

Joint Transportation Committee's 2018 Interim Workplan

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Overview, 2018 Interim

- ▶ Six studies
 - ▶ Air Cargo Movement in Washington (continuing from 2017)
 - ▶ Regulation of Taxi and For-Hire Services
 - ▶ Regulation of Transportation Network Companies
 - ▶ Commercial Drivers' Licenses and Medical Certifications
 - ▶ Capital Needs of Public Transit Systems
 - ▶ City Transportation Funding
- ▶ Transportation Resource Manual Update
- ▶ Two-day tour in October
- ▶ Six JTC meetings

Air Cargo Movement in Washington

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.

Select findings to date

- ▶ Sea-Tac's cargo volumes are forecasted to grow at an average annual rate of 3.5% for the next 10 years
 - ▶ Seattle 2014 Master Plan forecasted 1.7%
 - ▶ From 2015-16, cargo volumes at Sea-Tac grew by 10.2%.
 - ▶ Forecasted growth for all WA airports: 3.5%
- ▶ Commodity analysis
 - ▶ WA airports handle 19K tons of the total 22K tons of WA cherries exported to Asia (Other states and Vancouver BC)
 - ▶ Similarly, WA airports do not handle all the aircraft parts, instruments, metal products exported from WA to Europe (LA, Chicago)

Select findings to date

- ▶ Congestion at Sea-Tac?
 - ▶ Airside: Sea-Tac's airside delays and reliability measures are adequate when compared to west coast competitors (LA, San Francisco).
 - ▶ Landside: Sea-Tac's cargo handling facilities are inadequate and may be worsened by passenger growth demands. Expanding cargo capacity off-site will likely be required.
 - ▶ Access: Roadway access is congested due to reliance on I-5, but may not present a competitive disadvantage compared to rival airports LA and San Francisco.

Schedule

- ▶ Four Stakeholder Panel meetings
 - ▶ December 2017 at Boeing Field: Background Review
 - ▶ April 2018 in Olympia: Cargo Forecast, Commodity Analysis, Facilities Evaluation, Congestion Review
 - ▶ June 2018 at Grant County International Airport: Opportunities for more airports around the state to capture more air cargo business
 - ▶ October 2018 at Boeing Field: Final meeting to review implementation strategies
- ▶ Draft Final Report presentation to JTC at November 13 meeting
- ▶ Final Report due date: December 14, 2018

Regulation of Taxi and For-Hire Services

- ▶ ESSB 6106, Sec 204(8), \$300,000 -- Examine the regulation of taxi and for-hire services by the state, local governments and port districts. The study must compare state and local regulations and make recommendations to improve the consistency or overall effectiveness and competitive fairness of the current regulatory frameworks.
- ▶ Consultant procurement process underway. Aiming to have contract signed by June 7, 2018.
- ▶ Report due date January 14, 2019

Main Tasks in the Study

- Describe and compare state and local regulations that govern taxi and for-hire services
- Evaluate overall effectiveness of current regulatory frameworks
- Work with Staff Workgroup and consult with stakeholders
- Develop findings and recommendations to improve the consistency, overall effectiveness, and competitive fairness of taxi and for-hire regulation.

Regulation of Transportation Network Companies

- ▶ ESSB 6106, Sec 204(7), \$255,000 -- Review of the regulatory framework used by local jurisdictions in Washington and in other states, an evaluation of the most effective public safety aspects of a regulatory framework, including the type of required background checks, and an assessment of the most effective and efficient state and local regulatory structure.
- ▶ Study will include a stakeholder engagement process to try to move towards consensus on regulatory approach
- ▶ Consultant procurement process underway. Aiming to have contract signed by June 7, 2018.
- ▶ Report due date January 14, 2019

Main Tasks in the Study

- Describe and compare state and local regulations that govern transportation network company services
- Evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of regulatory frameworks
- Conduct stakeholder consultations and negotiations.
- Develop findings and recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of transportation network company regulation, including results of stakeholder negotiations.

City Transportation Funding

- ▶ ESSB 6106, Sec 204(5), \$360,000 -- Conduct a study to assess the current state of city transportation funding, identify emerging issues, and recommend funding sources to meet current and future needs.
- ▶ Request for Proposals (RFP) in development, will be posted in early June. Aiming to have contract signed by late July
- ▶ Report due date June 30, 2019

Main Tasks in the Study

- Describe current city transportation responsibilities, funding sources and expenditures
- Assess and describe current funding gaps and future funding needs
- Evaluate and recommend alternative sources of funding
- Prepare case studies of individual cities that illustrate transportation funding challenges

Commercial Drivers' License Medical Certifications

- ▶ ESSB 6106, Sec 204(9), \$150,000 -- Conduct a study designed to help increase the number of CDL holders in the state of Washington, by addressing issues surrounding medical certifications.
- ▶ Study is currently being conducted by JTC staff. If determination is made that additional consultant work is needed we will contract with a consultant in early fall.
- ▶ Report due date January 14, 2019

Main Tasks in the Study

- ▶ Assess and recommend methods for setting:
 - (1) state medical standards for excepted interstate commercial Drivers' license holders and applicants, who are not required to obtain medical certification under federal law; and
 - (2) medical waiver requirements for intrastate non-excepted commercial Drivers' license holders and applicants, which must be set in a manner consistent with the requirements of federal law.
- ▶ Look at what other states are doing

Capital Needs of Public Transit Systems

- ▶ ESSB 6106, Sec 204(6) - Conduct a study of the capital needs of the public transit systems. The study will examine vehicle fleets as well as facilities such as park-and-rides, maintenance facilities and transit centers and will include an assessment of potential revenue sources to address future capital needs.
- ▶ Will not include Sound Transit or locally provided ferry service.
- ▶ Request for Proposals (RFP) in development, will be posted later this month. Aiming to have contract signed by mid-July
- ▶ Report due date March 1, 2019

Main Tasks in the Study

- Inventory of transit agency fleets and facilities including state of repair
- Assess replacement and expansion needs by agency
- Identify and analyze potential revenue sources to meet capital needs
- Prepare case studies to highlight the range of challenges and successes experienced by the different-sized transit agencies

Two-day Tour, October 10-11

Two-day transportation tour on a chartered bus with stops in Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties discussing JTC studies and exploring state and local transportation projects. We will stay overnight in Bellingham.

- ▶ Participants will include WSDOT, Counties, Cities, Transits, Transportation Planning Organizations
- ▶ Connecting Washington projects
- ▶ Local Priorities: Multimodal strategies, fish barriers, downtown/waterfront renewal, RR crossings
- ▶ Transit coordination

Transportation Resource Manual Update

JTC staff will coordinate the update and publication of the 17th edition of the Transportation Resource Manual (TRM) - a comprehensive primer of Washington's transportation system, its governance and its funding.

- ▶ Update will be completed by January 14, 2019

JTC 2018 Meeting Schedule

- ▶ June 26, 2018, in Yakima, with Association of Washington Cities
 - ▶ July 19, 2018, in Olympia, JAC Room 1
 - ▶ September 20, 2018, in Olympia, JAC Room 1
 - ▶ November 13, 2018, in Tacoma, with Washington State Association of Counties
 - ▶ December 13, 2018, 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?