
State Agencies

Overview and Table of Contents

This section includes background, program, and funding information about state agencies whose missions relate to the oversight, maintenance, or improvement of the state's transportation system. The agencies described in this section receive appropriations from the transportation budget bill. The Department of Licensing, the State Patrol, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission receive funding from both the transportation budget bill for transportation-related programs and the omnibus budget bill for all other programs.

Some general government agencies, not described in this section, receive appropriations in the transportation budget to fund transportation-related activities. In the 2007-09 biennium, these agencies included the State Treasurer, State Parks and Recreation, Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Utilities and Transportation Commission, Office of Financial Management, Special Appropriations to the Governor, and the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee, and the Department of Agriculture.

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AGENCY: **Board of Pilotage Commissioners**

AGENCY NUMBER: 205

RCW: 88.16

BACKGROUND

- Created by the 1935 Legislature to regulate state-licensed marine pilots
- This regulatory Board includes members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and serve staggered four-year terms: Shipping industry (2), pilots (2), public (2), environmental (1), Department of Ecology or designee (1) and the Executive Director of the Washington State Ferries or designee (1)
- The Board ensures against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and protects the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent pilotage service on our state's inland waters
- It is intended that the Board develop and encourage waterborne commerce from other ports and nations of the world and not jeopardize Washington's position as an able competitor for such commerce

PROGRAM

- Develops and proposes statutory language for legislative adoption to ensure safe compulsory pilotage
- Adopts rules to administer state pilotage laws
- Enforces pilot and public adherence to the Pilotage Act, which may include the discipline and/or prosecution of violators
- Sets annual pilotage service rates for the Puget Sound and Grays Harbor Districts
- Administers pilot qualification and performance standards, as well as training and educational requirements through the testing, training and licensing of marine pilots
- Establishes standards and procedures for reporting and investigating incidents involving state-piloted vessels

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$1,152,000
- Revenue appropriated from Pilotage Account of the General Fund (a dedicated account having revenue derived exclusively from pilot license fees). Beginning in the 2009-11 biennium, the Pilotage Account will be unappropriated.

AGENCY: **County Road Administration Board**

AGENCY NUMBER: 406

RCW: 36.78, 36.79, 46.68, 46.68.120-124, 47.56.725(4)

BACKGROUND

- The County Road Administration Board (CRAB) was created in 1965 to regulate the road departments in the 39 counties of Washington State by establishing and administering Standards of Good Practice. In 1983, the role of CRAB was expanded to include maintenance of the statewide county roadlog and allocation of county motor vehicle fuel tax, as well as administration of the Rural Arterial Program. In 1990, administration of the County Arterial Preservation Program was assigned to CRAB and, in 1991, CRAB was granted authority to assist ferry-operating counties with ferry capital improvements as approved by the Legislature.
- The agency is governed by a nine-member board which meets quarterly and is comprised of six county commissioners or council members and three county engineers. Board members are selected by the Washington State Association of Counties as follows: Three from counties with a population of 125,000 or more, four from counties with a population from 20,000 to 125,000, and two from counties with a population of less than 20,000. Not more than one member may be from any one county.
- The mission of the County Road Administration Board is to preserve and enhance the transportation infrastructure of Washington Counties by providing standards of good practice, fair administration of funding programs, visionary leadership, and integrated, progressive, and professional technical services.

PROGRAMS

Statutory Oversight:

- Establishes, by rule, standards of good practice and reporting mechanisms for the administration of county roads.
- Annually updates and certifies the statewide county roadlog (inventory of all county road systems) and biennially calculates county fuel tax allocation factors.
- Establishes and maintains a uniform system of bridge and roadway maintenance categories, reconstruction categories, and associated costs.
- Annually reviews each county's compliance with statutes and rules, and issues Certificates of Good Practice to those counties in substantial compliance. (Issuance of a Certificate of Good Practice is a prerequisite for a county to receive its share of the motor vehicle fuel tax.)

Grant Management:

Administers assigned state grant programs to assist counties in the improvement and preservation of their arterial road systems.

Rural Arterial Program (RAP):

- Adopts rules to administer the program. Available funds (approximately \$50 million per biennium) are apportioned by statutory formula to five regions; within each region, funds are distributed on a competitive basis based on priority.
- Program funds are used to construct and improve county arterials and collectors in rural areas, and to match federal bridge replacement funds on all rural county bridges.

- Program funds may be used for projects that are the direct result of natural or manmade disasters.

County Arterial Preservation Program (CAPP):

- Adopts rules to administer the program.
- Available funds (approximately \$30 million per biennium) are distributed to counties based on pro-rata shares of county paved arterial lane miles.
- Program funds are used for improvements to county paved arterials that will sustain structural, safety, and operational integrity and preserve the capital investment.
- Ensures that counties implement and use a Pavement Management System as a condition of receiving funds.

Ferry Capital Improvement Program:

- Funds can be appropriated to any of the four counties operating vehicle ferries (Whatcom, Skagit, Pierce and Wahkiakum counties).

Management and Professional Services:

- Provides assistance and support to the counties in the areas of professional engineering, program development, and road department management.
- Provides assistance and support to county road departments and their county legislative authorities on issues relating to county roads in order to enhance the safe and efficient movement of people and goods over those roads.
- Provides orientation and training to county engineers, public works directors, and other Public Works staff.
- Provides technical assistance to counties in transportation planning, traffic engineering, and priority programming.

Information Services:

- Develops and provides IT software and systems, training, support, and consulting services specific to the needs of Washington county road departments that enable informed decisions and effective management.
- Provides state-of-the-art engineering road design software, support, and training that enables counties to effectively collect, develop and manipulate the geometric data necessary for site design and construction planning which has contained costs and improved productivity.
- Develops, provides, and supports **Mobility**, a comprehensive road inventory and management software which enhances a county's ability to make quality decisions in management and operations, protect the public's investment in transportation infrastructure, comply with CRAB regulations, and be accountable to legislative authority.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING – 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$103 Million
- Revenue appropriated from the following Motor Vehicle Fund accounts:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State and Local)
 - Rural Arterial Trust Account
 - County Arterial Preservation Account

AGENCY: **Department of Licensing**

AGENCY NUMBER: 240

RCW: 46, 43.24, 88.02, 82, 18

BACKGROUND

- Created in 1921 as the Department of Licenses
- Changed to Department of Motor Vehicles in 1965 after it assumed vehicle licensing responsibilities from the State Patrol
- Name changed to Department of Licensing (DOL) in 1977 after it assumed business licensing responsibilities
- Administers laws relating to the licensing and regulation of fuel distributors, vehicles and vessels, vehicle operators, vehicle dealers and manufacturers, professions, businesses, and other activities
- Most of the department's functions are related to transportation
- Major Revenue Sources 2009-11

Fuel Taxes	2,698,641,900
Motor Vehicle Fees	959,599,300
General Fund	46,835,300
Driver Licensing	187,965,600
Dealer Licenses	2,977,900
Other Collections	10,442,500
<u>Business and Professional Licenses</u>	<u>43,052,600</u>
Total Agency Collections (excluding Use Tax & RTA)	3,949,515,100
- DOL administers: Vehicle and Driver statutes - RCW 46; watercraft excise tax - RCW 82.49; watercraft registration - RCW 82.02; relevant sections of use tax - RCW 82.12; motor vehicle fuel, aircraft fuel and special fuel tax collections - RCW 82; odometer tampering laws, mobile home regulations, permits and relocation fees, and unlicensed vehicle sales provisions; professional licensing – RCW 18; business licensing – RCW 9.41, 19, 62A, 81.72, and 81.72A.

