

Agenda

Thursday, December 14, 2017

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1
Olympia

1. Introductions and Welcome (5 min) 10:00

2. Assessment of Transportation Commission Draft Final Report (10 min) 10:05

Staff will review any changes to the study report since it was last presented on November 15, 2017, before it is put to a vote of acceptance.

Mary Fleckenstein, JTC Project Manager

3. I-405 Study Draft Report (60 min)10:15

The Legislature directed the JTC to contract with the University of Minnesota to independently analyze traffic data for the I-405 tolled corridor, including performance measures described in statute, and to recommend strategies for near-term and long-term improvement of traffic performance in the corridor. The consultant team will present their draft report, with its analysis, findings and recommendations. The final report is due to the Legislature on January 8, 2018.

Mary Fleckenstein, Project Manager, JTC; Matt Schmit, Project Manager, University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Policy; and Dr. Alireza Khani, University of Minnesota Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering

4. Board of Pilotage Commissioners Study (45 min) 11:15

The Legislature directed the JTC to study marine pilotage in the state, to recommend best practices for tariff and fee setting; determining pilot workload; pilot recruitment, training and selection; and governance structures (ESB 5096, Sec 204(1)). Consultants hired to lead the study will present their findings and recommendations.

Beth Redfield, JTC Project Manager; Spencer Cohen, PhD, CAI Project Manager; and Mark Gleason, Gleason and Associates

5. Lunch break (45 min) 12:00

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6. Ferries Update (45 min) 12:45

This work session will provide a general update from the ferry system, including progress on the new long-range plan and issues related to the U. S. Coast Guard’s recent requirement to add more life boats on state ferries.

Amy Scarton, Assistant Secretary, Washington State Ferries

7. Ultra High-Speed Rail Study (30 min) 1:30

The Legislature provided \$300,000 to WSDOT’s rail division for a study of ultra high-speed ground transportation along a north-south alignment in Washington state (ESB 5096, Sec 222). The report is due December 15, 2017, and will be presented in this work session.

Charles Knutson, Executive Policy Advisor, Governor’s Office; Ron Pate, WSDOT Rail Director; and Scott Richman, CH2M

8. I-5 Bridge Planning Data Inventory (15 min) 2:00

SSB 5806 directed WSDOT to inventory existing planning data related to the construction of a new Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River. That report is due December 1, 2017, and will be presented in this work session.

Kris Strickler, Regional Administrator, WSDOT Southwest Region

9. Practical Solutions Update (45 min) 2:15

WSDOT will present an overview of their implementation of practical solutions across the Department

Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar, WSDOT; Marshall Elizer, Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Development and Delivery, WSDOT

10. Adjourn 3:00

Please note: Topics, actions, and times are subject to change.