



For two years, representatives from every city and public agency in the I-405 Corridor worked overtime to reach regional agreement on a solution to the I-405 transportation crisis. It's been my privilege to work with such a dedicated group of people. Developing a transportation improvement plan for a 30-mile corridor that is the lifeblood of our communities but at immediate economic risk was a daunting and necessary task. It required the unwavering participation and cooperation of three community-based project committees and their ability to look beyond today. Our reward

came when we succeeded in achieving agreement among program representatives from each city and agency in the corridor for an inclusive and balanced plan of transportation solutions for I-405. The act of mobilizing so many diverse interests around a common goal and turning what many called "just another study" into a plan for action was an inspiring and invaluable learning experience.

The ability of program participants to agree on the I-405 Corridor Plan can be attributed in part to its pioneering multi-modal approach. We propose a package of improvements and upgrades to all modes of movement, from roadways to transit to bike and pedestrian facilities. The plan will benefit all facility users. In addition, these investments offer an exciting opportunity for major environmental enhancements that would not be possible without the program.

The I-405 Corridor is an economic engine for Washington State. Our region's prosperity and high quality of life depend on the corridor's ability to move people and goods. Our communities and businesses are suffering under the weight of intolerable traffic congestion and the situation gets worse with every passing year. We cannot afford to wait. The time is now for the I-405 Corridor Plan.

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