

# JTC 2025 Workplan Update

Studies assigned in 2023-25 and 2024 Supplemental  
Transportation Budgets with 2025-26 deadlines

# Summary

## Projects to be completed by June 30, 2025 (current biennium):

- WSDOT project delivery & innovative practices study
- Recommendations for transit-oriented development policies in Washington state
- Development of tools to evaluate expenditures from the carbon emissions reduction account (CERA)
- Local project delivery streamlining
- WSF procurement expert review

## Projects continuing into the next biennium

- Regulating ocean-going vessel emissions at berth (12/25)
- Independent review-transportation impacts of lower Snake River dams removal (12/26)
- WSF 75 - Ferries funding work group (12/26)

# WSDOT project delivery & innovative practices study

**Proviso Requirement:** Conduct a study and make recommendations on alternative project delivery methods that may be used by the WSDOT in public works contracting. The study must review use of design-build, design-bid-build, progressive design build, general contractor/construction manager, public-private partnerships, and other contracting methods, and how choice of project delivery method impacts cost, contract competition, and project delivery schedule. The study must include recommendations on any changes to current practices and statutory requirements.

**JTC Staff:** Alyson Cummings, Rachel Dean

**Report Due:** Preliminary – December 15, 2024, Final – June 30, 2025

# Recommendations for transit-oriented development policies in Washington state

**Proviso Requirement:** Contract with a national expert on developing inclusive, mixed-income, mixed-use transit-oriented housing to complete a review of transit-oriented development conditions in cities in King, Pierce, Spokane, Clark, and Snohomish counties that have populations of more than 12,500; and have at least one major transit stop. The review must include recommendations for state-level policy to expand housing and mixed-use transit-oriented development in a manner that minimizes displacement of existing communities and ensures housing near transit remains affordable to low-income Washingtonians.

**JTC Staff:** Dave Catterson, Rachel Dean

**Report Due:** June 30, 2025

# Development of tools to evaluate expenditures from the carbon emissions reduction account

**Proviso Requirement:** Oversee the development of tools and methodologies to assist in program delivery evaluation for programs that receive appropriations from CERA (Carbon Emissions Reduction Account) for vehicle conversions. The evaluation must include:

- Carbon emissions reduction estimates for vehicle conversions 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

**JTC Staff:**

Paul Neal, Dave Catterson

**Report due:**

October 1, 2024 – Phase 1

June 30, 2025 – Phase 2

# Local project delivery streamlining

**Proviso Requirement:** Contract with Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to convene a project delivery streamlining work group to review streamlining options and recommend practices that support expedited project delivery for local governments. The work group must review options to expedite project delivery that include: preapplication communication; partnership agreements; contracting processes; fund sources; mitigation; land use; rights-of-way; permitting; and shared technology; and must identify opportunities for pilot projects to test some of these recommendations.

**JTC Staff:** Alyson Cummings, Dave Catterson

**Report Due:** Preliminary – December 15, 2024, Final – June 30, 2025

# WSF procurement expert review

**Proviso Requirement:** Original proviso vetoed over concern that it would “create inefficiencies” and “could be duplicative”. The veto message directed WSF to “engage with legislators regularly as it works to implement a new ferry vessel procurement process.” The JTC has hired Vard Marine to provide expert review to assist JTC in tracking the procurement process.

**JTC Staff:** Paul Neal, Dave Catterson

**Briefing Schedule:** Meetings every two months or at key points in procurement process.

# Regulating ocean-going vessel emissions at berth

**Proviso Requirement: Beginning January 1, 2025,** conduct a study of the impacts of implementing California's emissions standards for ocean-going vessels at berth . The study must include estimates of greenhouse gas emissions reductions, criteria air pollutant reductions, potential labor impacts, potential impacts on shipping costs and port competitiveness, and shore power infrastructure needs and costs. The JTC must, at a minimum, coordinate with the Department of Ecology, Department of Transportation, representatives from Washington ports, shippers, utilities, and the trucking industry, impacted labor unions, and environmental organizations.

**JTC Staff:** Paul Neal, Alyson Cummings,

**Report Due:** June 30, 2025- Phase 1

December 31, 2025 – Phase 2



# Independent review-transportation impacts of lower Snake River dams removal

**Proviso Requirement:** 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 to inform the independent review.

**JTC Staff:** Dave Catterson, Rachel Dean

**Report due:** Summary findings provided every quarter. Final report due June 30, 2025.

# WSF 75 - Ferries funding work group

**Proviso Requirement:** Convene a work group in advance of the 75th anniversary of the Washington State Ferries on June 1, 2026, to review Washington state ferry funding requirements and options to increase dedicated funding sources for the ferry system. The Executive Committee of the JTC may appoint relevant stakeholders as part of the work group.

**JTC Staff:** Alyson Cummings, Paul Neal

**Report Due:** Preliminary – December 15, 2024, Final – June 1, 2026

# Other JTC 2025 Activities

- 2025 Tour – September dates TBA
- Improving website catalog of completed JTC studies

## **2025 JTC Meetings:**

(preliminary, subject to change)

June 24 – Kennewick, in conjunction with AWC Conference

October TBD - Olympia

November TBD - Spokane, in conjunction with WSAC Conference

December TBD - Olympia

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