

Weigh Station Overview

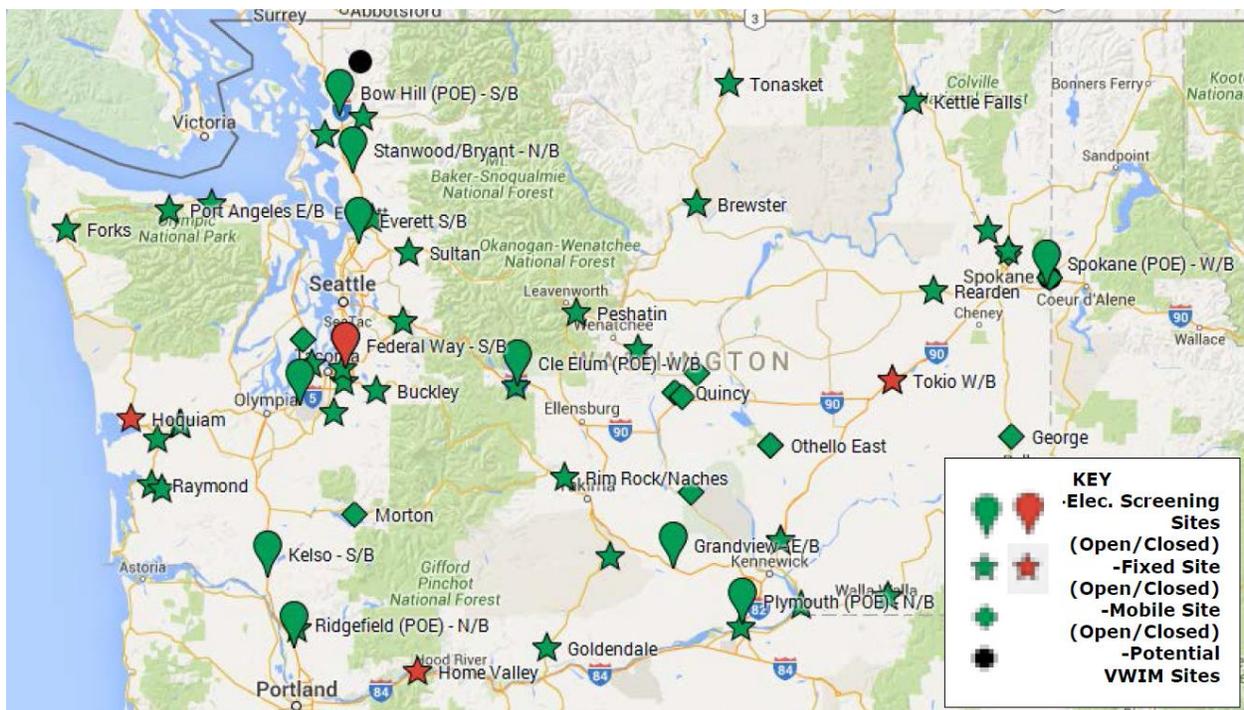
The Washington State inspection stations or weigh stations ensure the safety of commercial and passenger vehicles while preserving the state's highway infrastructure and supporting economic vitality by maintaining freight mobility. The weigh stations are a joint operation between the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

The primary purpose of the stations is to enforce truck weight regulations in order to protect roads and bridges from excessive wear and tear caused by overweight trucks. The stations are staffed with both WSP Troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEO).

Currently, there are 63 inspection stations throughout Washington. 52 of the sites are fixed location inspection sites and 11 are mobile enforcement locations. 40 million trucks travel across Washington State on an annual basis. The WSP and WSDOT also run the five Ports of Entry which are located throughout the state. Annually, the five ports weigh approximately 1.9 million trucks.

Washington Ports of Entry:

- Bow Hill: I-5, Bow - SB I-5
- Cle Elum: West Bound I-90 MP 80
- Plymouth: E Law Ln, Kennewick - NB I-82
- Ridgefield: I-5 N, Ridgefield - NB I-5
- Spokane: Westbound I-90, Milepost 299, Liberty Lake



In 2016, approximately 130 WSP Troopers and CVEO's conducted more than 93,000 inspections including physically weighing approximately 57,000 vehicles and more than 8,800 vehicles and drivers were placed out-of-service for significant violations. Typically weight and safety violations result in nearly \$2 million in weight fines a year.

WSDOT and the WSP are working collaboratively to develop a comprehensive plan for weigh station construction and preservation for the entire state which will be submitted to the legislative transportation committees by January 1, 2017. As part of the 2017-2019 biennial budget, WSDOT and the WSP will jointly submit a prioritized list of weigh station projects for legislative approval.

Immediate Upgrade/New Build (2017-2019 biennium)

Location

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| 1) Plymouth POE | New weigh station and inspection building (\$13 million) |
| 2) North Bend POE | New POE to address significant truck presence across I-90 (WSDOT estimate \$20 million for the full project. This also includes much needed additional truck parking and a secure chain up area for use during inclement weather) |
| 3) Virtual Weigh in Motion | SR 9 to address significant bypass route from Canada |
| 4) Virtual Weigh in Motion | SR 14 near White Salmon |
| 5) Virtual Weigh in Motion | SR 221 just north of Patterson |

(\$250,000 per site= total \$750,000)

Total anticipated funds for these 5 priorities= \$33.75 million dollars

\$5 million already set aside from WSDOT federal funds in 17-19 biennium.

The following are considered second tier needs and can be addressed once a dedicated source of funding is made available. WSP and WSDOT agree that these facilities are critical and because of the impact of increasing freight, the increase in traffic and the impact on the state's roadways, addressing the needs for these upgrades sooner rather than later is important. Finding a dedicated source of funding now will allow strategic thinking and planning to become a reality.

Upgrade (As funds become available)

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| 6) Fort Lewis N/B | Upgrade in place or possibly relocate north (partner with JBLM to address a critical need for them so they can screen CMV entering the base. Initial discussions with WSP and JBLM are encouraging.) |
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| 7) Federal Way S/B | Relocate. Station is currently closed (King County, along the I-5 corridor, may be better served with several virtual weigh in motion sites, creating a geo-fence to monitor vehicles as they move through. This would allow officers to see their movement and affect a stop when the vehicle is in a safe location to stop them. |
| 8) Puyallup | Relocate during State Route (SR) 167 expansion project (long term due to the timeline of the project. WSP has met with the project engineers and expressed our need and interest so that funding can be secured ahead of time.) |
| 9) Grandview | Add inspection building |
| 10) Rock Island | Add inspection building |
| 11) Tokio E/B | Update building and technology |
| 12) Brady E/B | Upgrade nearby Weigh in Motion (WIM) |
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| 14) Wallula | Relocate to SR 12 and SR 730 during SR 12 improvement |
| 15) Artie | Relocate |