



2017 Interim Workplan

Meeting Dates

June 21, 2017 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Vancouver

Hilton Vancouver Washington Convention Center, 301 W. 6th Street

In conjunction with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) annual conference

July 20, 2017 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Olympia

JTC Offices, 606 Columbia St NW, #105, 98501

September 14, 2017 (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

October 10-11, 2017 (7AM – 6PM)

Two-day tour by motor coach in Ellensburg, Benton City, Tri Cities, Yakima, Snoqualmie Pass

November 14, 2017 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

SeaTac

DoubleTree by Hilton, Seattle Airport, 18740 International Boulevard

In conjunction with the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) annual conference

December 14, 2017 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

2017 Studies, Projects and Tour

1. Air cargo study (2017-2018)

ESSB 5096, Sec 204(3) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study of air cargo movement at Washington airports, to evaluate current and projected capacity of the system and various airports throughout the state, to identify market forces contributing to cargo service movement throughout the state, and to evaluate what is needed to more effectively use existing capacity throughout the state. The study will develop recommendations on options to reduce air cargo congestion, to address the state's interest in reducing air cargo congestion, and strategies to accomplish the recommendations. The final report is due by December 14, 2018.

Budget: \$500,000
JTC Staff: Beth Redfield and Mary Fleckenstein
HTC & STC Staff: David Munnecke; Hayley Gamble
Report due date: December 14, 2018

2. Marine pilotage study (2017)

ESSB 5096, Sec 204(1) appropriates \$200,000 for a study of marine pilotage in Washington State, with a goal of recommending best practices for tariff and fee setting, determining pilot workload, pilot recruitment training and selection, with a focus on increasing pilot diversity; and governance structures for oversight and management of pilotage activities. The final report is due January 8, 2018.

Budget: \$200,000
JTC staff: Alyson Cummings and Beth Redfield
HTC and STC staff: Jennifer Harris; Hayley Gamble
Report due date: January 8, 2018

3. I-405 express lane, general purpose lane traffic data and performance measures (2017)

ESSB 5096, Sec 204(2) provides \$160,000 for Joint Transportation Committee to contract with the University of Minnesota to independently analyze and assess traffic data for the I-405 tolled corridor, including the performance measures described in statute, and to recommend strategies for near-term and long-term improvement of traffic performance in the corridor. A report is due January 8, 2018.

Budget: \$160,000
JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein and Beth Redfield
HTC and STC Staff: Alyssa Ball and Jennifer Harris; Erica Bramlet
Report due date: January 8, 2018

4. Washington State Transportation Commission assessment (2017)

ESSB 5096, Sec 204(4) provides \$100,000 for the Joint Transportation Committee to assess the membership, functions, operations and budget of the Washington State Transportation Commission beyond those related to toll- and ferry fare setting and the road usage charge pilot project. A report is due December 31, 2017.

Budget: \$100,000
JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein and Alyson Cummings
HTC & STC Staff: Tricia Hasan and Amy Skej; Kelly Simpson
Report due date: December 31, 2017

5. Two day tour by charter bus

The JTC will organize and host a two-day tour on board a charter bus on October 10 and 11. The tour will focus on the implementation of recent JTC policy studies, including weigh stations (2015); WSDOT's implementation of design-build (2015-16); road-rail conflicts (2016); electric vehicle charging networks (2014); online drivers' education (2014); and State Patrol recruitment and retention (2015). There will also be stops at Connecting Washington projects, Snoqualmie Pass to see the snow shed and wild animal bypass project, and discussion of other relevant transportation issues.

Budget: Existing funds
JTC staff: Alyson Cummings, with all JTC staff as back-up
Tour dates: October 10 and 11