

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED JTC 2010 INTERIM STUDIES AND PROJECTS

		Appropriation	Planned start-date	Report due dates
NEW CONSULTANT STUDIES				
1	Local agency efficiencies – CRAB, TIB, FMSIB, WSDOT’s highways and local programs	\$200,000	Early May	Prelim. report 11/15/10 Final report 12/15/10
2	Transit investments blueprints	\$350,000	Early May	December 15, 2010
3	Statewide planning evaluation	\$125,000	Mid-to-late May	December 15, 2010
4	Storm water permit requirements	\$50,000	May	December 1, 2010
ON-GOING CONSULTANT STUDY				
5	Ferry system studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial insurance • PERC/MEC 	Existing funds	April	December 15, 2010
STAFF STUDIES				
6	Fuel tax refunds for non-highway users	Existing funds	April or May	December 31, 2010
7	Vehicle and vessel licensing rewrite – SB 6379	Existing funds	May	December 1, 2010
8	Transportation Resource Manual update	Existing funds	July	Update completed 1/11

Joint Transportation Committee
2010 Proposed Interim Studies and Projects

1. Local agency efficiencies – CRAB, TIB, FMSIB and WSDOT highways and local programs

- Evaluate funding and services provided by these four entities.
- Evaluation may include recommendations on consolidating the agencies within WSDOT, within another existing agency, or within a new agency.
- May make recommendations on restructuring grant programs to generate efficiencies
- A policy workgroup will be formed to oversee the evaluation, which must consist of JTC-appointed legislators and a member of the Governor’s staff
- Detailed implementation plan must accompany recommendations. Plan must include details on
 - Recommended governance structure
 - Accounts and program structure
 - Transition process and associated costs
 - Proposed organization chart
 - Draft legislation to enact the changes
- A legislative/executive staff technical workgroup will meet periodically with the consultant

Budget: \$200,000

Schedule: Consultant to start early May; preliminary evaluation 11/15/10; final evaluation 12/15/10.

JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein, with Gene Baxstrom as back-up

House and Senate Staff: Christie Parker and Debbie Driver, HTC; Amanda Cecil, STC

2. Transit investments blueprint study

- Establish statewide blueprint for public transportation to guide state investments in public transportation. Study to include an assessment of:
 - unmet operating and capital needs
 - the state role in funding those unmet needs
 - priorities for state investment
 - efficiency and accountability measures to inform future state investment to maximize mobility, social, economic and environmental benefits provided to the state
- Blueprint will address unmet needs to improve
 - service
 - access
 - connectivity between public providers across jurisdictional boundaries
- A transit advisory panel will be appointed by the Co-chairs to provide input.
 - Consists of four legislators, 15+ stakeholders specified in legislation
 - Will meet 3-5 times

Budget: \$350,000 from multimodal account

Schedule: Consultant to start early May; a report to be submitted by December 15, 2010

JTC Staff: Gene Baxstrom, with Mary Fleckenstein as back-up

House and Senate Staff: Kathryn Leathers, HTC; Amanda Cecil, STC

3. State-level planning evaluation

- Evaluate the preparation of state-level transportation plans. This will include a review of
 - Federal planning requirements
 - Washington Transportation Plan and statewide modal plan requirements
 - Regional and local transportation plan requirements
- Make recommendations concerning the appropriate responsibilities of plan preparation, methods to develop plans more efficiently, and utility of state-level planning documents.

Budget: \$125,000

Schedule: Consultant to start mid-to-late May; report and potential draft legislation due December 15, 2010.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, with Gene Baxstrom as back-up.

House and Senate Staff: Kathryn Leathers, HTC; Kelly Simpson, STC

4. Storm water permit requirements

- Conduct an analysis of storm water permit requirements issued by the Dept. of Ecology in February, 2009 to determine costs and benefits of alternative options for WSDOT to meet the requirements
- The analysis shall include an analysis of:
 - WSDOT performing the functions of the permit in-house
 - The functions of the permit being consolidated within Dept. of Ecology or otherwise centralizing efforts for all state agencies
 - The use of an external firm or organization to meet the requirements
- If by April 15, JTC does not include the analysis as part of its 2009-11 work plan, the \$50,000 appropriated for this study shall lapse.
- Report to legislature due December, 2010

Budget: \$50,000 from multimodal account

Schedule: Approve workplan in May; report due December, 2010

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, with Gene Baxstrom as back-up.

House and Senate Staff: Christie Parker, HTC; Hayley Gamble, STC

5. Ferry system studies

The budget calls for two ferry studies, which will be conducted within the scope and dollar amount of the existing \$200,000 contract with Cedar River Group.

- **Industrial insurance for ferry system employees.** Compare medical, time-loss, vocational and disability benefits available to injured workers, and costs payable by the State of Washington and employees, under federal Jones Act and Washington's industrial insurance act. Include information regarding experience of the Alaska Marine Highway System

- **PERC and MEC.** Compare grievance and hearing processing time at Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) and the Marine Employees Commission (MEC). Determine whether PERC has the expertise to administer the grievances and hearings currently administered by MEC.

Budget: Within existing funds

Schedule: Consultant begins work in April

JTC Staff: Paul Neal

House and Senate Staff: Janice Baumgardt, STC; Debbie Driver, HTC

6. Fuel tax refunds for non-highway or off-road use of gasoline and diesel

- Review fuel tax refunds for nonhighway or off-road use of gasoline and diesel.
 - Provide overview of the off-road programs
 - Analyze historical funding and expenditures from the respective accounts
 - Outline and provide process documentation on how the funds are distributed to the accounts
 - Document future identified off-road, snowmobile and marine funding needs
- Report must be presented to House and Senate Transportation committees by Dec 31, 2010.

Budget: Within existing funds

Schedule: Approve workplan in April; final report due December 31, 2010

JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein

House and Senate Staff: Jerry Long, HTC; Amanda Cecil, STC

7. DOL vehicle and vessel licensing statutory rewrite, SB 6379

- Work with Department of Licensing, Code Reviser's Office, House and Senate Transportation staff, and stakeholders to evaluate the implementation of SB 6379 – a technical rewrite of Washington's vehicle and vessel title and registration statutes -- to identify any unintended impacts on policy and revenue collection; and if there are any, to develop corrective draft legislation. The bill passed the legislature, and takes effect July 1, 2011.

Budget: Within existing funds

Schedule: Approve workplan in April; evaluation completed 12/1/10, with any corrective draft legislation

JTC Staff: Paul Neal

House and Senate Staff: Jerry Long, HTC; Kelly Simpson, STC

8. Transportation Resource Manual update

- Update the Transportation Resource Manual for changes enacted in 2009 and 2010.

Budget: Within existing funds

Schedule: Approve workplan in May; update completed in January, 2011

JTC Staff: Paul Neal

House and Senate Staff: All

REPORTS TO OR CONSULTATIONS WITH JTC in the Transportation budget, SB 6381		
1	If Transportation Commission considers a ferry fuel surcharge, they must first submit an analysis and business plan to OFM and either JTC or the House and Senate Transportation Committees	Sec 205(6)
2	WSDOT toll operations for SR 520 -- \$8m of \$28m appropriated to remain in unallotted status, and released by OFM only after consultation with JTC	Sec 211(3)
3	WSDOT to report by Sept 30, 2010 re: comprehensive toll feasibility studies for SR 167 and SR 509	Sec 303(29,30)
4	WSDOT comprehensive tolling feasibility study for I-5 express lanes. Report to JTC June 20, 2011	Sec 303(42)
5	WSDOT to use redistributed federal funds on existing projects as prescribed in the bill, and if they cannot do so, they must consult with JTC prior to obligating these funds (Prgm I)	Sec 303(43)
6	WSDOT to use redistributed federal funds on existing projects as prescribed in the bill, and if they cannot do so, they must consult with JTC prior to obligating these funds (Prgm P)	Sec 304(15)
7	WSF to conduct cost-benefit study on alternative furnishings and fittings for 144-car class vessels, and report to JTC by 8/1/10 on any proposed alternatives to reduce maintenance and out-of-service vessel costs.	Sec 306(3b)
8	WSDOT to use redistributed federal funds on existing projects as prescribed in the bill, and if they cannot do so, they must consult with JTC prior to obligating these funds	Sec 602
REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES (LTCs)		
9	FMSIB to provide quarterly project status reports to OFM and LTCs	Sec 206
10	WSP to report expected locally provided DUI cost reimbursements to LTCs by 9/30 annually	Sec 207(2)
11	WSP and OFM to submit report on risk management claims to LTCs by 12/31 of each year	Sec 209(1)
12	DOL to report to LTCs and OFM on use of \$938,000 federal highway safety funds that may be received in 2009-11	Sec 210(12)
13	WSDOT to report to LTCs by 12/1/10 on entities eligible to receive surplus property	Sec 215(1)
14	WSDOT to report to LTCs by 1/31/11 on status of surplus property	Sec 215(5)
15	WSDOT to report on use of unanticipated federal maintenance funds to OFM and LTCs	Sec 217(4)
16	WSDOT to track cost of new active traffic management system on I-5, I-90, SR 520 and report to LTCs on cost and benefits thereof (Hwy Maintenance, Prgm M, Q)	Sec 217(10) & 218(5)
17	WSDOT to report on use of electronic traffic flagging devices to LTCs by 6/30/10	Sec 218 (3)
18	WSDOT to report to LTCs by 6/30/11 on whether private transportation providers' use of HOT lanes under the pilot program authorized in the budget reduces the speed of the HOT lanes	Sec 218(7)
19	WSDOT to report annually re: regional mobility grant projects	Sec 221(6)
20	WSF to report by 11/1/10 statistics re: on-time arrival and departures, on a route-by-route basis.	Sec 222 (15b)
21	WSDOT to report to LTC's by 12/1/10 on collision analysis on SR 167 from MP 0-5	Sec 303(53)
22	WSDOT to report on analysis of state highway pavement replacement needs for next 10 years, submitted to LTCs by 9/1/10	Sec 304(8c)
23	WSF to develop proposed ferry vessel maintenance, preservation and improvement program and submit to LTCs by 7/1/10	Sec 306(12)
24	WSDOT to report prioritized list of rail projects, 11/1/10	Sec 307(2a)
25	Several reports required of WSDOT to the transportation committees of the legislature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seattle-convened workgroup recommendations on transit connections by 10/1/10 OR if Seattle doesn't convene the workgroup, WSDOT shall and report by 11/30/10 • WSDOT-convened workgroup to fund HCT on SR 520, recs due 1/1/11 • WSDOT Arboretum mitigation report due 12/31/10 • WSDOT-convened workgroup on Westside design submitted to legislature 12/31/10 	SB 6392 -- 520 bill