AGENCY OVERVIEW/PROGRAMS

Driver Services Division:

By statute, the Department of Licensing is charged with the duty to administer and recommend improvement of the laws relating to driver examining and licensing, driver education and improvement, driver records and financial responsibility. In addition, the Driver Services division provides services to courts, law enforcement agencies, and state agencies, agencies of other states, the federal government, and private businesses. The Driver Services division consists of the following major program areas:

- **Driver Examining** operates and maintains more than 60 Licensing Services Offices providing services throughout the state. These services include:
 - Conducting written knowledge testing, practical drive tests;
 - Issuing and renewing Washington State driver licenses and identification cards;

- Administering the federally recognized Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card Program including issue and renew Enhanced driver licenses and identification cards for use in crossing the border by land or sea from the United States into Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean;
- Establishing and determining the identity and eligibility of all driver license and identification card applicants;
- Administering the Motor Voter and Organ Donor programs; and
- Conducting re-examinations and special skill driving tests.

➤ **Planning and Performance**

- Administering the Motorcycle Safety Education and Motorcycle Awareness programs — managing motorcycle training curriculum, contracting with third party trainers statewide, conducting administrative compliance audits and curriculum delivery quality assurance visits of schools and instructors;
- Administering the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program — conducting CDL skills tests, monitoring skills testers to ensure compliance with federal regulations, and setting minimum commercial driver training requirements;
- Licensing and establishing curriculum for driver education training schools, testing and licensing of instructors, and conducting compliance audits of schools and instructors;
- Administering data sharing contracts;
- Administering data management program, developing and maintaining strategic business planning, establishing key performance indicators and workload measurements for relevant core business activities, setting performance and data standards for Driver Services;
- Developing and maintaining Driver Services strategic plan, performance measures and other measures to ensure quality assurance and control, and identifying and implementing necessary process improvements;
- Developing and maintaining policies, procedures, and staff training for licensing integrity and issuance programs;
- Managing state and federal grants and Driver Services projects.

- **Hearings** — administering state laws that provide drivers with the right to due process whenever the Department proposes to administratively suspend, revoke or restrict driving privileges. Hearing Examiners are responsible for presiding over formal administrative hearings subject to Superior Court review when a driver contests a proposed driver license suspension.

➤ **Driver Records**

- Administering state laws relating to DUI, fraud, implied consent, habitual traffic offenders, unpaid traffic violations, minor-in-possession, and financial responsibility. Staff assist in identifying potentially unsafe drivers by record screening and referral, as well as support law enforcement and the judicial system in the prosecution of criminal traffic cases.
- Administering record retention for all documents regarding driving privilege and maintaining electronic records for all licensed and non-licensed drivers and identification card holders. It administers all suspensions and revocations resulting from DUI arrests, convictions, refusing the breath test, non-payment of traffic fines or child support, uninsured accidents, and habitual traffic offenders;
- Providing support to the more than 60 Licensing Services Offices throughout the state;
- Processing driver requests for re-examinations and medical/background information.

- **Driver Special Investigations** — Staff in this unit assist law enforcement by providing photos from the DOL data base in criminal investigations, assist ID theft victims, assist field offices in verifying questionable documents, act as custodian of records for the courts, take administrative action against

fraudulent drivers, and investigate all EDL fraud allegations and partner with local and federal law enforcement to prosecute those individuals. The unit also conducts internal Driver Services investigations.

Vehicle Services Division:

Vehicle Services Program affects almost every adult citizen in the state through its titling and registration of vehicles and vessels and collection of the associated fees and taxes. This division also administers two international compacts concerning the collection and distribution of specific taxes for local, state, and foreign jurisdictions. The division is also tasked with regulating the state vehicle dealer industry from the manufacturer to the wrecking yard. The Vehicle Services division consists of the following major program areas:

➤ Title and Registration Services

Title and Registration Services serves the public by issuing a negotiable, secure Certificate of Ownership for each vehicle and vessel required to be titled. The Certificate of Ownership indicates legal ownership of the vehicle or vessel to prospective buyers and lending institutions. Vehicle and vessel licensing services are provided at one Department of Licensing office, 39 county offices, and more than 140 contracted sub-agent offices throughout the Washington State. This program area administers the state vehicle and vessel laws relating to:

- Licenses and Certificates of Ownership;
- License fee calculation, collection, and accountability;
- Voter-approved Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) excise tax collection and accountability;
- Collection and accountability for special commemorative funds;
- Delinquent Parking Ticket program for local jurisdictions;
- Retention and maintenance of vehicle and vessel records as well as support processes that occur outside the normal title and registration application process;
- Creation, design, and issuance of Remembrance Emblems for Veterans;
- Various plate and emblem programs to generate revenue for state, local, and private programs;
- State and federal regulations for emission testing and odometer disclosure requirements;
- Design and issuance of license plates for individuals with disabilities, permanent and temporary placards, and identification cards;
- Appointment of training, and technical assistance to, county agents and their subagents to collect revenues and process applications for license and title of vehicles and vessels;
- Collection of Watercraft Excise Tax on vessel registrations and Use Tax on the transfer of vehicle and vessel ownership;
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) verification for stolen vehicles;
- User systems testing – conduct testing on computer systems changes, working with field and internal users for best results. Work closely with Information Services to develop system changes needed in response to legislation, rules changes, user needs, and systems problems.

➤ Dealer and Manufacturer Services

- Administration and enforcement of laws which license and regulate vehicle manufacturers, vehicle dealers, wreckers, tow truck operators, hulk haulers, scrap processors, motor vehicle transporters, snowmobile dealers, off-road vehicle dealers, mobile home dealers, travel trailer dealers, vessel dealers, and other miscellaneous dealers doing business in Washington State.
- Administration and enforcement of laws relating to odometer tampering, auto theft deterrents, manufactured/mobile housing regulations, unlicensed vehicle dealer activities, and motor vehicle dealer/manufacturer franchise dispute resolutions;
- Conducting inspections, investigations, certifications, re-certifications, and technical assistance visits to ensure compliance with the laws governing these businesses;
- Responding to consumer complaints related to dealers and manufacturers doing business in Washington State.

➤ **Prorate and Fuel Tax Services**

Prorate and Fuel Tax Service administers the state's Motor Vehicle Fuel, Special Fuel and Aviation Fuel Tax Collection programs. Services include licensing of fuel distributors, processing fuel tax returns and associated payments, and taxpayer education, training and auditing. This program also administers the International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA). These two agreements provide for one-stop vehicle licensing and fuel tax filing services for Washington based interstate motor carriers. Prorate and Fuel Tax Services consists of the following major program areas:

Motor Carrier Services — administers two international compacts regulating the commercial vehicle registration and fuel tax reporting activities of interstate commercial trucking companies. It participates in federal programs regarding trucking company safety performance and the exchange of tax and registration data between states.

Fuel Tax — administers the state fuel tax program. It licenses fuel distributors conducting business in the state and collects state fuel taxes. It also administers a program for the refunding of fuel taxes paid by persons who use the fuel for non-taxable purposes.

Audit Unit — performs audits of interstate commercial trucking companies, fuel distributors, and persons who apply for refunds of tax-paid fuel used for non-taxable purposes.

Financial and Audit Services/Compliance — performs internal audit activities to ensure the proper collection and refunding of fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. It is responsible for the collection of unpaid registration and fuel taxes owed.

Fuel Tax Evasion — staff investigates fuel tax evasion schemes and activities to ensure proper collection of fuel taxes owed. It is a joint program with the Washington State Patrol.

Business and Professions Division:

The Business and Professions Division is charged with licensing and regulating businesses and professionals operating or doing business in Washington State. The division provides information and education, conducts outreach, and is working toward strengthening consumer protection to help make Washington a better and safer place to live, work and do business. The division works with eleven boards and commissions ranging from advisory to regulatory in nature. The eleven boards and commissions are: Architect Board, Landscape Architect Board, Cemetery Board, Cosmetology Board, Geologist Board, Engineers/Land Surveyors Board, On-Site Wastewater Design Advisory Committee, Collection Agency Board, Real Estate Appraisers Commission, Home Inspector Board, and the Real Estate Commission.

