

JTC 2025 Interim Workplan

Studies assigned in 2024 Supplemental and 2025-27
Transportation Budgets with 2025-26 deadlines

Wrapping up reports for studies you heard about today

Final Reports to be completed by June 30, 2025

- Recommendations for transit-oriented development policies in Washington state – Phase I
- WSDOT project delivery and innovative practices study – Phase I
- MRSC local project delivery streamlining workgroup

Projects continuing into 2025-27 biennium

- Recommendations for transit-oriented development policies in Washington state – Phase II
- WSDOT project delivery and innovative practices study – Phase II
- CERA funded vehicle conversions evaluation tool – Implementation/ data collection pilot
- Independent review - transportation impacts of removing lower Snake River Dams
- Regulating emissions from ocean-going vessels at berth

Washington State Ferries facilities

Proviso Requirement: Evaluate the cost and benefits associated with having the WSDOT facilities program take on full responsibility for planning and support of some or all of the facilities currently operated by the Washington State Ferries.

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Paul Neal

Report Due: December 1, 2025 (preliminary), October 1, 2026 (final)

Sidewalk funding for local governments

Proviso Requirement: Conduct a study and make recommendations on alternative new methods for local governments to fund sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to establishing a sidewalk utility. The study must review revenue options utilized in other states and make evaluations based on fairness, stability, adequacy, regressivity, simplicity, and the effect on economic vitality.

JTC Staff: Rachel Dean, Alyson Cummings

Report Due: December 15, 2025 (preliminary), June 30, 2026 (final)

CCA alternative fuel and zero emission vehicle programs evaluation

Proviso Requirement: Review and evaluate administrative, performance, and delivery efficiencies for alternative fuel and zero emission vehicle and vessel and infrastructure programs and other transportation electrification programs funded under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The JTC must analyze previously and currently funded programs in operating, capital, and transportation budgets and make recommendations on improvements to program delivery, including the consolidation of any programs, and as to which agency or agencies are appropriate and optimal to administer such CCA funded programs.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson

Report Due: October 1, 2026

Independent review – Amtrak Cascades Service Development Plan

Proviso Requirement: Conduct an independent review of the Amtrak Cascades 2024 preliminary service development plan and any subsequent public draft or final documents related to the system development plan that are released by December 31, 2026. The review must analyze the technical aspects of the plan, the public engagement strategies used in development of the plan, and the effectiveness of the communication within plan documents. The technical aspects of the plan include, but are not limited to, the ridership analysis, capacity analysis, future travel scenarios analysis, and identification of proposed infrastructure improvements. To the extent practicable, the review must include a cost benefit analysis of travel time improvements realized by projects in relation to project costs estimates.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, Dave Catterson

Report Due: June 1, 2027

Update to 2019 city funding needs study

Proviso Requirement: Contract for an update to the 2019 assessment of city transportation funding needs to assess the current state of city transportation funding, identify emerging issues, and recommend funding sources to meet current and future needs. The Association of Washington Cities and WSDOT shall provide technical support to the study.

JTC Staff: Rachel Dean, Dave Catterson

Report Due: September 2026

Update maintenance agreement for city streets as part of state highways

Proviso Requirement: Contract with the Association of Washington Cities for the contracting for a facilitator for the process of updating the memorandum of understanding reached by AWC and WSDOT in 2013 for the construction, operations, and maintenance responsibilities for city streets as part of state highways. With the help of the facilitator, a work group must be convened to collaborate on updating the agreement and developing recommendations for maintaining the agreement. Work group participants must consist of six members representing cities, appointed by AWC, and six members from WSDOT.

JTC Staff: Rachel Dean, Dave Catterson

Report Due: June 2027

Other JTC 2025 Activities

- 2025 Tour – October 7&8 – SE WA – Freight rail

2025 JTC Meetings:

(subject to change)

October 16 - Olympia

November 20 - Spokane, in conjunction with WSAC Conference

December 11 - Olympia

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