



2019 Interim Workplan

Meeting Dates

(subject to change)

June 26, 2019 (9:30 am – 4:00 pm)

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

July 25, 2019 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

August - NO MEETING

September 19, 2019 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

October 2-3, 2019 2-day tour by charter bus – Olympic Peninsula. There will be an optional third day with a trip to Victoria B.C. returning on October 4.

November 19, 2019 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

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

December 17, 2019 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Olympia

John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 1

2019 Studies, Projects and Tour

(Studies shown in the order of report due date)

1. Capital needs of public transit systems (continuing from 2018)

ESSB 6106, Sec 204(6) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study of the capital needs of the 31 public transportation systems operated by public transportation benefit areas, metropolitan municipal corporations, cities, counties and county transportation authorities. The study examines vehicle fleets as well as facilities such as park-and-rides, maintenance facilities and transit centers and includes an assessment of potential revenue sources to address future capital needs. The Washington State Transit Association and WSDOT will provide technical support to the study. A final report is due on June 30, 2019.

Budget: \$315,000
JTC Staff: Paul Neal, Dave Catterson
STC & HTC Staff: Hayley Gamble; David Munnecke
Report due date: June 30, 2019

2. City transportation funding (continuing from 2018)

ESSB 6106, Sec 204(5) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study to assess the current state of city transportation funding, identify emerging issues, and recommend funding sources to meet current and future needs. A Stakeholder Panel will participate in the study, including representatives of cities, WSDOT, transportation planning organizations and TIB. WSDOT and the Association of Washington Cities will provide technical support to the study. A final report is due on June 30, 2019.

Budget: \$360,000
JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Paul Neal
STC & HTC Staff: Bryon Moore; Mark Matteson
Report due date: June 30, 2019

3. East – west intercity passenger rail feasibility

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(3) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to study the feasibility of an east-west intercity passenger rail system for Washington State. The study will look specifically at the Stampede Pass corridor and service to Auburn, Cle-Elum, Yakima, Ellensburg, Tri-Cities, Toppenish and Spokane. The study must include the following elements:

- Projections of potential ridership
- Review of relevant planning studies
- Assessment of current infrastructure conditions, including station stop locations
- Identification of equipment needs
- Identification of operator options

An advisory group will help guide the study. Membership will include representatives from the JTC, House and Senate Transportation Committee staff, WSDOT, BNSF Rail, All Aboard Washington and others as deemed appropriate.

Budget: \$250,000
JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, David Ward
STC & HTC Staff: Hayley Gamble; Jennifer Harris
Report due date: June 30, 2020

4. Statewide transportation needs assessment

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(1) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a comprehensive assessment of statewide transportation needs and priorities, and existing and potential transportation funding mechanisms to address those needs and priorities. This study includes two phases. Phase I is to be completed by June 30, 2020 and will include:

- Recommendations on the critical state and local transportation projects, programs, and services needed to achieve an efficient, effective, statewide transportation system over the next ten years;
- A comprehensive menu of funding options for the legislature to consider to address the identified transportation system investments; and
- An analysis of the economic impacts of a range of future transportation investments.

For Phase II a JTC-appointed commission or panel shall review the assessment from Phase I and make final recommendations to the legislature for consideration during the 2021 legislative session on a realistic, achievable plan for funding transportation programs, projects, and services over the next ten years including a timeline for legislative action on funding the identified transportation system needs shortfall. Phase II is to be completed by December 31, 2020.

Budget: \$450,000
JTC Staff: David Ward, Dave Catterson
STC & HTC Staff: Hayley Gamble; Amy Skei
Report due date: Phase I - June 30, 2020
Phase II – December 31, 2020

5. Electrification of public vehicle fleets

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(2) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct an analysis of the electrification of public fleets in Washington State. The study will look specifically at the vehicle fleets owned by the State of Washington, cities, counties and transit agencies. Elements of the study will include:

- An inventory of existing fleets that includes fuel, engine and vehicle type
- A review of currently available electric vehicle alternatives for vehicle types most commonly used in the public fleets
- The projected costs of achieving substantial conversion to battery and/or fuel cell electric vehicles by 2025, 2030 and 2035

- Identification and analysis of financing mechanisms that could be used to finance the transition of publicly owned vehicles to battery and fuel cell electric vehicles
- The predicted number and location profile of electric vehicle fueling stations needed statewide to provide fueling for the public fleets.

