



2023 Interim Workplan

Meeting Dates

(subject to change)

June 20, 2023

In conjunction with the Association of Washington Cities annual meeting
Spokane Convention Center, Vancouver WA

October 12, 2023

Olympia - John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

November 14, 2023

In conjunction with the Washington State Association of Counties annual meeting
The Davenport Hotel. Spokane

December 14, 2023

Olympia - John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

Tour

September 26-28

Bridges over the Columbia River, by charter bus with overnight stays in Vancouver, WA

Studies

(Studies shown in the order of report due date)

Studies assigned in 2022. To be completed June 2023

Independent Review of Ultra-High-Speed Rail Corridor

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Alyson Cummings
Report due date: June 30, 2023
Web page: <https://leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/ultrahighspeedrail.aspx>

Encouraging High-Consumption Fuel Users to Switch to Electric Vehicles

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson
Report due date: July 1, 2023
Web page: <https://leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/HCFU.aspx>

Recommendations for a State Program for Micromobility Libraries

The 2022 Supplemental Transportation Budget (ESSB 5689, Sec 204(11)) directed the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study to examine options and provide recommendations for a state program to assist with the establishment of powered micromobility device lending libraries (Libraries) and direct-to-consumer incentives for Library users to purchase powered micromobility devices. Micromobility devices include electric bicycles, electric standing scooters and other devices weighing less than 50 pounds that do not use fossil fuels

Given a state program was established and funded in the 2023-25 transportation budget (while the study was underway) we pivoted to focus on framework for a state grant program and characteristics of successful programs that should support both WSDOT and grant applicants.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, Dave Catterson
Report due date: June 30, 2023
Web page: <https://leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/micromobility.aspx>

Studies assigned in 2023-25 Transportation Budget

Public Private Partnership (P3) Work Group

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC, in collaboration with WSDOT, to convene a work group to study and recommend a new statutory framework for WSDOT's public-private partnership program.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, Dave Catterson
Report due date: December 15, 2023, Preliminary Report
July 1, 2024, Final Report

Design of Infrastructure and Incentive Program for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to oversee a project to:

- Design and document an infrastructure and incentive strategy to drive the purchase and use of zero emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles, as well as cargo handling and off-road equipment, in the state including, but not limited to, programs for tractor trucks, box trucks, drayage trucks, refuse trucks, step and panel vans, heavy and medium-duty buses, school buses, on and off-road terminal tractors, transport refrigeration units, forklifts, container handling equipment, airport cargo loaders, and railcar movers. The strategy design must include an implementation plan documenting the steps to roll out the vehicle and infrastructure incentive programs.
- Conduct a review of the passenger vehicle tax incentive in current Washington state law and evaluate its utility,

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Paul Neal
Report due date: January 2, 2024

Statewide Household Travel Survey

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to analyze different options for instituting a statewide household travel survey in Washington, and to recommend an agency or agencies to conduct ongoing analysis of a statewide household travel survey data and other transportation research.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Alyson Cummings
Report due date: No due date in proviso. JTC staff have developed the following schedule. The first report, due December 20, 2023, will include evaluations of different options for conducting a statewide household travel survey. The second report, due July 1, 2024, will analyze and provide recommendations on an agency or agencies to perform ongoing analysis of a statewide household travel survey and other transportation research.

Addressing Transportation Impacts from Removal of Lower Snake River Dams

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to engage an independent review team to work in coordination with WSDOT on their analysis of highway, road, and freight rail transportation needs, options, and impacts from shifting the movement of freight and goods that currently move by barge through the lower Snake River dams to highways, other roads, and rail.

The independent review team must also conduct an independent stakeholder engagement effort.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal
Report due date: Consultant is to provide summary findings every quarter. A final report is due June 30, 2025

Retail Delivery Fee Assessment

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to convene a study of a statewide retail delivery fee on orders of taxable retail items delivered by motor vehicle in the state. Funded with revenues that would otherwise be distributed to cities, at the request of the Association of Washington Cities the study will examine

- Annual revenue generation
- Options for revenue distributions to the state and local governments
- Implementation costs
- Impacts to consumers including low-income households

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson
Report due date: June 30, 2024

Evaluation Tools for Programs Funded through the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account (CERA)

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to oversee the development of tools and methodologies to assist in program delivery evaluation for programs that receive appropriations from the CERA. The evaluation must include carbon emissions reduction estimates by program and by unit of time, program cost per unit of emission reduction, quantified benefits to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities by program cost, any additional appropriate qualitative and quantitative metrics, and actionable recommendations for improvements in program delivery.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings
Report due date: October 1, 2024

Other Projects

Workgroup on Project Delivery Scheduling

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to convene a work group to develop recommendations to meet the challenge of identifying an achievable delivery schedule for completing transportation projects across the state. Membership of the work group includes, but is not limited to, the Executive Committee of the JTC, the Office of Financial Management, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and the Washington State Treasurer's Office.

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Alyson Cummings
Report due date: October 15, 2023

WSDOT/Local Government Partnership Work Group

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget directs the JTC to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center to convene a work group to create a procedure by which WSDOT can partner with a local jurisdiction to perform preservation and maintenance and construct projects on state highways.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson
Report due date: December 15, 2023, Preliminary Report
July 1, 2024, Final Report

Ferry Procurement Expert Review (Proviso was vetoed)

The 2023-25 Transportation Budget, as passed by the legislature, directed the JTC to hire an expert consultant to review Washington state ferries documents and procedures relating to the procurement of hybrid-electric Olympic class vessels and to identify opportunities to improve the process for the benefit of the State of Washington. Governor Inslee vetoed this proviso and directed Washington State Ferries to “regularly engage with legislators as it works to implement a new ferry vessel procurement process.”

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson
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