All but two BPD programs, Firearms and Professional Athletics (which are general fund programs) are statutorily required to collect fees to cover operating costs. Nearly all of the fees are set in the Washington Administrative Code and are adopted using a public hearing process. These programs operate out of dedicated accounts that are set up with the sole purpose of accounting for the revenue and costs of operating these licensing programs. These programs are not funded by transportation dollars.

The Business and Professions Division is comprised of two major program areas:

Master Licensing Service— provides one-stop licensing for multiple business licenses, endorsements, and registrations for state agencies and cities. Over 100 different licenses and registrations, administered by 11 state agencies and two cities, are obtained by applying through the Master License Service. License

applicants' information and fees are distributed to the appropriate agencies for further action. Products and services provided are: Business License Application, Business License Renewals, Corporate Renewals, Trade Name Registration, regulation of Telephone Solicitor, White Water Outfitter, For Hire and Limousine licensing, providing License Information Packets to the public, and printing/distributing forms to agencies. The program also has regulatory oversight of Collection Agencies, Employment Agencies, Telephone Solicitors, White Water River Outfitters, For Hire (taxis), and Limousine Carriers. Notaries Public are also under this program area as a professional, regulatory and appointment program. In addition, the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) program is the central repository of liens on personal property in Washington State and conducts certified searches of its records for the public upon request. Documents recorded include financing statements, agricultural liens, notices of federal tax liens and criminal profiteering liens, and the office records changes to and expiration of these original filings.

Professional Licensing Services— The division regulates about 30 professions. To help ensure qualified individuals are licensed, the division reviews and substantiates education and experience, administers examinations, conducts background checks, and ensures continuing education requirements are met. Regulatory functions include conducting audits and inspections, and resolving complaints. The division may also investigate complaints. When warranted, the division also initiates appropriate administrative actions that include license denials, suspensions and revocations.

Professions licensed and regulated by the division include: Appraisers, Architects, Auctioneers, Bail Bond Agents, Cosmetologists, Court Reporters, Engineers, Funeral Directors, Geologists, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Notaries, Private Investigators, Real Estate Agents and Brokers, and Security Guards.

DOL Management/Supporting Divisions:

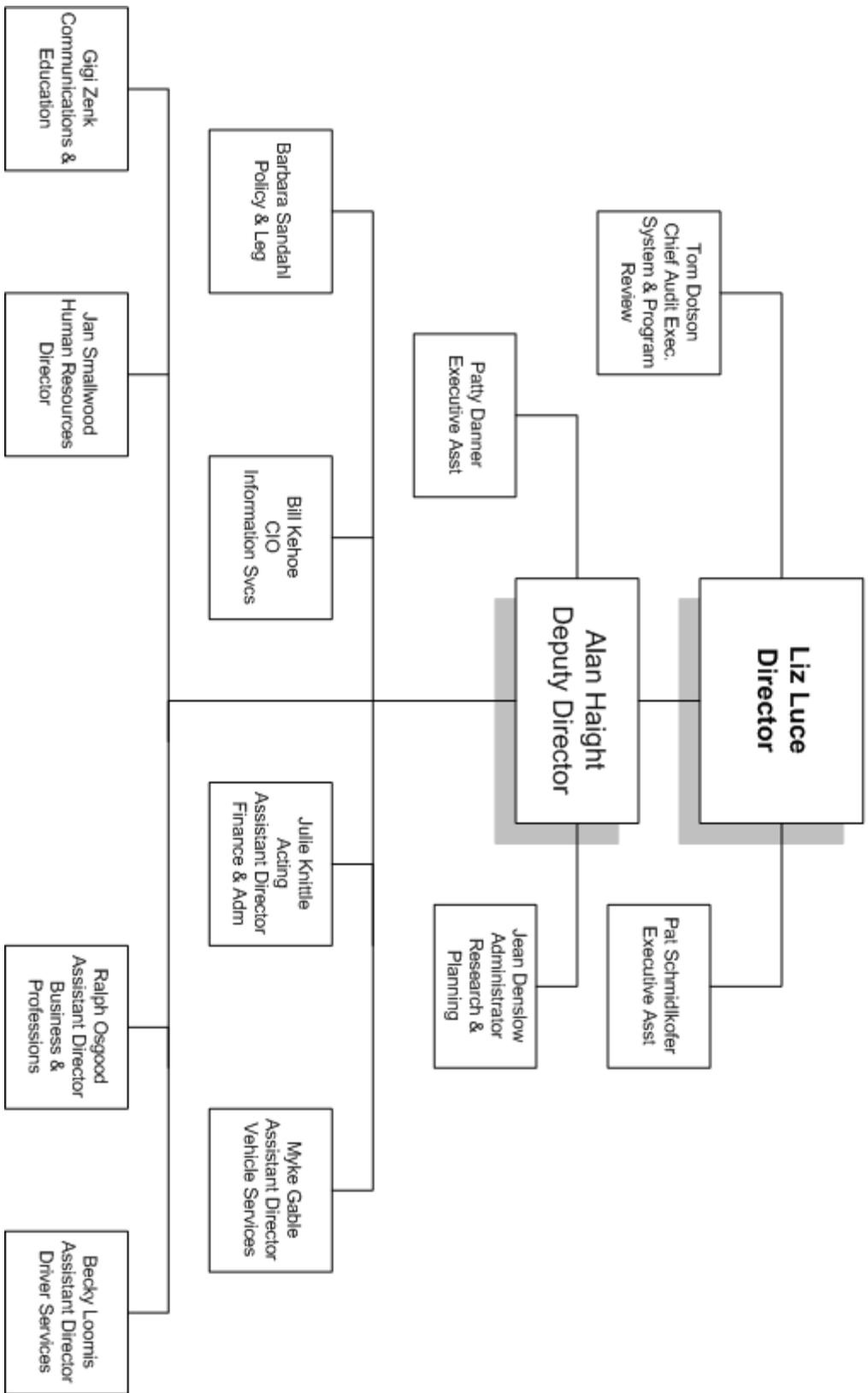
- **Director's Office** includes the Director and Deputy Director as well as Human Resources, Communications and Education, Office of System and Program Review, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs, and the Research and Planning Office.
- **Finance and Administration Division** This division is headed by the Chief Financial Officer who oversees the Office of Budget and Economic Analysis, Accounting Services, Administrative Services, Contracts Office, the Customer Service Center, and Emergency Management and Safety.
- **Information Services Division** The Information Services Division, headed by the Chief Information Officer (CIO), manages the computer hardware, software, network technology, and business application software that support the agency's business functions and statutory programs. Information Services develops and implements the agency's long-term vision and strategy for use of information technology to support employees, clients and statutory programs.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation for transportation programs: \$229,503 million
- Revenue to support transportation programs of DOL was appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Highway Safety Fund \$141,953,000
 - Motorcycle Safety Education Account \$3,905,000
 - Motor Vehicle Fund \$79,230,000
 - State Wildlife Fund \$843,000
 - DOL Services Account \$3,540,000
 - Marine Fuel Tax Refund Account \$32,000

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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AGENCY: **Department of Transportation**

AGENCY NUMBER: 405

RCW: 47

BACKGROUND

- Responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation system.
- Created in the 1977 Legislature to consolidate the functions of the following agencies:
 - State Highway Commission
 - Department of Highways
 - Washington Toll Bridge Authority
 - Aeronautics Commission
 - Canal Commission
 - Planning and Community Affairs Agency (transportation functions)
- Secretary of Transportation is the Washington State Department of Transportation's executive head.
 - Appointed and guided by the Governor.
- WSDOT is organized to deliver a comprehensive transportation program. Reporting to the Secretary are the Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretaries for Engineering and Regional Operations, Washington State Ferries, and Finance & Administration.

