

The **2007-2026 Washington Transportation Plan (WTP)** satisfies these three statewide planning requirements:

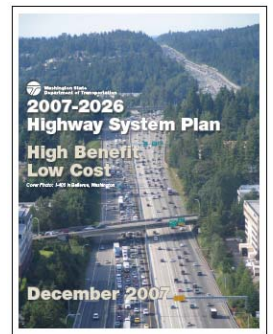
1. The Transportation Commission’s responsibility to develop a transportation policy plan (RCW 47.01.071)
2. WSDOT’s responsibility to develop a statewide multimodal transportation plan with a state-owned facilities component and a state-interest component (RCW 47.06.040)
3. WSDOT’s responsibility to develop a SAFETEA-LU compliant long-range statewide transportation plan (23 CFR 450.214)



NOTE: The **2007-2026 WTP** will remain the SAFETEA-LU compliant long-range statewide transportation plan until WSDOT updates it.

The **2007-2026 Highway System Plan (HSP)** is one of the state-owned facility components of the statewide multimodal transportation plan (RCW 47.06.050). It is consistent with:

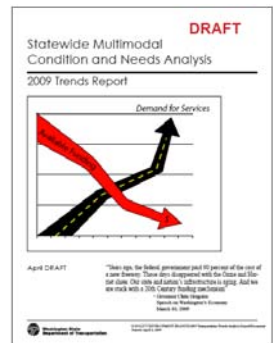
- Transportation Policy Goals of RCW 47.04.280
- 2007-2026 Washington Transportation Plan (WTP) Investment Guidelines
- Washington State’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Target Zero



WSDOT supplemented the HSP in **2008** with a technical update that refined the analysis of some existing mobility solutions, added low-cost freight solutions, and discussed connections to Climate Change.

WSDOT is starting the **Statewide Multimodal Transportation Condition and Needs Analysis: 2009 Trends Report** for state-owned and state-interest transportation facilities. This multimodal report will be:

- A compilation of trend data from multiple modes, issues, and organizations
- An assessment of the existing conditions
- A 20-year demand forecast for transportation facilities and services
- Available for the 2010 legislative session discussions and subsequent 2011-2013 investment discussions
- The basis for the next data-driven statewide multimodal transportation plan



Supports Compliance with RCW 47.06.040 and 23 CFR 450.214

The **2011-2030 WTP** is the name the Transportation Commission has chosen for the new transportation policy plan. State law (RCW 47.01.071) requires the Commission to develop a statewide transportation policy plan based the policy goals in RCW 47.04.280 and that reflects the Governor’s Priorities of Government. This plan is due by December 2010 and should be updated every four years for the Governor and the Legislature.

The plan’s purposes are to establish a vision for the development of a statewide transportation system; to identify significant statewide transportation policy issues; and to recommend transportation policies and strategies to the legislature.

The **2011-2030 Highway System Plan (HSP)** is one of the state-owned facilities components of the statewide multimodal transportation plan. The state highway system includes interstates, US highways, and state routes. The plan identifies program and financing needs.

It does the following:

- Recommends specific and financially realistic improvements to preserve the structural integrity of the state highway system;
- Ensures acceptable operating conditions; and
- Provides for enhanced access to scenic, recreational, and cultural resources

This plan has five elements:

- System preservation;
- Highway maintenance;
- Capacity and operational improvements
- Scenic and recreational highways;
- Paths and trails (non-motorized modes of transportation on the state system)

This HSP intends to focus on the following:

- Developing consistent criteria for the identification and evaluation of current and future needs through an incremental tiered approach:
 - Integrating "Moving Washington" philosophy by focusing on: adding road capacity strategically
 - Operating the system we have efficiently
 - Providing choices that help manage demand
- Building on the existing Highway System Plan by refining identified needs, strategies, solutions, and performance measurements
- Forecasting future transportation needs based on the WSDOT's preservation, safety, mobility, environmental, and economic programs
- Developing criteria for identifying economic vitality needs
- Serving as the basis for the six-year highway program and the two-year biennial budget request to the legislature

RCW 47.06.050

WSDOT will prepare the **Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan**. The purpose of this plan is to meet WSDOT's federal requirements for a long-range transportation plan and state planning requirements for a multimodal transportation plan. WSDOT will use the 2009 Trends Report as the basis for this data-driven transportation plan. WSDOT is required to submit updates to FHWA and FTA "periodically."

RCW 47.06.040; 23 CFR 450.214

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