

Joint Transportation Committee's 2017 Interim Workplan

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Overview, 2017 Interim

- ▶ Four studies, with consultants
 - ▶ I-405 Express Toll Lanes
 - ▶ Assessment of the Transportation Commission
 - ▶ Board of Pilotage Commissioners Best Practice Review
 - ▶ Air Cargo Movement in Washington
- ▶ One policy tour in October
- ▶ Five JTC meetings

I-405 Express Toll Lanes Traffic Data and Performance Measures

- ▶ ESSB 5096, Section 204(2) -- \$160,000 to contract with the University of Minnesota to independently analyze traffic data for the I-405 tolled corridor, including performance measures, and recommend strategies for near-term and long-term improvement in traffic performance
- ▶ TEAM:
 - ▶ University of Minnesota Department of Civil, Environmental and Geo-Engineering
 - ▶ Humphrey School of Public Affairs

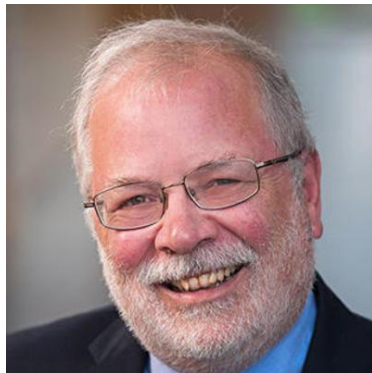
I-405 Consultant Team



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Three Main Tasks in the Study

- Conduct independent analysis of traffic data for the express toll lanes and general purpose lanes of the I-405 tolled corridor
- Analyze performance in the corridor
- Develop recommendations to improve traffic performance in the corridor

Schedule

- ▶ June 12, 2017 - contract began
- ▶ June 28, 2017
 - ▶ Kick-off meeting with Staff Workgroup
 - ▶ Interviews with key legislators (on-going)
 - ▶ Driving tour of I-405 ETLs
- ▶ September
 - ▶ Draft white paper on traffic data analysis
- ▶ October
 - ▶ Draft white paper analyzing performance
- ▶ November
 - ▶ Draft white paper on recommendations
- ▶ December 14, 2017
 - ▶ Draft report presented to JTC

Assessment of Transportation Commission

- ▶ ESSB 5096, Sec 204(4) -- \$100,000 to assess membership, functions, operations and budget of the Transportation Commission, beyond those related to toll- and ferry fare setting and the RUC pilot project.

Commission Consultant Team

- ▶ Shari Holland, Project Manager. President, Morningside Research and Consulting, Austin, Texas
- ▶ Joey Longley, Gateway Partners Government Affairs, 30 years at Texas Sunset Advisory Commission including 14 years as Director
- ▶ Karl Spock, Spock Consulting, 40 years evaluating operations of state and local government agencies, including 20 years on Texas Sunset Advisory Commission



Shari Holland



Joey Longley



Karl Spock

Main Tasks in Study

- ▶ Review current membership, functions, powers, and budget of the Transportation Commission
- ▶ Identify overlap and duplication, and whether changes should be enacted
- ▶ Consider alternative roles for the Commission
- ▶ Recommend changes to improve its function

Schedule

- ▶ July 5, 2017 - contract began
- ▶ Week of July 24
 - ▶ Observe and interview Commission at their meeting in Kent
 - ▶ Kick-off with staff workgroup
 - ▶ In-person interviews with lengthy list of people
- ▶ End of August, 2017
 - ▶ White paper on current state of Commission
- ▶ End of September, 2017
 - ▶ White paper on overlap, duplication and alternative roles
- ▶ End of October, 2017
 - ▶ White paper on recommendations
- ▶ November 14, 2017
 - ▶ Draft report presented to JTC in SeaTac

Board of Pilotage Commissioners Best Practices

- ▶ ESSB 5096, Sec 204(1) -- \$200,000 to study marine pilotage, to recommend best practices for tariff and fee setting; determining pilot workload, recruitment and training with focus on diversity; and governance structures for oversight and management of pilotage activities

Pilotage Consultant Team

- ▶ CAI - Community Attributes, Inc, Seattle
- ▶ with Gleason and Associates, Seattle