AGENCY OVERVIEW

- Office of the Secretary
 - Directs WSDOT.
- Chief of Staff
 - Directs Communications, Governmental Relations, Freight, Passenger Rail and Marine Division, Freight Systems, Aviation, Public Transportation, Highways and Local Programs, Ombudsman,.
- Audit Office
 - Conducts internal audits
 - Audits agreements with external providers such as consultants, railroads and utilities
 - Investigates potential fraud, abuse, and government waste,
 - Investigates potential ethics violations
- Equal Opportunity Office
 - Manages and monitors the Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Contract Compliance, and Non-Discrimination programs.
- Attorney General
 - Provides legal advice and reviews legal documents
- Strategic Planning and Finance
 - Develops and analyzes the budget.

- Researches public-private partnerships.
- Conducts planning studies and develops the statewide transportation plan
- Administration
 - Directs accounting, administrative, human resources, information technology, and enterprise risk management functions.
- Engineering and Regional Operations
 - Provides policy guidance, budget support, and technical expertise in the areas of design engineering, highway construction, maintenance, traffic operations, facilities, equipment, and employee health and safety.
 - Implements environmental programs to ensure agency compliance with the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, and other regulations.
 - Manages the purchase and sale of real estate and related issues for construction projects.
 - Manages transportation research efforts.
 - Conducts project control and reporting
 - Conducts maintenance activities such as snow and ice removal, sign and guardrail maintenance, ditch and culvert upkeep, pavement patching, vegetation control and litter pickup.
 - Provides direction and support to regional offices that implement projects and programs within the following specified areas of the state:
 - ◆ North Central Region
 - Serves all of Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties, and portions of Adams, Skagit, Kittitas, and King counties.
 - ◆ Northwest Region
 - Serves King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan counties.
 - ◆ Southwest Region
 - Serves Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties.
 - ◆ South Central Region
 - Serves Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties.
 - ◆ Eastern Region
 - Serves Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman counties.
 - ◆ Olympic Region
 - Serves Pierce, Kitsap, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, and Clallam counties.
 - ◆ Urban Corridors Office
 - Directs several of the largest urban-area projects in the King County metropolitan area, including the SR 520 bridge replacement project, Alaskan Way Viaduct project, and I-405 corridor projects. The projects are meant to address the region's most pressing infrastructure, traffic, and congestion problems.
- Washington State Ferries
 - Provides ferry transportation service on Puget Sound (largest ferry system in the United States).
 - Performs vessel maintenance and preservation; designs and constructs vessels, ferry terminals, and facilities.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING – 2007-2009 BIENNIUM

- 2008 Supplemental Session Appropriation: \$5.8 billion, including debt service.
- Funding for Highways (Programs P and I) is appropriated from the following accounts:

- Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal, Local)
- Multimodal Account (State and Federal)
- Special Category C Account (State)
- Puyallup Tribal Settlement Trust Account (State)
- Transportation 2003 Account – Nickel Account (State)
- Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account (State)
- Transportation Partnership Account (State)
- Funding for Toll Operations and Maintenance (Program B) is appropriated from the following account:
 - Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account (State)
 - Motor Vehicle Fund (State)
 - High Occupancy Vehicle Account (State)
- Funding for Information Technology (Program C) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal)
 - Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account (State)
 - Multimodal Account (State)
 - Nickel Account (State)
 - Transportation Partnership Account (State)
- Funding for Highway Management and Facilities (Program D) is appropriated from the following account:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State)
- Funding for Aviation Division (Program F) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Aeronautics Account (State, Federal)
 - Multimodal Account (State)
- Funding for Program Delivery Management and Support (Program H) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal)
 - Multimodal Account (State)
 - Transportation Partnership Account (State)
 - Transportation 2003 Account – Nickel Account (State)
- Funding for Transportation Economic Partnerships (Program K) is appropriated from the following account:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State)
 - Multimodal Account (State)
- Funding for Highway Maintenance and Operations (Program M) is appropriated from the following account:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal, Local)
- Funding for Traffic Operations (Program Q) is appropriated from the following account:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal, Local)
- Funding for Finance and Administration (Programs S and U) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal)
 - Multimodal Account (State)
 - Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account (State)
- Funding for Transportation Planning, Data, and Research (Program T) is appropriated from the following accounts:

- Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal)
- Multimodal Account (State, Federal, Local)
- Funding for Washington State Ferries (Programs W and X) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Puget Sound Capital Construction Account (State, Federal, Local)
 - Transportation 2003 Account – Nickel Account (State)
 - Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account (State)
 - Multimodal Account (State)
- Funding for Public Transportation and Rail (Program V and Y) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Multimodal Account (State, Federal, Local)
 - Regional Mobility Grant Account (State)
- Funding for Local Programs (Program Z) is appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Motor Vehicle Account (State, Federal)
 - Multimodal Account (State and Federal)
 - Highway Infrastructure Account (State, Federal)
 - Freight Mobility Investment Account (State)
 - Freight Congestion Relief Account (State)
 - Transportation Partnership Account (State)
 - Freight Mobility Multimodal Account (State and Local)
 - Passenger Ferry Account (State)
 - Transportation 2003 Account – Nickel Account (State)
 - State Building Construction Account

DESCRIPTION OF DOT BUDGET PROGRAMS

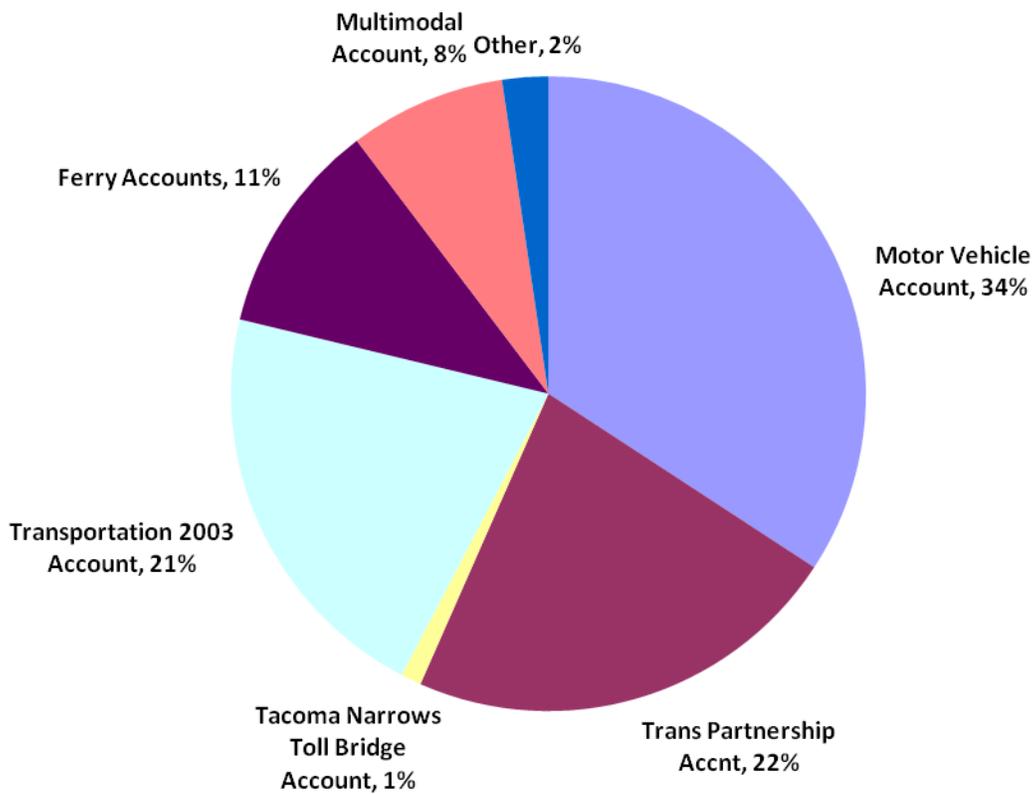
- Highway Construction (Program P – Highway Preservation)
 - Provides for repairing and repaving of state highway system pavements and restoration of existing safety features.
 - Preserves, replaces, and rehabilitates the structural and operating integrity of state highway bridges and other highway structures.
 - Preserves other facilities and highway features (rest areas, weigh stations, stabilizing existing slopes, etc.) for which the department has responsibility.
- Highway Construction (Program I - Improvements)
 - Provides for improvements to the state system increasing highway capacity, with the long-term goal of reducing congestion and increasing mobility.
 - Provides projects to correct deficiencies in high accident areas and make improvements at potentially hazardous locations.
 - Improves the efficiency of moving freight and goods by improving freight routes and bridges and overpasses that have height or weight restrictions.
 - Promotes tourism through construction of rest areas, and the provision of bicycle touring routes and scenic-byway improvements.
 - Provides projects to correct or reduce the impact of highway construction projects on the environment.
 - Provides improved transit access to state highways by partnering with Sound Transit.
 - Provides improved mobility along the SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge corridor through the design-build construction of a new parallel suspension bridge, associated roadway improvements, and improvements to the existing Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
- Toll Operations and Maintenance (Program B)

