



2016 Interim Workplan

Meeting Dates

June 21, 2016 (9:30 am – 2:00 pm)

Everett

Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, Ballroom 1

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

July 21, 2016 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

September 22 – 23, 2016 (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Two-day rail tour

October

No meeting

November 15, 2016 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Spokane

The Davenport Grand

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

December 15, 2016 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

January 4, 2017 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Tentative – meeting will be held if needed

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

2016 Studies, Projects and Tour

1. Design-build review panel (2015-2016)

2ESSB 5997, Sec 3 directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a design-build contracting review study to examine WSDOT's implementation and use of design-build, to maximize cost and schedule efficiencies and ensure that risk is borne by the appropriate party. \$450,000 for the study is appropriated in the transportation budget, 2ESHB 2524, Sec. 204(6). The study began in September, 2015. The study is being conducted with a panel of experts including a consultant team with two nationally recognized design-build experts, and representatives from the Association of General Contractors, the American Council of Engineering Contractors, the Professional and Technical Employees Local 17, and WSDOT. The report is due by December 1, 2016.

Budget: \$450,000
JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein and Beth Redfield
HTC & STC Staff: Alyssa Ball and Dave Munnecke, Kim Johnson
Report due date: December 1, 2016

2. Study of road-rail conflicts

2ESHB 2524, Sec 204(3) appropriates \$250,000 for a 2016 study of road-rail conflicts across the state, with a goal of recommending a corridor-based process to prioritize projects addressing the impacts of increased rail traffic. The study is expected to begin on March 30th, 2016. An Advisory Panel will guide the study, including stakeholders representing cities, counties, transportation planning organizations, ports, railroads, FMSIB, WSDOT, and the WUTC. A final report is due on January 9, 2017.

Budget: \$250,000 from the cities' statewide fuel tax distribution
JTC staff: Beth Redfield and Mary Fleckenstein
HTC and STC staff: Paul Ingiosi, Hayley Gamble
Report due date: January 9, 2017

3. Work sessions on the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project

2ESHB 2524, Sec 204(5) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to hold work sessions on the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project. The work sessions will likely be held in July and December, with representatives from WSDOT, the Seattle Tunnel Partners, and other stakeholders.

JTC Staff: Mary Fleckenstein
HTC and STC Staff: Alyssa Ball, Brian Connell

4. Minority and women-owned businesses

2ESHB 2524, Sec 204(7) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to study issues surrounding minority and women-owned business contracting related to the transportation sector, identifying best practices adopted in other states that encourage participation by minority and women-owned businesses.

In December, 2015, JTC held a work session on minority and women-owned business enterprise contracting, describing state and federal requirements and the Governor’s Business Diversity Initiative, and hearing from members of minority communities about their experience with the process.

In 2016, staff will research and prepare a report on best practices used by other states to meet federal requirements in minority and women-owned business contracting.

Budget: Within existing funds
JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings
HTC & STC Staff: Alyssa Ball, Brian Connell
Report due date: Not specified

5. Rail safety consolidation at UTC (2017-2019)

2ESHB 2524, Sec 204(4) provides intent language for the JTC to undertake a study in the 2017-2019 biennium of consolidating rail employee safety and regulatory functions in the UTC. The study would review information that the UTC will provide in 2016, based on work by a state agency workgroup to identify the issues, laws and regulations relevant to such consolidation (2ESHB 1299, Sec 102).

In 2016, staff will monitor the work of the UTC-state agency workgroup, which is expected to begin meeting in the Spring.

Budget: Within existing funds
JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings
HTC & STC Staff: Jennifer Harris, Kelly Simpson

6. Rail tour

The JTC will organize and host a rail-focused tour on board a motor coach on September 22 and 23.

Budget: Existing funds
JTC staff: Alyson Cummings, with all JTC staff as back-up
Tour dates: Sept 22 and 23

7. Transportation Resource Manual update

JTC staff will coordinate the update and publication of the 16th edition of the Transportation Resource Manual (TRM) – a comprehensive primer of Washington’s transportation system, its governance and its funding.

Budget: Within existing funds
Report due date: January 9, 2017
JTC staff: Beth Redfield, with all JTC staff as back-up

Reports to or consultations with JTC

1.	<u>Consolidating rail employee safety at the UTC.</u> The Utilities and Transportation Commission will report to the JTC by December 31, 2016 , on the work by a state agency workgroup to identify issues, laws and regulations relevant to consolidating rail employee safety and regulatory functions in the UTC. This information will be used by the JTC for a study the Legislature intends for the JTC to undertake in the 2017-2019 biennium.	2ESHB 1299, Sec 102 and 2ESHB 2524, Sec 204(4)
2.	<u>Transportation Commission surveys.</u> The Transportation Commission will consult with the JTC when deciding survey topics and design of three transportation surveys, to ensure the results deliver the data, information and analysis the legislature needs to make future policy and planning decisions.	2ESHB 2524, Sec 205(2)
3.	<u>Study of freight infrastructure needs.</u> The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board was directed to report to the JTC by December 1, 2015 , on their \$250,000 study of freight infrastructure needs and the update of the marine cargo forecast. The study has not yet begun. If the update of the marine cargo forecast becomes available in 2016, it will be incorporated into the JTC's road-rail conflicts study to the extent possible.	2ESHB 2524, Sec 206
4.	<u>I-405 express toll lanes.</u> OFM is directed to place \$5.4 million for the I-405 express toll lanes in unallotted status. The funds may be released monthly, but only after notifying the JTC of the amount to be released and providing documentation used in determining that amount.	2ESHB 2524, Sec 209(5)
5.	<u>SR 520 allotments.</u> The director of the Office of Financial Management must consult with the JTC prior to making a decision to allot \$233 million of the SR 520 capital appropriation, which has been placed in unallotted status.	2ESHB 2524, Sec 306(12)(d)
6.	<u>Special license plates.</u> Dept. of Licensing is to report annually to the JTC and its Executive Committee concerning special license plates. Reports include annual financial reports and applications considered by DOL. In addition, the Executive Committee will receive copies of approval and rejection notification letters sent to sponsoring organizations, and any recommendations by DOL to discontinue a license plate series.	RCW 46.18.060
7.	<u>Surplus property.</u> WSDOT is prohibited from entering into equal value exchanges or property acquisitions for building improvements without first consulting with the Office of Financial Management and the Joint Transportation Committee	RCW 47.12.063(8)
8.	<u>Practical design.</u> During the interim and before letting a contract for a project, WSDOT is required to provide a detailed description to the JTC of any changes to a project title or scope resulting from the application of practical design.	RCW 47.01.480
9.	<u>Permit streamlining.</u> WSDOT must submit an electronic report to the JTC by December 31, 2016 , on the findings of a 2016 state agency workgroup that will identify issues, laws and regulations relevant to consolidating and coordinating the SEPA and NEPA review processes, in order to avoid delays to projects on state highways.	RCW 47.01.315