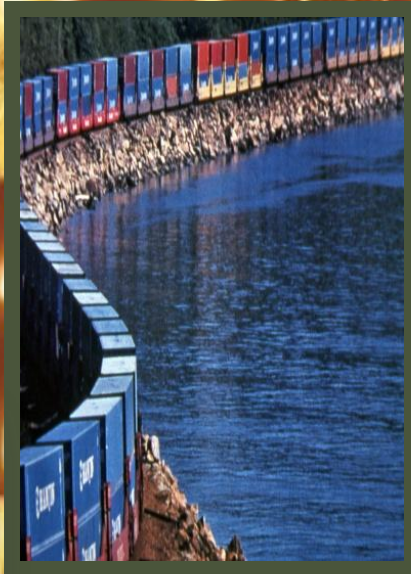


Washington Transportation Plan 2011 – 2030 Update



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**Washington State
Transportation Commission**

Washington Transportation Plan: 2011-30 is Underway

Key Participants:

- ❑ Commission WTP Team: Commissioners Carol Moser, Elmira Forner, and Latisha Hill
- ❑ Core project management team includes WSTC, WSDOT, RTPO/MPO representatives
- ❑ Consultant Team: Berk & Associates, Nelson Nygaard, Cocker Fennessy, and Paul Roberts Associates
- ❑ Advisory Group formed – four meetings held



Advisory Group Engagement

- ❑ Broad and diverse stakeholder group
- ❑ Involvement of state agencies, business, local government, transit, regional planning agencies, ports, environmental interests
- ❑ Advisory Group will participate actively in broader statewide outreach



Advisory Group Membership

- Association of Washington Business
- Association of Washington Cities
- Department of Ecology
- Economic Development Commission
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- Governor's Office
- King County Metro
- Lummi Nation
- Office of Financial Management
- Port of Benton
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Transportation Choices
- Washington Roundtable
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington State Traffic Safety Commission
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- WSDOT Strategic Planning and Programming

What's Different about this WTP?

□ Statewide Umbrella Plan

Involvement and integration of:

- WSDOT long-range plans
- RTP/MPO issues/ priorities
- County and city issues/priorities
- Transit issues/ priorities

□ New State Context and Direction

- GHG targets and implications
- Revenue needs and planning
- GMA compliance
- Economic development

□ Evolving Federal Direction

- Focus on performance outcomes

□ The Plan itself – strategic approach; a succinct, usable document



Key Elements of the WTP 2011-30

□ Vision for 2030

□ Strategic Themes

- Population growth and aging population
- GHG reduction requirements
- Revenue needs and challenges
- Aging infrastructure
- Others?



□ Policy Goals – “5 in statute plus 1 more”

1. Preservation
2. Safety
3. Mobility
4. Environmental Quality and Health
5. Stewardship
6. Economic Vitality*



□ Implementation Measures – Performance Outcomes

* Not in statute

Plan Background: Integrating Regional & Statewide Planning Issues

Plan Content (cont.) :

- ❑ What has been accomplished since the last WTP
 - State
 - Regional (from RTPOs/MPOs)
- ❑ Long-Term system trends
 - Federal
 - State
 - Regional
 - County/City
- ❑ Current challenges and unfunded needs
 - State
 - Regional
 - County/City



Commission Approved Vision Statement (October 2009)

Washington's transportation network connects people and communities, fostering commerce and operating seamlessly across boundaries and modes as an environmentally and financially sustainable system



Policy Planning Issues

- ❑ Preserve and maintain the transportation system consistent with state environmental goals
- ❑ Address climate change and greenhouse gas-related issues
- ❑ Connectivity improvements across modes
- ❑ Support mobility and congestion relief in urban areas
- ❑ Align state policies with the emerging federal direction
- ❑ Policy linkages between transportation, land use, and economic development



Policy Planning Issues (cont.)

- ❑ Rural roadway capacity, condition and safety
- ❑ Improve freight movement and mitigate its impacts
- ❑ Address bicycle and pedestrian mobility needs
- ❑ Define the appropriate roles of state, regional, local and tribal governments in transportation policies
- ❑ Address needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities



Revenue and Funding Policy Issues

- ❑ Identification of overall constrained funding needs – state, regions, counties, cities, transit
- ❑ What investments should be made to preserve and maintain the existing system?
- ❑ What are the opportunities for state matching funds for local projects?
- ❑ What should the State's role be in transit funding and policy?



Statewide Outreach is an Important Project Element

- Stakeholder Briefings – ongoing
- Regional Listening Sessions
 - Partner with regional, local agencies
 - Spread the word widely; obtain broad input
- Social Media
 - Online survey
 - WSTC blog and Flickr postings
 - E-news to partners for distribution
 - Potential webinars – E-town meetings



Summary Project Schedule

- Framework and Draft Vision: *October-December 2009*
- Outreach: *January-November 2010*
- Draft Plan Release: *July 2010*
- Final Plan Adopted: *December 2010*



Questions and Next Steps

- Q & A
- Getting involved and staying in touch
<http://wstc.wa.gov/>