- Responsible for current and future statewide toll collection operations, including toll account management, customer service, and toll payment enforcement in order to safeguard state assets.
- Manages the quality and efficiency of toll operations and maintenance for state transportation facilities financed through direct user fees or tolls.
- Responsible to forecast and analyze traffic, revenue, operations and maintenance costs for the purpose of recommending toll schedule adjustments to the toll setting authority.
- Provides for tolling operations for the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge and SR 167 HOT lanes.
- Facility maintenance and preservation of the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
- Office of Information Technology (Program C)
 - Develops/maintains information systems that support WSDOT’s operations and program delivery.
 - Provides information technology to all other programs, including acquisition of operation of central data processing equipment, microcomputer hardware, software, and related support equipment.
- Facilities Maintenance & Operations and Capital Facilities (Program D)
 - Provides for maintenance and operation of 946 department buildings on 296 sites..
 - Provides capital improvements to the department’s buildings and other facilities.
- Aviation Division (Program F)
 - Provides state and federal grant and technical assistance to cities, counties, and port districts for constructing, repairing, and improving local airports.
 - Maintains 16 state-owned or -operated airports.
 - Provides for aircraft registration.
 - Coordinates air search and rescue activities.
- Program Delivery Management and Support (Program H)
 - Includes the functions and activities associated with management and support of program delivery at Headquarters (HQ) and in the six regions.
 - Provides highway construction program management and support to Headquarters and the regions’ executive management and administrative services.
 - Includes the HQ Environmental Services Office.
- Transportation Economic Partnerships (Program K)
 - Explores opportunities to create public-private partnerships for the financing and development of transportation projects through the following activities:
 - Researching alternative financing and project delivery methods employed in other states and countries.
 - Identifying potential projects and soliciting proposals from the private sector for financing and development.
 - Investigating proposals made by the private sector.
 - Providing technical staff support for the Transportation Innovative Partnership Program.
- Highway Maintenance and Operations (Program M)
 - Maintains the highway infrastructure in good working order and keeps people and goods moving through all kinds of weather and natural disasters.
 - Maintains more than 20,000 lane miles of state highways; more than 3,000 bridges; and more than 1,100 state-owned and operated traffic signal systems. Ten major mountain passes and 42 safety rest areas are included in the system.
 - Provides roadside landscaping; snow and ice control; bridge repairs and operations; traffic control services; rest areas; and damage and disaster repair.
- Traffic Operations (Program Q)
 - Improves statewide mobility of people, goods and services by making highways safer and reducing congestion.

- Deploys incident response vehicles to clear minor incidents and provide emergency and work zone traffic control at major incidents.
- Maximizes highway system efficiency and ensures the safe use and operation of the transportation system.
- Includes responsibility for accomplishing the highest usage of the existing highway transportation system by utilizing regulatory measures and traffic control devices as the primary tools for maximizing capacity and improving safety.
- Includes operating ramp meters; tunnels; traffic signals; and transportation management centers that monitor cameras, dispatch incident response units, and provide traveler information.
- Responds to constituent inquiries and provides low-cost operational safety and efficiency projects that include rumble strips; lane restriping; traffic signal upgrades; signs and illumination; minor intersection realignment; warning devices for wrong-way movements; and speed limit changes.
- Improves commercial vehicle operations, traveler information, safety, and congestion relief through capital improvements that apply advanced technology to highway systems.
- Transportation Management and Support (Program S)
 - Provides executive leadership to the department.
 - Includes executive administration, accounting, budgeting, auditing, communications, equal opportunity, government liaison, risk management, human resources, and administrative services.
- Transportation Data, Research, and Planning (Program T)
 - Includes developing the Washington Transportation Plan; performance reporting through the Gray Notebook; working with local jurisdictions on growth management and other issues; and providing administration and oversight of federal funds for metropolitan planning organizations and state funds for regional transportation planning organizations. Includes planning, data and research work at Headquarters, in the six WSDOT regions, and at the Urban Planning Office in Seattle.
 - Provides a variety of financial, statistical, and economic analysis functions, including funds management and preparation of financial plans and revenue forecasts.
 - Data activities include the collection and analysis of information about roadway characteristics and conditions, traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, and traffic collisions, as well as mapping and Geographic Information System services.
 - Research activities support department programs in the areas of construction and materials; traffic management; environment; design and safety; bridges and structures; security; maintenance; and multimodal transportation.
- Charges from Other Agencies (Program U)
 - Provides for payment to state agencies providing services to the department: Office of the State Auditor, Department of Personnel, Department of General Administration, Secretary of State, Office of Financial Management, Attorney General, Archives, and Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises.
 - Includes the department’s contribution to the state self-insurance program.
- Public Transportation (Program V)
 - Responsible for developing, implementing, and managing strategies and policies that support alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle.
 - Provides technical assistance and grants to facilitate the connection and integration of public transportation and highway systems throughout the state.
 - Provides financial and technical assistance to local jurisdictions and public transportation agencies.
 - Manages the state commute trip reduction program and the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT).
 - Administers state and federal grants to public and private transportation agencies that serve rural communities, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

