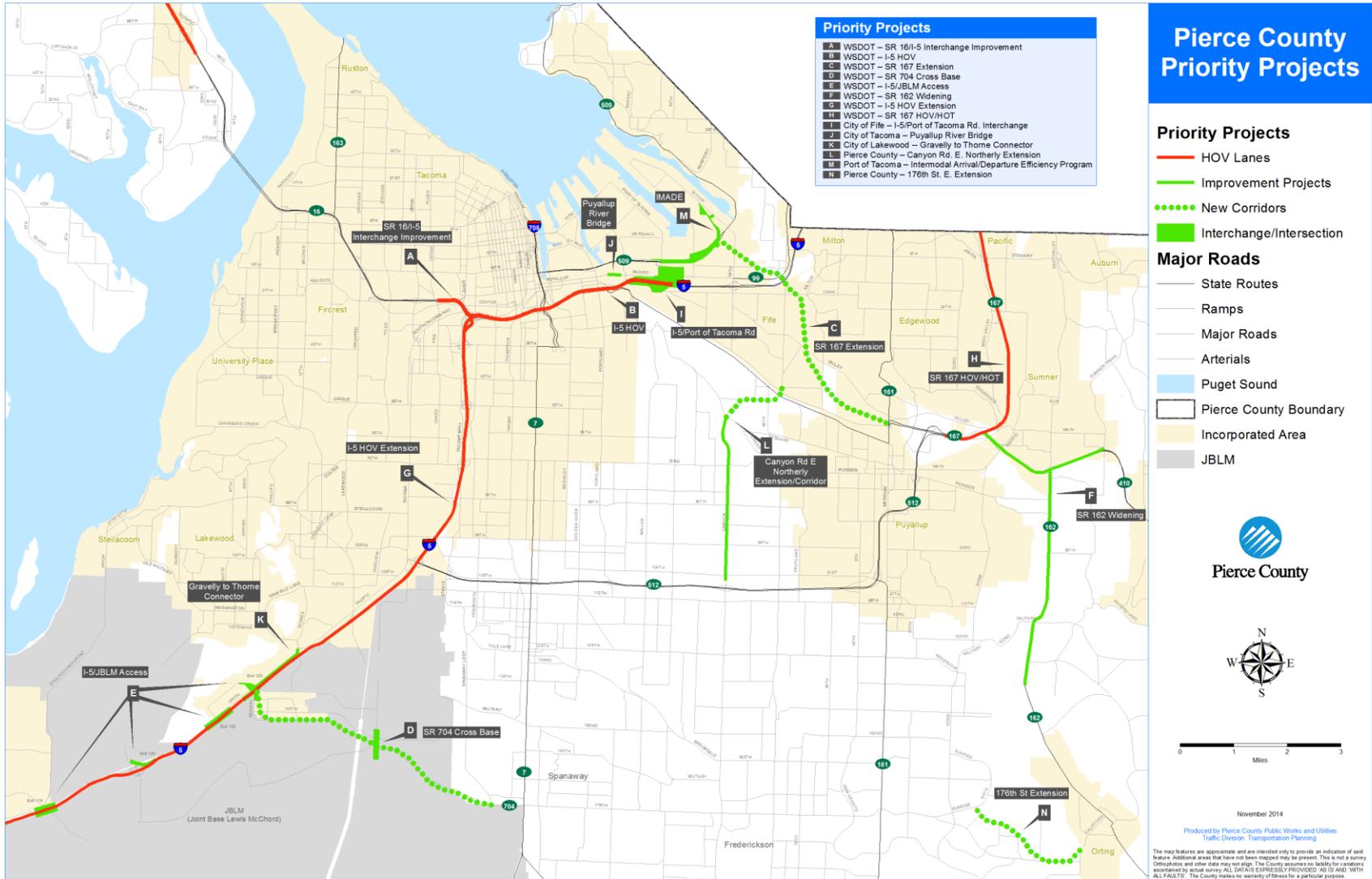
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