



2022 Interim Workplan

Meeting Dates

(subject to change)

May 19, 2022 – videoconference starting at 9:00 am

June 21, 2022

In conjunction with the Association of Washington Cities annual meeting
Hilton Vancouver, Vancouver WA

September 19, 2022

Olympia - John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1, or videoconference

November 15, 2022

In conjunction with the Washington State Association of Counties annual meeting
Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton

December 15, 2022

Olympia - John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1, or videoconference

2022 Studies

(Studies shown in the order of report due date)

1. Vehicle Registration (Car Tabs) Payment Options Workgroup (continuing from 2021)

SSB 5165, Sec 204(1) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to convene a Vehicle Registration Payment Options Workgroup (Workgroup). The Workgroup will recommend payment options for vehicle fees or taxes, currently due annually for vehicle registration; including options that will help mitigate revenue loss to the state and reduce impacts to communities of color, low-income households, vulnerable populations, and displaced communities.

The Workgroup includes a representative for each of the following: Department of Licensing, County Auditors, Vehicle Licensing Subagents, Sound Transit, a city offering or considering a rebate program, vehicle owners subject to a motor vehicle excise tax, vehicle owners subject to an electric car or transportation electrification fee, and an advocate for multimodal transportation options.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, Paul Neal
Report due date: September 30, 2022

2. Transportation Equity in Washington's Cities (continuing from 2021)

The Washington State Legislature has commissioned a study of transportation equity in Washington state's cities and towns. The primary purposes of this study are to:

- Educate city and state officials on the impacts of current and historic city transportation investments on designated populations including communities of color, low-income households, vulnerable populations, and displaced communities.
- Describe tools and methods that individual cities and towns can use to assess transportation equity in their own jurisdiction
- Provide recommendations on tools and best practices that cities and towns can use to improve, diversify, and expand city transportation investments to address existing inequities in cities.

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Alyson Cummings
Report due date: December 20, 2022

3. Washington State Ferries Workforce Plan (continued from 2021)

SSB 5165 sec. 204 (5) directed the Joint Transportation Committee to hire a consultant team to develop a workforce plan for Washington State Ferries (WSF).

The study, commenced in 2021, is developing a comprehensive workforce plan addressing:

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Diversity
- Training needs
- Leadership development; and
- Other elements needed to ensure sufficient and cost-effective crewing and staffing.

The final workforce plan must include a roadmap for WSF to address current staffing shortages and position WSF to meet future workforce needs.

JTC staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson
Report due date: December 20, 2022

4. Evaluation of the Washington State Patrol's Cessna Aircraft Fleet

ESSB 5689 sec. 204(9) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to evaluate the Washington State Patrol's request to replace their fleet of five Cessna aircraft. The study will assess and evaluate:

- Current use and performance of the aircraft;
- Timing of needed replacement of the aircraft;
- Feasibility and costs of using aircraft powered by alternative fuel;
- Other potential technologies, including unmanned aerial vehicles, to achieve some or all of the aviation section's mission.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Alyson Cummings
Report due date: December 1, 2022

5. Nondrivers: Population, Demographics, and Analysis

ESSB 5689, Sec 204(8) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study including a survey to determine how many nondrivers are in Washington state and the demographics of this population. Information provided in the final report should identify the availability of transportation options for nondrivers and the impact those options have on their access to services, economic opportunity, recreation, education, and other aspects of community life.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, Paul Neal
Report due date: February 1, 2023

6. Independent Review of Ultra-High-Speed Ground Transportation Corridor

ESSB 5689, Sec 204(10) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct an independent review of the ultra-high-speed ground transportation corridor between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia. The review should include an assessment of the assumptions included in the studies overseen by the Washington state department of transportation: A 2017 to 2018 feasibility study; a 2019 business case analysis; and a 2020 report with recommendations for a governance framework, strategic engagement plan, and financial strategy.

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Alyson Cummings
Report due date: June 30, 2023

7. Encouraging High-Consumption Fuel Users to Switch to Electric Vehicles

ESSB 5689 sec. 204(13) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to assess opportunities for incentives and other strategies that would lead high consumption fuel users to switch to electric vehicles (EVs). Switching those drivers to EVs sooner would accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington, assisting in meeting state and federal emission reduction goals. The study will advance policymakers' understanding factors effecting consumer decisions to switch to EVs and evaluate potential policies to help encourage this transition.

JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson
Report due date: July 1, 2023

8. Recommendations for a State Program for Micromobility Libraries

ESSB 5689, Sec 204(11) directs 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

The Libraries would be run by community nonprofit organizations, local governments, higher education institutions, school districts, or federally recognized tribal governments. Recommendations must specify how to prioritize program benefits for vulnerable populations and overburdened communities, including tribes, seniors, low-income populations, and communities with high environmental burdens.

JTC Staff: Alyson Cummings, Dave Catterson
Report due date: June 30, 2023

Other Projects

1. Workgroup on Distribution of Federal Funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

ESSB 5689, Sec 204(12) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to convene a work group to develop recommendations to the committee on the distribution of federal-aid highway formula program funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to state and local government in future biennia. In addition to the executive committee of the JTC the work group shall include the Governor's Office, Governor's staff from the Office of Financial Management as well as one representative of each of the following:

- the Washington State Association of Counties;
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations;
- Regional Transportation Planning Organizations;
- the Association of Washington Cities;
- Tribes;
- the Washington State Department of Transportation;
- the Washington Public Ports Association; and
- the Washington State Transit Association.

WSDOT staff are to provide technical overviews, information and updates on federal requirements and guidance. Work group meetings shall be open to interested stakeholders and include opportunities for public comment.

JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Alyson Cummings, Sonia Plasencia
Due date: September 30, 2023

2. Transportation Resource Manual update

JTC staff will coordinate the update and publication of the 19th edition of the Transportation Resource Manual (TRM) – a comprehensive primer of Washington’s transportation system, its governance, and its funding.

Report due date: January 2023
JTC staff: Alyson Cummings, Dave Catterson

3. WSDOT studies “in consultation with” the JTC

Two studies directed to WSDOT are to be conducted “in consultation with” the JTC. For both studies JTC staff will be in regular contact with the WSDOT project manager, and WSDOT, or their consultant will give study presentations at JTC meetings. The two studies are:

- **Maximizing walk-on passenger ridership of Anacortes-San Juan ferry routes** (ESSB 5689, Sec 222(21). This study will identify and analyze strategies aimed at reducing the need for ferry passengers to bring their cars on the ferries thereby increasing the capacity of each ferry run to transport more people.

Report due date: January 6, 2023
JTC staff: Paul Neal

- **Statewide transit system benchmarks** (ESSB 5689, Sec 221(15) to define frequent transit service and identify statewide gaps in accessible frequent transit

Report due date: June 30, 2023
JTC staff: Dave Catterson