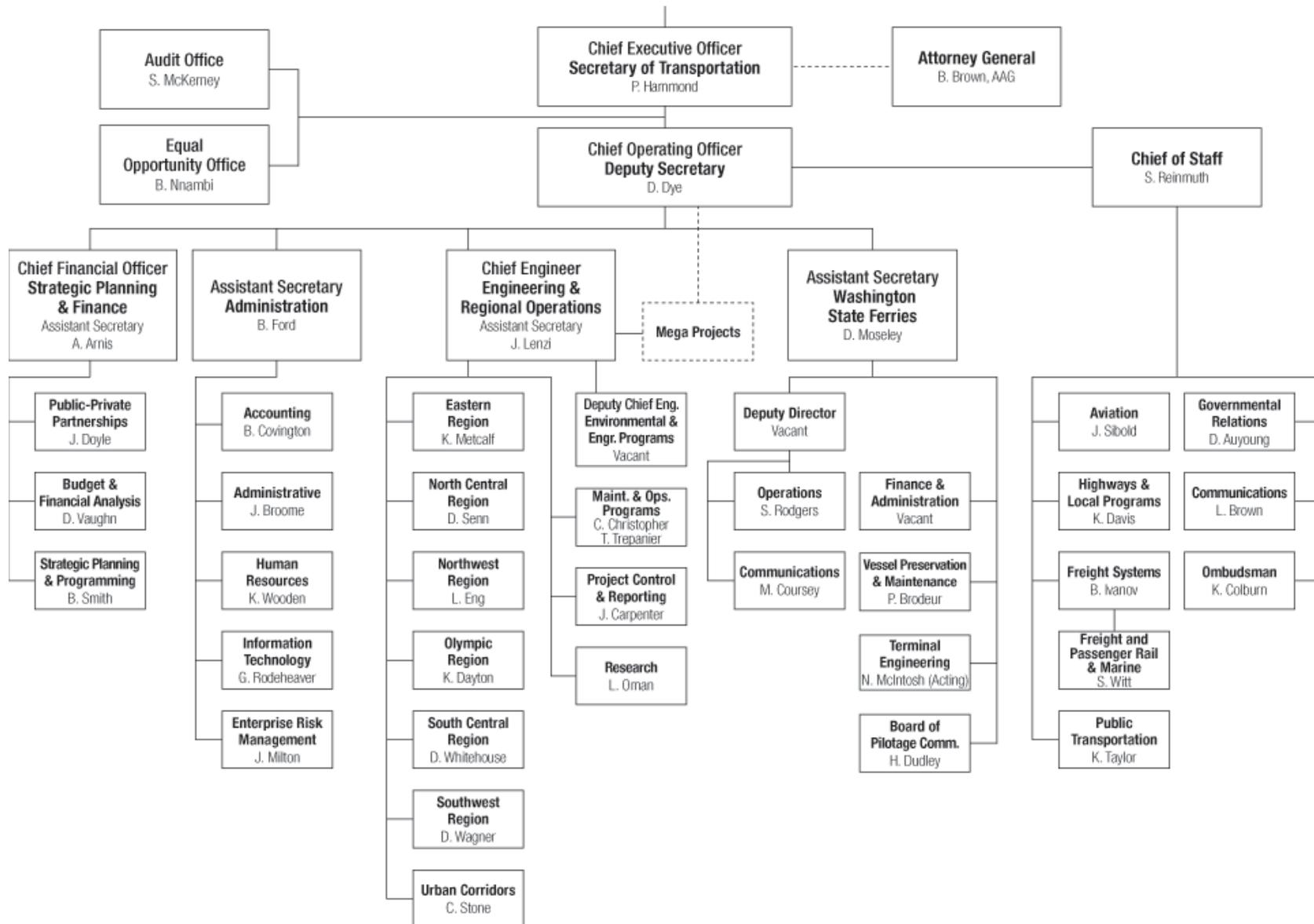
- Provides state and federal grants for major employers, local jurisdictions, and activities that include trip reduction, ridesharing, and vanpooling.
- Washington State Ferries (Program W – WSF Capital Program; Program X – WSF Operations and Maintenance)
 - Operates and maintains the ferry system, which includes 20 vessels, 20 terminals, and the Eagle Harbor maintenance facility.
 - Transports over 26 million passengers each year, averaging nearly 500 sailings a day.
 - Makes capital investments in the ferry system through the Ferries Construction Program, which includes preserving existing and building new ferry terminals and vessels.
- Rail (Program Y)
 - Facilitates preservation of essential light density freight rail lines.
 - Implements rail passenger program including coordination of Seattle-Vancouver and Seattle-Portland Amtrak routes.
 - Analyzes conditions, trends, light density rail issues, and potential needs of Washington's freight rail system.
 - Provides management and funding of the state's investment in the capital components of the rail passenger program between Vancouver, British Columbia, and Portland, Oregon, as well as maintaining Talgo trains used for state-sponsored operations.
- Highways and Local Programs (Program Z)
 - Administers state and federal funds that support city and county transportation systems.
 - Assist cities, counties, transit, and other agencies in obtaining state and federal grant funds to build and improve local transportation systems.
 - Provides technical assistance on transportation issues to local jurisdictions.
 - Serves as the program manager for all federal funds that are used locally to build and improve the transportation systems of cities, counties, ports, tribal governments, transit agencies, and metropolitan and regional planning organizations statewide.
 - Provides program and policy oversight for sidewalk, bike lane, trail, pedestrian, and transit-rider crossing improvements.
 - Provides financial assistance to Wahkiakum County for a portion of the operating and maintenance costs of the Puget Island Ferry.

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AGENCY: **Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board**

AGENCY NUMBER: 411

RCW: 47.06A

- Created in 1998 to advocate for freight mobility needs.
- Responsible for selecting, prioritizing and creating funding partnerships for freight transportation projects, and minimizing the impact of freight movement on local communities.
- The Board is comprised of 12 members representing the private and public sectors. Two representatives from the cities, counties, and port districts representing both Eastern and Western Washington and one member representing rail carriers, the steamship industry, the trucking industry, the Governor's office, the Secretary of Transportation and a general public member.
- Staff consists of an executive director hired by the board and an executive secretary. All other technical support is contracted from the public and private sector.
- FMSIB administrative costs are paid for from the Motor Vehicle Account. Funding for the FMSIB share of recommended projects are included in the Highways & Local Programs section of the WSDOT budget.

PROGRAM

- Recommends freight mobility projects to the Legislature for funding.
- Tracks projects & reports progress through completion of the construction phase.
- Utilizes agency developed freight criteria for selecting and prioritizing projects.
- Works with the state & local communities to identify and develop freight corridors.
- Assists in helping to identify & develop public and private sector partnerships.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total transportation appropriation: Operating - \$695,000; Capital \$66.7 M.
- Revenue appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Account, Multimodal Transportation Account, and the Freight Mobility Investment Account.

AGENCY: **Joint Transportation Committee**

AGENCY NUMBER: 013

RCW: 44.04.300

BACKGROUND

- In the 2005 session, the Legislature created the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) in ESB 5513, Ch. 319, Laws of 2005.
- The JTC operates as a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency. Through review and research of transportation issues and programs, promotes the dissemination of transportation research to state and local government policymakers, including legislators and associated staff.
- JTC is one of five permanent joint committees defined by statute.
- Statutory membership: The chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Transportation Committees comprise the JTC Executive Committee. The chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees serve as co-chairs of the JTC.

PROGRAM

- Administers technical transportation reviews and studies.
- Performs interim reviews and studies as directed.
- Manages contracts for which the Joint Transportation Committee is responsible.
- In the 2007-2009 biennium, the JTC has the following studies and reviews:
 - State Ferry System Review
 - Freight Investment Study
 - Special Needs Transportation Study
 - I-90 Bridge Independent Review
 - Coordinated Transportation Study
 - Regional Transportation Study
- Updates and publishes the Transportation Resource Manual on a biennial basis prior to the 105 day Legislative Session and maintains periodic updates online.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total Appropriation: \$2.5 million
- Revenue appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Account (State) and Multimodal Account (State)

AGENCY: **Marine Employees Commission**

AGENCY NUMBER: 408

RCW: 47.64

BACKGROUND

- In 1981, following a ferry employee strike, the Governor created a Blue Ribbon Panel which proposed a collective bargaining process to resolve labor disputes between ferry system management and employee organizations. The Commission was created in its present form in 1983, in response to a recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Panel.
- Responsible for adjudicating complaints, grievances and disputes between labor and management arising out of the operation of the Washington State Ferries.
- Includes three members: public (1), labor (1), industry (1), with the public member designated as the Chair of the Commission.

PROGRAM

- Adjusts grievances and complaints
- Provides for clarification of bargaining units representing ferry employees
- Certifies fair representation organizations
- Provides a biennial salary survey
- Provides impasse mediation

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$434,000
- Revenue appropriated from Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account (PSFOA)

AGENCY: **Washington State Patrol**

AGENCY NUMBER: 225

RCW: 43.43, 43.63A, 9.94A

BACKGROUND:

- In 1921, the Legislature authorized the creation of Highway Police composed of 6 motorcycle patrolmen.
- In 1933, the Legislature acknowledged the need for a mobile police organization throughout the state for public safety, and the Highway Patrol Division became the Washington State Patrol (WSP) with full police power.
- The State Fire Marshal became a member of the agency when the Legislature transferred Fire Protection Services to the WSP in 1995.
- The Forensic Laboratory Service Bureau was created when the Legislature transferred the Washington State Toxicologist to the WSP in 1999.
- The Chief of the State Patrol is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
- This agency is multi-funded. It receives 75% of its budget from the Transportation Budget and 25% from the Omnibus Operating Budget.