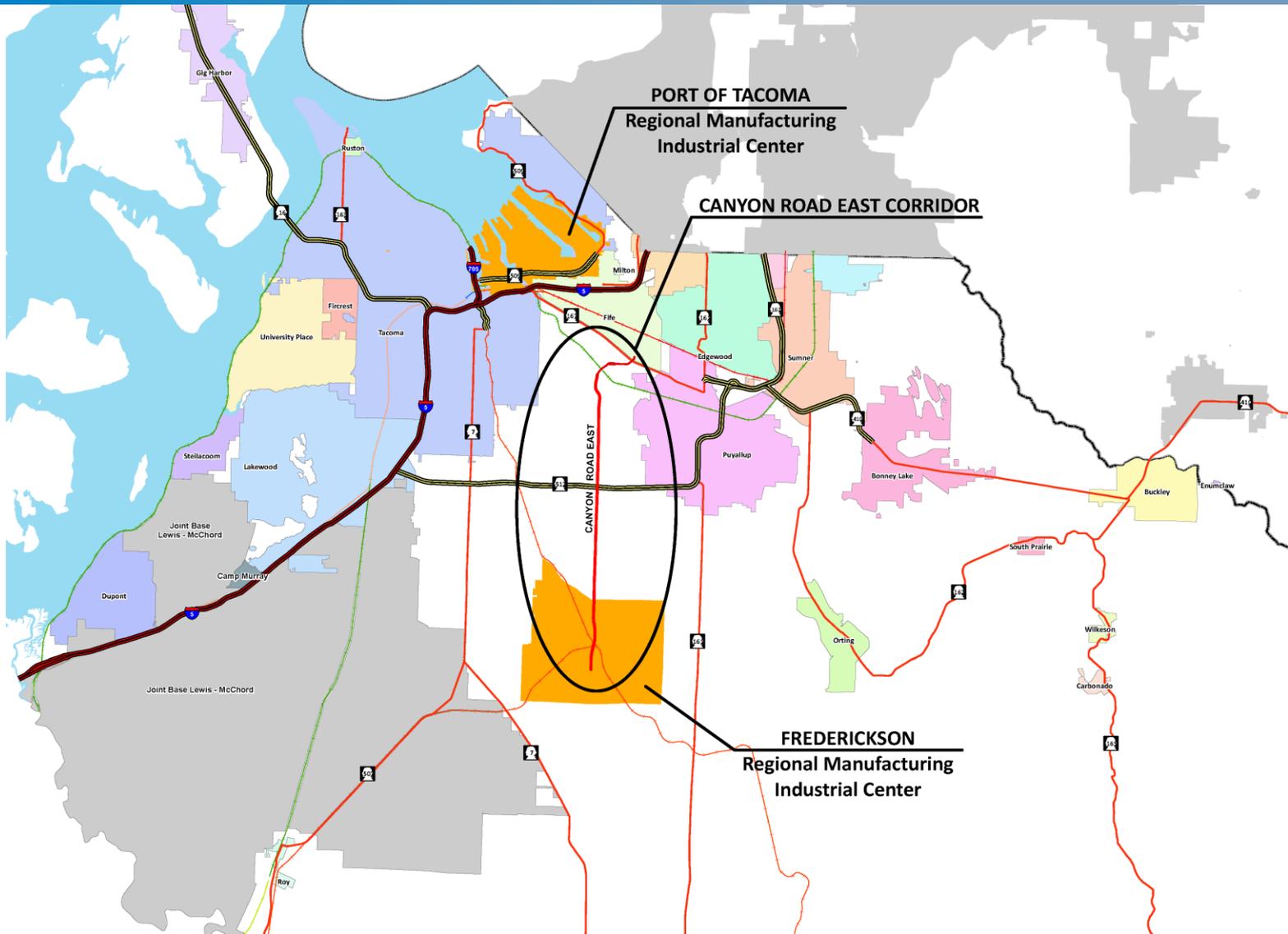
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Priority Corridors in Pierce County



