

Freight Investment Study

This study, mandated in SSB 5207, is to evaluate existing fees paid by the freight industry and potential industry and other fees to finance freight congestion relief investments. This includes an evaluation of other states and countries' programs and their impact on competitiveness. The study is examining the structure of a project recommendation body. The study includes a stakeholder group composed of industry representatives. Originally scheduled to be completed for the 2008 Session, the study is now scheduled for completion prior to the 2009 Session.

Appropriations: \$500,000 was appropriated. However, the JTC initially limited study proposals to \$400,000, and an additional \$20,000 was authorized for a peer review of study forecast results. The study is contracted with Cambridge Systematics.

JTC Project Manager: Gene Baxstrom

Process: Consultant based research and analysis guided a Policy Group reporting to JTC. The Working Group consists of 10 members, plus a member of the Transportation Commission, a representative of the Governor, and JTC members. The study process also includes a Stakeholder Group of more than twenty-five persons representing industry, labor, customers, and governmental agencies related to port commerce functions.

Schedule:

July - Freight Policy Group
Aug. - Freight Stakeholder Group
Sept. - Freight Stakeholder Group
Freight Policy Group
Nov. - Freight Policy Group

Agency Council for Coordinated Transportation

This study is mandated in SHB 1694 and is to review legal and programmatic changes needed to effectively coordinate special needs transportation services at the regional level. This includes examining non-traditional service providers, facility siting decisions, and strategies for a decentralized broker system. One or more meetings with providers, brokers and the many agencies sponsoring trips for persons with special needs will be held.

Appropriations: \$300,000. The study is contracted with Nelson/Nygaard.

JTC Project Manager: Gene Baxstrom

Process: Consultant based research and analysis guided by a Policy Group reporting to JTC. The Policy Group consists of Transportation Committee or Ways and Means and Appropriations Committee members. Many members also serve on other policy committees overseeing programs affecting persons with special needs transportation issues. JTC members are also members of the Policy Group.

Schedule:

April - Stakeholder Forums
May - Policy Group
July - Policy Group
Sept. - Policy Group
Stakeholder Forums
Oct. - Policy Group

State Ferry System Review - Phase 2

This study is an extension of work done by the Joint Transportation Committee over the last two interims. The JTC Work Group will continue overseeing the implementation of ESHB 2358 and ferry system program reviews mandated in the 2007 budget.

Appropriations: \$500,000 was appropriated to the JTC in the 2007 budget. An additional \$250,000 is in both the Senate and House supplemental budgets to complete the process.

JTC Project Manager: Paul Neal

Process: Consultant based research and analysis guided by a Policy Group reporting to JTC. The Policy Group consists of Transportation Committee members, including all JTC members, plus Representative Seaquist and Jill Satran from the Governor's Office. This interim will see the delivery of a number of analyses that will mesh together to form the basis for a new ferry capital plan.

Schedule:

April - Policy Group
May - Policy Group
July - Policy Group
Sept - Policy Group – Presentation of draft long range capital plan
Nov. - Policy Group
Dec. - Presentation of draft final report;

- Policy Group Approval
- Distribution to members of STC & HTC

Transportation Resource Manual

JTC staff will take the lead on update of the manual.

Appropriations: na.

JTC Project Manager: Paul Neal

Process: Coordination of updates with agencies. JTC staff will be conducting a process and update review towards product improvement.

Schedule:

May - Project review: web and printed.
Dec. - Publications

Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS) Study

“...study of the most cost-effective means of ensuring that the pension concerns of the members of the Washington state patrol retirement system are adequately and appropriately considered and submitted to the legislature. The committee shall solicit participation and guidance from the...”:

- Senate Ways and Means Committee
- House Appropriations Committee
- Office of Financial Management
- Washington State Patrol Troopers Association
- Washington State Lieutenants Association
- Washington State Patrol
- Office of the Actuary

Appropriations: \$100,000 (Senate Budget)

JTC Project Manager: TBD

Process: Consultant based research, analysis, and facilitation process guided by Working Group reporting to JTC. Working Group as identified above and as augmented by JTC.

Schedule:

- April - Working Group selection, draft work program, and consultant selection process.
- May - Consultant selection
Working Group meeting and interviews
- July - Working Group meeting
- Sept. - Working Group meeting, draft report
- Oct. - JTC report acceptance
- Nov. - Transmittal of recommendations to Legislature.

Multimodal Concurrency Analysis - Pilot Program

“...analyze total trip needs for a regional growth center based on adopted land use plans, identify the number of trips which can be accommodated by planned roadway , transit service, and nonmotorized investments, and identify gaps for trips that cannot be served and strategies to fill those gaps. The purpose of the pilot is to demonstrate how this type of multimodal concurrency analysis can be used to broaden and strengthen local concurrency programs.”

JTC staff will develop an inter-agency agreement with PSRC and Bellevue to establish the work program for the study. The

Appropriations: \$150,000 (House Budget) appropriated to Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)., of which approximately \$100,000 will be utilized by the City of Bellevue for participation in the pilot.

JTC Project Manager: David Forte

Process: PSRC/City of Bellevue led project in coordination with JTC appointed legislator(s) and JTC staff. Under an interagency agreement between the JTC and PSRC/City of Bellevue, the PSRC will develop a transferable analytical methodology to assess multimodal concurrency which will be implemented and assessed by the City of Bellevue as part of an on-going city transportation project. Project will report to the JTC on findings and recommendations.

Schedule: TBD

Independent Technical Review I-90 Bridge

“...independent technical review, overseen by the joint transportation committee, of light rail impacts on the Interstate 90 – Homer Hadley Floating Bridge. The technical review shall complement sound transit’s current and planned engineering design work to expand light rail in the central Puget Sound region. The department [WSDOT] shall coordinate and share its work with sound transit and seek contributions from sound transit for the review.” Up to \$550,000 (WSDOT budget) appropriated.

Appropriations: Up to \$550,000 (House and Senate Budgets) appropriated within WSDOT budget, required to seek contributions from Sound Transit.

JTC Project Manager: David Forte

Process: Independent consultant based peer review analysis contracted and managed by WSDOT with oversight by JTC staff; to assure independence and completeness of review. JTC member participation as desired. Project will report to the JTC with draft findings and final report.

Schedule:

April - Work program
July - Draft findings
Sept. - Final report