ACTIVITIES:

- Provides traffic law enforcement services, which include motor vehicle equipment standards, commercial vehicle enforcement, vehicle identification, traffic investigations, roadside assistance, and ferry security.
- Administers a Drug Assistance Unit, an Organized Crime Intelligence Unit, the state crime laboratories, the toxicology program, a missing children clearinghouse, criminal investigations, and a special weapons and tactics team.
- Includes the Office of the State Fire Marshall providing statewide fire protection services.
- Provides criminal history record information.
- Coordinates the flow of criminal intelligence among criminal justice agencies.
- Provides security services to the Governor and the Legislature.

PROGRAMS:

Field Operations (010): The Field Operations program funds trooper field operations activities and supports fire protection activities.

Field Operations Group

- Field force is responsible for traffic law enforcement and assistance to motorists and maintains a statewide emergency response capability to protect the general public.
- Aviation Division supports traffic law enforcement efforts and provides air transportation services to the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies.
- Breath Test Section supports the State Toxicologist in all activities relating to the breath alcohol test.
- Homeland Security Division is responsible for law enforcement and security within the state ferry system including both the ferry terminals and vessels as well as bomb squad response state-wide.
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement responsible for enforcing both state and federal laws regulating commercial vehicles.

Fire Protection

- Responsible for adopting and enforcing fire and life safety codes in all occupied buildings throughout the state. Provides regional operations to support and strengthen local capacity for controlling risk to life, property, and community vitality.
- Through the Fire Training Academy, provides extensive fire training programs to local communities, state agencies, and industry.

Investigative Services Bureau (020):

- Administers the Crime Laboratory, Toxicology Laboratory, and the Impaired Driving Program providing services to federal, state and local agencies.
- Provides criminal investigations, homeland security, investigative assistance, along with the Special Operations Division.

Technical Services (030):

- Provides administrative support, budget and fiscal services, property management, risk management, communications, electronic services, information technology, training, human resources, fleet management and maintenance Office of Professional Standards, Information Technology, Purchasing, and Facilities for the WSP and the criminal justice community.
- Office of the Chief which includes Government and Media Relations, Labor and Policy Advisor, and the WSP Psychologist.

- Manages the State's emergency wireless communication system that used by several different agencies including Department of Transportation.
- Manages the Washington State Patrol's Training Academy that is used by both local and state law enforcement agencies.

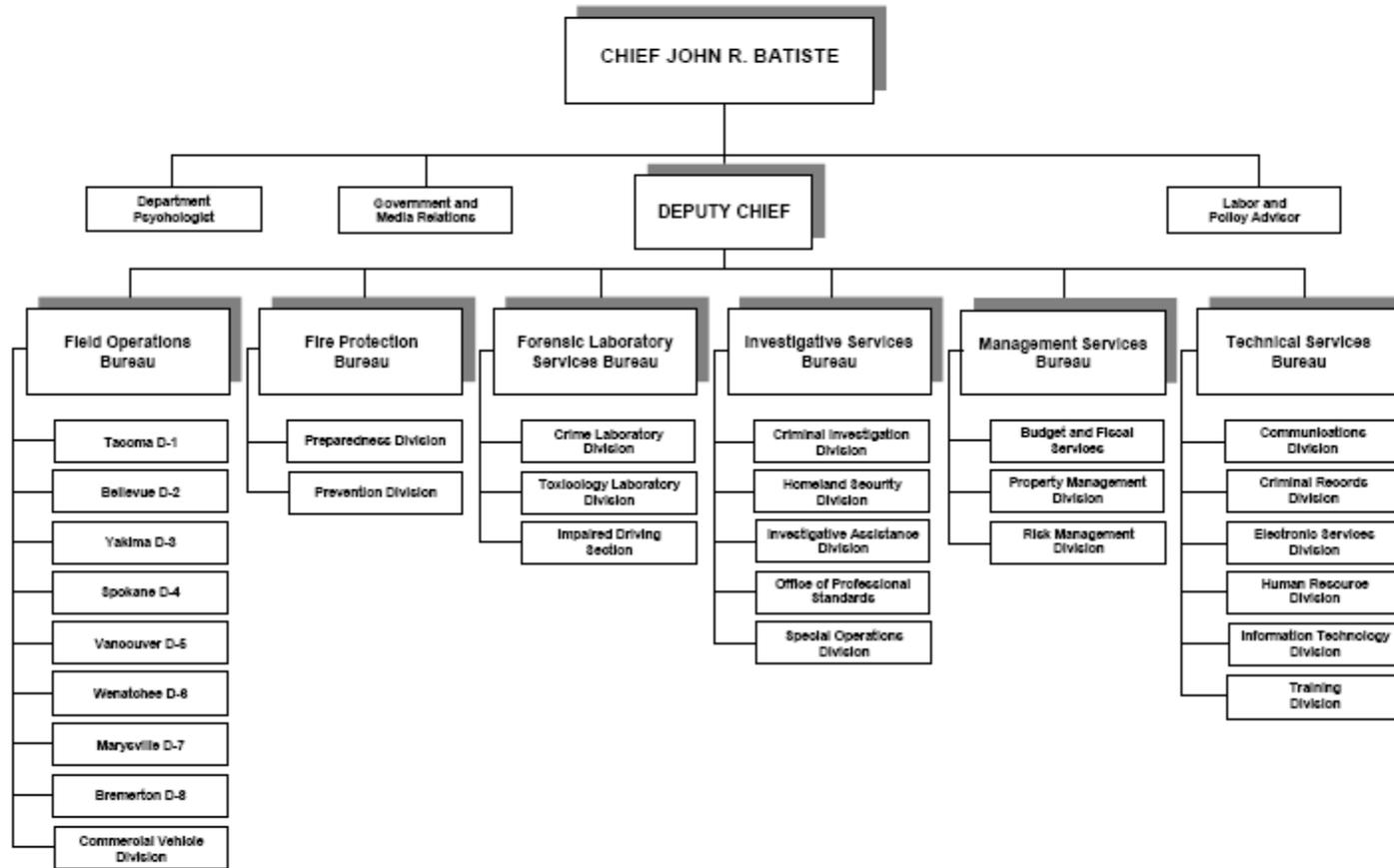
Capital Projects (090):

- Provides maintenance and repairs on WSP facilities.
- Provides coordination and management for leasing or building WSP facilities.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING 2007-2009 BIENNIUM:

- Total appropriation: \$349 million.
- Funding appropriate from the Transportation Budget through the State Patrol Highway Account. (State, Federal and Local)

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AGENCY: **Traffic Safety Commission**

AGENCY NUMBER: 228

RCW: 43.59

BACKGROUND

- Established in 1967 as mandated by the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966
- Ten members: the Governor (chair), the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chief of the State Patrol, the Secretary of Transportation, the Director of the Department of Licensing, the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, the Secretary of the Department of Health, and one each (appointed by Governor) from judiciary, counties, and cities

PROGRAM

- Implement programs to reduce traffic crashes and the injuries and deaths resulting from traffic crashes
- Coordinates traffic safety programs at the state and local level
- Administers federal highway safety funds for Washington State
- Promotes uniform enforcement of traffic safety laws
- Establishes standards for investigating and reporting traffic accidents
- Top priorities are to reduce injuries and deaths that result from speed and/or impaired driving related crashes. A secondary priority is to reduce crash related deaths and injuries by increasing the use of seat belts and child restraint systems.
- Other program areas include:
 - Traffic records
 - Motorcycle safety
 - Emergency medical services
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Bicycle safety
 - Community Traffic Safety Task Forces and Corridor Traffic Safety programs
 - Traffic engineering
 - School zone safety

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$21.8 million
- Revenue appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Highway Safety Account (State, Federal)
 - School Zone Safety Account (State)
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Account (State)

AGENCY: **Transportation Commission**

AGENCY NUMBER: 410

RCW: 47.01.051, 47.01.061, 47.01.071, 47.01.075, 47.01.370, 47.05.030

BACKGROUND

- Created in 1977 by merging the Toll Bridge Authority (1937) and the Highway Commission (1951), along with the new Department of Transportation.
- Restructured in 2005 and 2006 as an independent, Governor-appointed public forum to research and develop transportation policy statewide. No longer responsible for hiring the Secretary of Transportation, detailed administrative oversight of WSDOT and its program delivery, or approval of the WSDOT biennial budget and legislative policy packages.
- Seven members appointed to six-year terms by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Governor and the Secretary of Transportation sit *ex-officio*.
- Includes four members from Western Washington and three members from Eastern Washington. No more than two members may be from any one county. Members serve part-time.