Dr. Spencer Cohen,
CAI Project Manager



Mark Gleason
Maritime subject matter
expert



Michaela Jellicoe
CAI economics and
fee analyst

Main Tasks in Study

- ▶ Examine Washington Board of Pilotage Commissioners current practices and oversight role: analytically-driven tariff and fee-setting, increased pilot diversity, board make-up.
- ▶ Identify best practices in the areas of study, looking at comparable pilotage districts as well as models outside of marine pilotage
- ▶ Identify where Washington Board activities currently meet best practices and where work is needed
- ▶ Make recommendations for implementing best practices

Schedule

- ▶ July 14, 2017 - contract began
- ▶ Week of July 17
 - ▶ Kick-off with staff workgroup
 - ▶ Begin detailed review of current practices: interviews and documents
- ▶ August, 2017
 - ▶ White paper on current state of Board of Pilotage Commission
- ▶ September and October, 2017
 - ▶ White papers on best practices and comparison of Washington to best practices
- ▶ Early November, 2017
 - ▶ Draft recommendations for implementing best practices
- ▶ December 14, 2017
 - ▶ Draft report presented to JTC in Olympia

Air Cargo Movement

2017 Transportation budget provided \$500,000 for a two-year study:

- ▶ Describe the state's air cargo system, and identify the facilities that comprise the system;
- ▶ Evaluate the current and projected future capacity of the air cargo system;
- ▶ Identify underutilized capacity;
- ▶ Identify and describe what market forces may determine demand for cargo service at different facilities and what role the shippers and cargo service providers play in determining how cargo is moved in the state;
- ▶ Develop a definition of congestion in the state's air cargo system, including metrics by which to measure congestion and the cost of congestion to shippers; and
- ▶ Evaluate what would be needed to more effectively use existing capacity at airports across the state.

Currently in procurement process for consultant team.

Main Tasks in Study

- ▶ Describe the air cargo system in Washington State, both current and future capacity
- ▶ Develop a definition of air cargo congestion and identify the state's interest in reducing air cargo congestion.
- ▶ Evaluate how to use existing capacity at airports around the state
- ▶ Recommendations and implementation strategies
- ▶ Work with a Stakeholder Panel and Staff Work Group

Schedule

- ▶ Target contract start date: August 1, 2017
- ▶ Four Stakeholder Panel meetings over the next 14 months
- ▶ Draft Final Report in Fall 2018
- ▶ Final Report due date: December 14, 2018

Two-day Tour, October 10-11

Two-day transportation policy tour on a chartered bus with stops in Pierce, King, Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, and Franklin counties, discussing JTC studies and exploring new Connecting Washington projects.

- ▶ **Weigh stations.** The impacts of WSDOT projects on weigh station sites and visits to two Port-of-Entry stations
- ▶ **Electric vehicles.** A stop at Hamilton Cellars (Benton City) to learn more about electric vehicle (EV) tourism and the region's EV infrastructure alliance (EVITA)
- ▶ **Tri Cities overnight.** Meeting local leaders at an evening reception hosted by the Tri-Cities Development Council
- ▶ **Trooper recruitment and retention.** A discussion at the Washington State Patrol District 3 (Yakima) Office
- ▶ **REAL ID implementation.** Briefings at the Yakima Auditor's Office on technology modernization and REAL ID implementation
- ▶ **Wild animal bypass.** View the snow shed and walk the wild animal bypass at Snoqualmie Pass
- ▶ **Connecting Washington projects.** Tour project sites along the Puget Sound Gateway, SR 18 Corridor, and in the South Central Region

JTC 2017 Meeting Schedule

- ▶ June 21, 2017, in Vancouver, with Association of Washington Cities
 - ▶ July 20, 2017, in Olympia, at JTC's offices **(Cancelled)**
 - ▶ September 14, 2017, in Olympia, JAC Room 1
 - ▶ November 14, 2017, in SeaTac, with Washington State Association of Counties
 - ▶ December 14, 2017, in Olympia, JAC Room 1
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- ▶ Meetings typically run 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, with a break for lunch
 - ▶ JTC Members include all Members of the House and Senate Transportation Committees

Thank You!

Questions?