An advisory group will help guide the study. Membership will include representatives from the JTC, House and Senate Transportation Committee staff, the Department of Enterprise Services, Washington State Department of Transportation, the Department of Licensing, the Department of Commerce, the Washington State Association of Counties, the Association of Washington Cities, the Washington State Transit Association, transit agencies, and others as deemed appropriate.

Budget: \$450,000
 JTC Staff: Dave Catterson, Paul Neal
 STC & HTC Staff: Kim Johnson; Dave Munnecke
 Report due date: September 30, 2020

6. Vehicle sub-agents

ESHB 1160, Sec, 204(4) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study of vehicle subagents in Washington State. The study must consider and include recommendations, as necessary, on the following:

- The current process of selecting and authorizing a vehicle subagent, including the change of ownership process and the identification of any barriers to entry into the vehicle subagent market;
- The annual business expenditures borne by each of the vehicle subagent businesses since fiscal year 2010 and identification of any materials, including office equipment and supplies, provided by the department of licensing to each vehicle subagent since fiscal year 2010;
- The oversight provided by the county auditors and/or the Department of Licensing over the vehicle subagent businesses;
- The history of service fees, how increases to the service fee rate are made, and how the requested fee increase is determined;
- The online vehicle registration renewal process and any potential improvements to the online process;
- The Department of Licensing's ability to provide more5vehicle licensing services directly, particularly taking into account6the increase in online vehicle renewal transactions;
- The potential expansion of services that can be performed by vehicle subagents; and
- The process by which the geographic locations of vehicle subagents are determined

An advisory group will help guide the study. Membership will include representatives from the JTC, House and Senate Transportation Committee staff, the Department of Licensing, county auditors, vehicle subagents and others as deemed appropriate.

Budget: \$275,000
 JTC Staff: Paul Neal, David Ward
 STC & HTC Staff: Bryon Moore; Beth Redfield
 Report due date: September 30, 2020

7. Two day tour by charter bus (with optional third day to Victoria B.C)

The JTC will organize and host a two-day tour on board a charter bus on October 2 and 3. The tour will travel to Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam counties to visit state and local transportation projects including projects to address fish passage barriers. The overnight stay in Port Angeles. There will be an optional trip by ferry to Victoria B.C. and returning to Seattle on October 4. In Victoria we'll meet with B.C. officials to discuss cross border and regional transportation issues.

Budget: Existing funds

JTC staff: Paul Neal with all JTC staff as back-up

Tour dates: October 2 and 3, 2019 with optional trip to Victoria .B.C returning on October 4

Reports to JTC in the 2019-21 Transportation Budget ESHB 1160

Sec. 103 directs the Office of Financial Management, by November 1, 2019, to report to the JTC on Phase I of their implementation plan for developing cost recovery mechanisms for credit card and other financial transaction fees currently paid from state funds. Phase I will specifically address the vehicles and drivers programs of the Department of Licensing. OFM is to take all necessary steps to ensure that actual cost-recovery mechanisms are in place for these programs by January 1, 2020.

Sec. 309 (9) appropriates \$99,000,000 for the acquisition of a 144-car hybrid –electric ferry vessel. The appropriation calls for the vendor to present to the JTC and OFM, by September 15, 2019, a list of options that will result in significant cost savings changes in terms of construction or the long-term maintenance and operations of the vessel.

Sec. 310 (11) directs WSDOT to report to the JTC on the progress made on freight rail investment bank projects and freight rail assistance projects funded during this biennium by January 1, 2020.

Sec. 311 (8)(b) directs WSDOT to work with the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee to agree on a framework for allocation of any new national highway freight funding that may be approved in a new federal surface transportation reauthorization act. The Department and representatives of the advisory committee must report to the JTC by October 1, 2020, on the status of planning for allocating new funds for this program.