PROGRAM

- The Commission provides a public forum for transportation policy development and functions. It reviews and evaluates how the entire transportation system works across the state
- Adopts a comprehensive and balanced 20-year statewide transportation plan that reflects the priorities of government and addresses local, regional and statewide needs.
- Recommends policy changes and areas for improvement in its policy studies and in its Annual Report.
- Policy studies include a Long-term Ferry Revenue Study, Ferry Market Survey, Spokane Regional Transportation Study, and Tolling Study.
- Sets fares and tolls for ferries, bridges and highways.
- Oversees development of the Transportation Innovative Partnerships Program.
- Reviews the performance and outcome measures of state and local transportation-related agencies.
- Other ongoing policy tasks include:
 - Proposing transportation priorities and a comprehensive ten-year investment program.
 - Submitting a statewide multimodal transportation progress report to the Governor and Legislature.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$2.4 million
- Revenue appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Account (State) and the Multimodal Transportation Account (State)

AGENCY: **Transportation Improvement Board**

AGENCY NUMBER: 407

RCW: 47.26

BACKGROUND

- The mission of the Transportation Improvement Board is to fund high priority transportation projects in communities throughout the state to enhance the movement of people, goods, and services.
- Invests state gas tax funds through six programs. Administers the Urban Arterial Program, Urban Corridor Program, Small City Arterial Program, Sidewalk Program (urban and small city), Small City Preservation Program, and the Road Transfer Program (City Hardship Assistance Program).
- Originally formed as the Urban Arterial Board in 1967, the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) replaced it in 1988.
- The Board is comprised of 21 members, six city members, six county members, two WSDOT officials, two transit representatives, a private sector representative, one ports representative, a Governor appointee, a member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member representing special needs transportation.
- TIB identifies and funds the highest-ranking transportation projects based on criteria established by the Board, consistent with the legislative intent for each program.

URBAN AREA PROGRAMS

- Urban Arterial Program
 - Provides grant funds for city and urban county road projects that reduce congestion and improves safety, geometrics, and physical condition.
 - Eligible agencies are counties with urban areas, cities and towns within an urban area, and cities with a population of 5,000 or greater.
- Urban Corridor Program
 - Addresses congestion caused by economic development or rapid growth and requires multi-agency planning and coordination.
 - Completion of urban corridors that allows motorists to receive the full benefit of prior investments.
 - Funding is available for cities with a population greater than 5,000, urban areas of counties, and Transportation Benefit Districts.
- Sidewalk Program (Urban Cities)
 - Funds projects to maintain a connecting sidewalk system, eliminating fragments and providing continuity, and ADA accessibility.
 - Urban pedestrian projects are reimbursed up to 80% of project costs.
 - Funding available for cities with a population greater than 5,000.

SMALL CITIES PROGRAMS

- Small City Arterial Program
 - Funds arterial street improvements for cities with population less than 5,000.
 - Projects chosen that addresses structural condition of the roadway, geometric deficiencies, and safety.
 - Authorized projects reimbursed up to 95% for cities with population between 500 and 5,000, and up to 100% for cities with population of 500 or less.

- Sidewalk Program (Small Cities)
 - Funds projects to maintain a connecting sidewalk system thereby eliminating fragments and providing continuity.
 - Funding available for cities with a population less than 5,000.
 - The amount of required match is 5% except, cities with a population under 500 requires no match.
 - Focus on completing the sidewalk system that connects pedestrian generators, providing a network of continuous sidewalks throughout the city/town, maintaining sidewalk condition, and ADA accessibility.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

- Small City Preservation Program
 - Created by the 2005 Legislature to recognize the difficulty small cities and towns face maintaining and preserving the street and sidewalk system.
 - Provides overlay and chip seal to city streets on a non-competitive basis (fix the worst first).
 - Projects chosen based on pavement ratings, sidewalk condition, and proximity to other roadway projects. TIB works with WSDOT and County Road Departments through master agreements to maximize economies of scale.
 - Eligible agencies are incorporated cities and towns with a population less than 5,000.
- Road Transfer Program (CHAP)
 - Provides funding to offset extraordinary costs associated with the transfer of state highways to cities with a population fewer than 20,000.
 - The list of eligible routes is in WAC 479-12-340.
 - CHAP will fund 100% of the rehabilitation costs for the eligible section or route.

OTHER PROGRAMS

- Route Jurisdiction Transfer Program
 - Receive petitions from cities, counties, or the state that request additions to or deletions from the state highway system.
 - Use criteria in state law to evaluate petitions and to forward to the Legislative Transportation Committee any recommended jurisdictional transfers.
- Administrative Services
 - Provides support to the Board.
 - Provides Engineering services and consultation to local agencies.
 - Performance Management is institutionalized in the agency through the TIB GMAP Dashboard.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$223 million
- Revenue appropriated from the following accounts:
 - Urban Arterial Trust Account (State)
 - Transportation Improvement Account (State)
 - Small City Pavement Preservation and Sidewalk Account (State) – added in 2005

AGENCY: **Utilities and Transportation Commission**

AGENCY NUMBER: 215

RCW: 80, 81, 47, 19

BACKGROUND

Created in 1905, the UTC protects consumers by ensuring that essential utility and transportation services are broadly available, safe, reliable and fairly priced.

- Regulate entry and rates of privately-owned utility and transportation companies.
- Enforce public safety standards and resolve consumer complaints.
- Three full-time members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, for staggered six-year terms. No more than two commissioners can be from the same party.
- Responsible for intrastate operations subject to state law.

PROGRAMS

- Economic Regulation (rates, terms and conditions for service)
- Public Safety
 - Pipeline Safety
 - Railroad Safety
 - Motor Carrier Safety
- Consumer Protection
- Administration

TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES

- Rail Safety Grants - Work with local governments, the Department of Transportation, school districts, and community organizations to improve rail safety by granting funds for grade crossing improvements from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.
- Railroad Crossing Safety - Inspect railroad crossings for safety. UTC approves opening and closing of crossings and changes to configuration of crossings.
- Economic and Safety Regulation - Regulate entry, rates, safety and business practices. Regulated companies include: solid waste, household goods movers, buses and air porters, non-profit buses, private ferries, and low level waste disposal sites. Responsible for vehicle driver and operational safety practices of private intrastate transportation companies regulated by the UTC.
- Licensing - Register to operate interstate and intrastate trucking companies. Monitor insurance for intrastate motor carriers including suspending and canceling operating authority if insurance lapses.
- Federal Railroad Inspections - Certified by the Federal Railroad Administration to inspect railroad tracks, signals, hazardous material and railroad operating practices, enforcing state and federal rules. Investigate rail incidents and promote public education about rail safety.
- Cooperation - Work closely with state, local, tribal and federal government agencies and local communities and businesses to coordinate and improve safety regulation of all transportation, rail and pipeline activities the UTC regulates.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

- Total appropriation: \$505,000
- Revenue appropriated from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund