

# WSDOT Priorities

## State and South Central Region

### Unfunded Priorities and Project Highlights



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# Fix it first

# Keep it safe

# Finish what we started



# Accountability and reforms

## **New leadership**

- Governor Inslee wants disruptive change in Olympia, brought in 18 new agency heads including WSDOT
- New WSDOT leadership since March with focus on right sizing projects to leverage partnership dollars and working with communities
- Implement reforms that will deliver for taxpayers

## **What we are doing now**

- Lessons learned from the SR520 Floating Bridge design errors
  - Clarified lines of authority to make decisions in a timely manner and quickly communicate conflicts for resolution
- Skagit River Bridge collapse response
  - First design build contract for an emergency project
- Mega project process review to ensure efficient use of resources
  - Paananen/Njord report
- Employees are training in Lean practices, empowering employees to spot, report and quickly resolve issues before they become problems
  - Yakima Central Sign Shop

## **What's next**

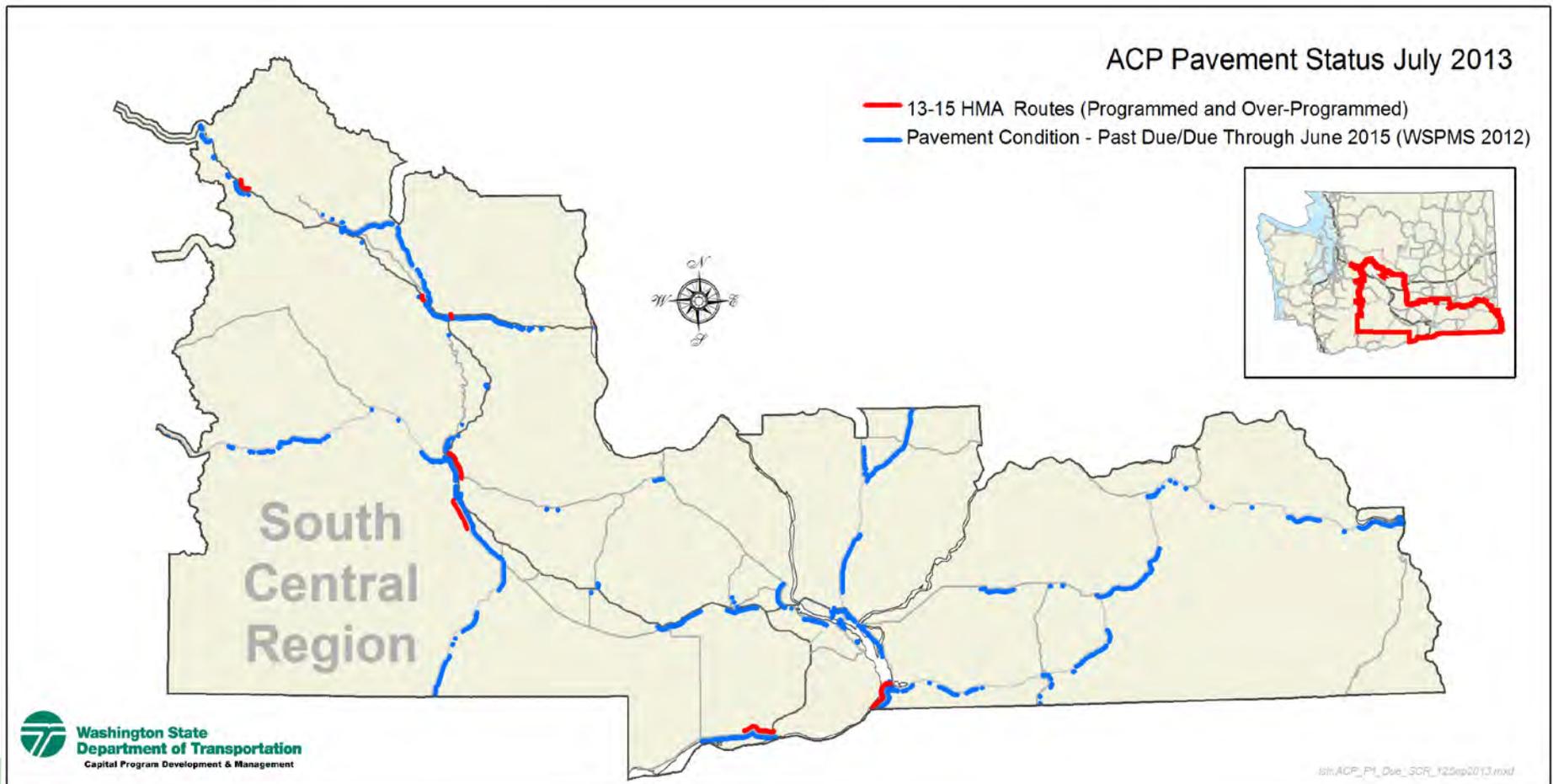
- Developing new strategic goals
- Engaging with legislators on proposals for reform
- Listening to the public for priorities

# Fix it first

## Extensive infrastructure currently in place

3,101 lane miles, 561 bridges, and hundreds of other features including signals, guardrail, lights, weigh stations, signs, culverts, drains, rest areas, etc.

- **Maintain, Operate, Preserve**
  - Take care of what we have & make it last
- **Keep Safe**
  - Implement the Statewide “Target Zero” Plan
- **Meet Legal Mandates**
  - Comply with local, state and federal requirements



# Finish what we start

- I-90 Snoqualmie Pass – widen to Easton
- I-82 West Richland - Red Mountain interchange
- US 12 near Walla Walla – complete corridor widening

- **Make Strategic New Investments**
  - Reduce congestion & keep freight moving
- **Partner with Communities**
  - Improve livability and quality of life
- **Responsible, Reliable, Sustainable**
  - Efficient & effective program/project delivery
  - Greater use of and support for technology

