

Washington State Joint Transportation Committee
Alternative Sidewalk Funding Study
Responses to RFP questions
July 14, 2025

Question 1: Under Task 4, does the JTC anticipate identifying the Washington cities/towns for select case studies or will this be left to the consultant (in consultation with the STT)?

Response: The latter, the cities/towns for select case studies will be selected by the consultant in collaboration with the STT and other stakeholders.

Question 2: Could you please clarify the differences and desired outcomes between the draft preliminary report (due December 2025) and the draft final report (due May 2026)

Response: The draft preliminary report will be a summary of the research completed by December 2025 with an emphasis on any information that would be relevant for Legislators as they head into the 2026 legislative session. The draft final report will be the culmination of findings of the completed study.

In considering proposing exceptions to the JTC's general terms and conditions, please bear in mind:

- The JTC is not a free-standing entity with unilateral authority to amend state contract language. We can agree to some clarifying changes but not to changes that significantly alter the relationship of the parties, especially vis-à-vis indemnification and liability.
- Please consider the contractual context. JTC studies are advisory. They do not require any action be taken in response, nor what form that action may take. Further, any such action could be legislation or perhaps policy changes at an administering agency. Such changes may include some, all, or none of Contractor recommendations. It is difficult to imagine a situation where the Contractor would incur liability. Given that context it is unlikely that you would need any amendment to the existing indemnification language even if we had authority to agree.