



# JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## Agenda

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

In conjunction with the Washington State Association of Counties Annual Conference

Wenatchee Convention Center

Orchard Exhibit South Room

121 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801

1. **Introductions** (15 min) ..... 9:00

2. **County Performance Management Project** (30 min) ..... 9:15

In the FY 2011-13 budget (ESHB 1175), the Legislature appropriated \$840,000 from the local study allocation of motor vehicle funds to OFM to contract with the Washington State Association Counties (WSAC) to develop a performance measurement system for county transportation systems. This presentation will describe the work-to-date, highlight evolving policy questions, and address WSAC’s request for the 2013-15 biennium.

*Scott Merriman, Deputy Director, WSAC; and Kjris Lund, Lund Consulting*

3. **County transportation needs and resources** (45 min)..... 9:45

*Todd Mielke, Chair, Spokane County Board of Commissioners; Dave Gossett, Snohomish County Council; and Paulette Norman, King County Road Engineer*

4. **The next revenue package, and a role for counties** (15 min)..... 10:30

*Eric Johnson, Executive Director of the Washington State Association of Counties; and Gary Rowe, Managing Director, Washington State Association of County Engineers*

5. **Update on Aviation Search and Rescue Study** (30 min) ..... 10:45

JTC staff will provide an update on the Aviation Search and Rescue (SAR) Study, which evaluated WSDOT’s SAR program and the potential to house it in another agency.

*Gene Baxstrom, JTC Senior Policy Analyst, and Hayley Gamble, Senate Transportation Committee Fiscal Analyst*

6. **Eastside Corridor Independent Traffic and Revenue Study** (45 min) ..... 11:15

EHB 1382 directed the Transportation Commission to conduct a traffic and revenue analysis of proposed Express Toll Lanes on I-405 and SR 167, the Eastside Corridor. This study was completed in September, 2012, and will be discussed by the Commission, the consultant who conducted the study, and WSDOT, who will present preliminary financial analysis resulting from the study

*Dick Ford, Washington State Transportation Commission; Jeff Buxbaum, Cambridge Systematics; Craig Stone, WSDOT Toll Division Director, and Kim Henry, WSDOT I-405/SR 167 Project Director*

**7. Lunch with WSAC (90 min) .....12:00**

**8. Freight and passenger rail update (30 min) .....1:30**

WSDOT will discuss recent developments in the High Speed Passenger Rail Program, including Amtrak Cascades Service Performance, Corridor Plan and financial outlook; and provide an update on investments in PCC/short lines and grain trains, and various freight rail financing programs.

*John Sibold, WSDOT Rail Director, and Barb Ivanov, WSDOT Freight Systems Director*

**9. Update on Federal Funds Study (15 min) ..... 2:00**

The Legislature directed the JTC to convene a study group to evaluate the effectiveness, transparency and priorities by which WSDOT spends federal transportation funds. The study group has completed its work, and staff will present the draft report today.

*Beth Redfield, JTC Senior Policy Analyst*

**10. Update on Public Transit Fiscal Health Study (45 min) ..... 2:15**

The Legislature directed the JTC to evaluate the fiscal health of public transportation Washington, and to make a comparison to the fiscal health of state transportation programs. Staff will provide a study update.

*Gene Baxstrom, JTC Senior Policy Analyst; Mark Matteson, House Transportation Committee Coordinator*

**11. Adjourn ..... 3:00**

**Upcoming JTC meetings:**

- December 5, Olympia
- January 9, 2013, Olympia

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