I-5 System Partnership

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The I-5 System Partnership is a collaboration of diverse stakeholders creating a vision for I-5 to **preserve** and **redevelop** the corridor in a way that:

- **Optimizes I-5 performance for moving people and goods using 21st century tools and metrics**
- **Develops transportation solutions appropriate to the changing needs and values of our communities and our economy**
Scope of the challenge

25 transportation agencies
10 tribal governments

4,343,700 people in the 5 counties
60% of statewide total

93 incorporated cities
33% of statewide total

3,031,270 people live in incorporated areas
64% of statewide total

3,304,968 licensed drivers in incorporated areas
59% of statewide total
I-5: A system under pressure

Congestion
• The Greater Puget Sound Region is ranked tenth in the U.S. for hours spent in traffic
• I-5 vehicle delay is up 29% since 2014

Increasing demand
• PSRC forecasts 1.8 million more residents in the region in the next 30 years
• Thurston County’s population forecast to increase by 42% by 2040, to 383,500

Sources: WSDOT CCR 2017, Inrix, Thurston Regional Planning Council, PSRC
I-5: Crucial to our economy

• **Gateway**: I-5 is a crucial connector for ports and Sea-Tac airport – foreign imports/exports $127 billion (2016)

• **Freight**: $550 billion business income from freight-dependent industries – daily average 21,000 trucks (increase of 56% since 2012)

• **Financial cost**: Congestion costs $5 billion annually, and forecast to increase to $15 billion by 2026

Sources: Washington State Freight System Plan, Inrix, Boston Consulting Group
I-5: Crucial to environment, quality of life

Public Health and Safety:

- 30% increase in road incidents on the I-5 corridor since 2012
- Longer commute times associated with poor health outcomes
- Congestion leads to increased NOx emissions from larger vehicles

Sources: Boston Consulting Group
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As priced-out Seattleites flee, Tacoma's getting more expensive

Long planned, now locked in. Pierce Transit finalizes $150 million rapid bus line
I-5 System Partnership Stakeholders

- Association of Washington Business
- Cascade Bicycle Club
- Challenge Seattle
- City of Arlington
- City of Bellevue
- City of Everett
- City of Federal Way
- City of Lakewood
- City of Mill Creek
- City of Newcastle
- City of Shoreline
- City of Tacoma
- City of Tukwila
- Coalition on Homelessness
- Community Transit
- Commute Seattle
- Downtown Seattle Association
- Economic Alliance Snohomish County
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- Governor's Office
- Intercity Transit
- King County DOT
- King County Metro
- Legislators
- Legislative staff
- Master Builders Assn of King & Snohomish Counties
- Microsoft

- Mobility Innovation Center/CoMotion at University of Washington
- Northwest Seaport Alliance
- Pierce County
- Pierce Transit
- Port of Seattle
- Port of Tacoma
- PSRC
- SCA
- Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority
- Seattle DOT
- Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Sightline Institute
- Snohomish County
- SODO
- Sound Transit
- Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber
- The Nature Conservancy
- Thurston Regional Planning Council
- Town of Steilacoom
- University of Washington
- WA State Transportation Commission
- Washington Trucking Associations
- Washington Roundtable
- WSDOT
Where are we going?

- Regional policy foundation
- Data and trends
- Goals and objectives

- Program concepts
- Phased scenarios
- Financial strategies
- Public engagement
- Preferred alternative

- Policy implementation
- Master Plan
- Management Plan
System improvement: Next steps

Near-Term Actions
0-4 years to 2022

Mid-Term Projects
5-17 years to 2035

Long-Term Program
18-32 years to 2050
System improvement: Next steps

I-5 Near-Term Action Agenda
• Continue work underway
• Start Round 2

I-5 System Partnership
• Continue building partnership
• Develop goals and objectives
• Issue report (spring 2019)

Future Work
• Scenario development and environmental planning
• Develop I-5 Master Plan
Many partners, many perspectives

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