Corridor at a Glance



Regional Cooperation

- The Regional Access Mobility Partnership (RAMP) facilitates transportation consensus In Pierce County
- The Partnership includes government, labor, and business in a collaborative and problem solving environment
- The group is Co-chaired by the Pierce County Executive, the Port of Tacoma Commission, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber CEO



Funding State Highways

- Thank you for continuing the state commitment to the **Tacoma/HOV** completion program
- Thank you for funding completion of the **SR-167 Corridor**, part of the **Gateway Project**
- Thank you funding improvements in the **I-5/JBLM Corridor**.



Funding Regional Transit

- Thank you for continuing the state commitment to expanding on the successes of **Sound Transit**
- We will be challenged to gain voter support for the new state revenue, but we're up to the challenge

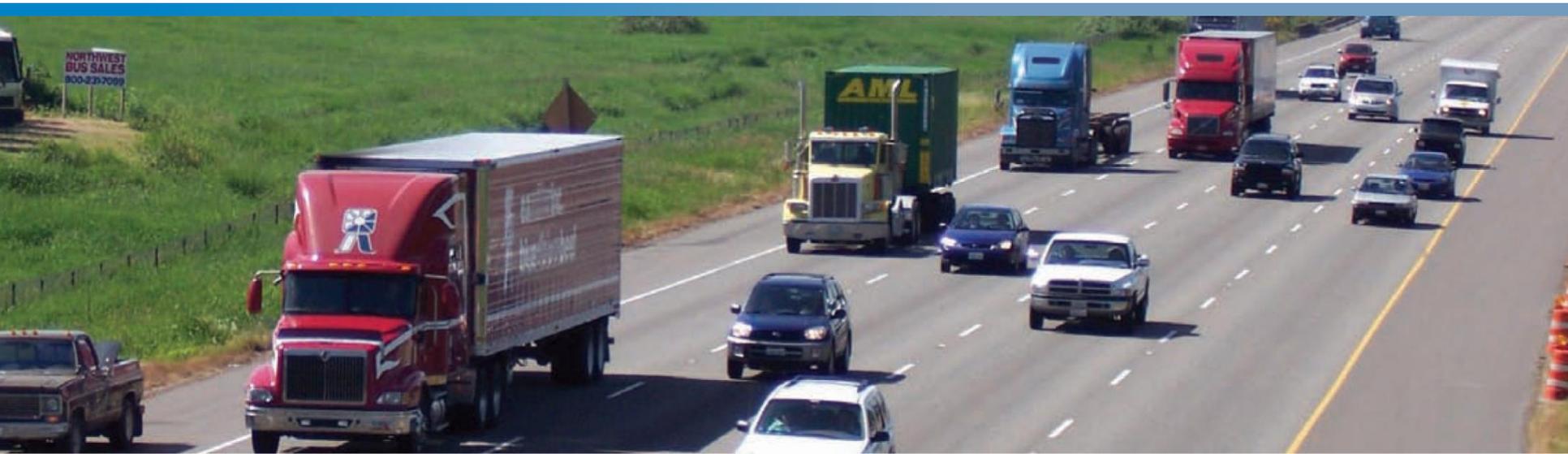


Funding Local Government

- Preservation funding for pavements and bridges is woefully inadequate
- Cities and counties attempting to create new revenue sources even though the problem is pervasive statewide.

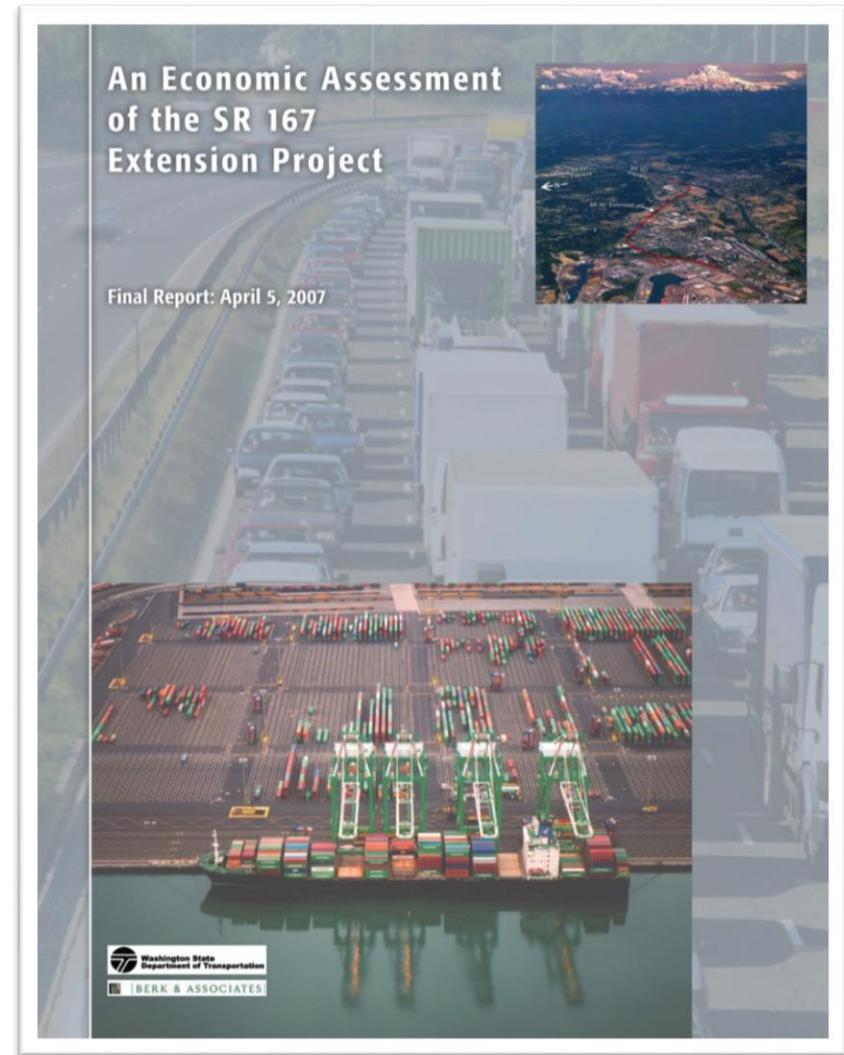


Local Option Revenue Sources



- We remain supportive of Transportation Benefit Districts (TBD)
- 12 Pierce County jurisdictions have formed TBD's
- Pierce County formed its TBD last year, though it has not been funded yet

- Construction of SR-167 will generate 10,000 jobs and provide ongoing job creation of 80,000 jobs statewide
- At the Port: SR-167 could fuel \$10.1 billion in job growth
- Travel time between Puyallup and Tacoma is predicted to improve by 15%, saving 13,915 person-hours of travel time per year



- Construction of I-5 at JBLM will provide needed mobility and safety improvements that support the state's largest employer at a single location
- The project will remove a major chokepoint for legislators traveling to Olympia
- The project interchanges also enhance mobility for DuPont and Lakewood





Thank you letting us share our transportation vision and thank you for supporting it!

QUESTIONS?

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