



WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENT COMMUNITIES



Webinars: Multimodal Integration and Bikeability, Walkability, and Physical Activity

The Transportation Efficient Communities Initiative (composed of the Washington State Departments of Commerce, Ecology, Health, and Transportation) hosted the following two free webinars:

1. Multimodal Integration
2. Bikeability, Walkability, and Physical Activity

You may access both webinars on YouTube by using the link below.

The first webinar on Multimodal Integration shared how the City of Bellingham's "Complete Networks" approach incorporated mode-specific networks for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, automobiles, and freight trucks. This webinar also covered how the City of Kirkland adopted an analysis tool to illustrate and measure the community's vision for Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan update.

The second webinar on Bikeability, Walkability, and Physical Activity covered how the Spokane Regional Health District partnered with Spokane area transportation professionals about the health impacts of transportation and how to mitigate them. This webinar also included how the Seattle Department of Transportation updated its Pedestrian Master Plan to include its prioritization methodology, including the use of new pedestrian safety indicators that reflect the city's Vision Zero objectives and low-cost sidewalk concepts.

To view materials from these two webinars go to WSDOT's [Growth Management Act \(GMA\) Comprehensive Plan Resources](#) website and then scroll to the bottom of the page.

Multimodal Integration Presenters



Chris Comeau
City of Bellingham



Jim McMahan
City of Kirkland

Bikeability/Walkability Presenters



Heleen Dewey
Spokane RHD



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Planning Resources

[A Short Course on Local Planning](#)

The Washington State Department of Commerce has a Basic Short Course on Local Planning as a workshop or through a YouTube video format.

[Bicycle & Pedestrian](#)—Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding, Design, and Environmental Review: Addressing Common Misconceptions.

[Final Call for Applications: 2015's 100 Resilient Cities Challenge](#)—This year, the challenge will uncover the final group of cities ready to lead the urban resilience movement. The deadline to apply is November 24, 2015.

[INVEST, Version 1.2](#)—This is an update to FHWA's sustainable highways self-evaluation tool.

[Livability Index](#)—This Index scores neighborhoods and communities across the U.S. for services and amenities.

[New Partners for Smart Growth Conference](#)—The 15th Annual New Partners Conference will be held in Portland, OR, February 11-13, 2016.

[American Planning Association's 2016 National Planning Conference](#)—The April 2-5, 2016, conference will be in Phoenix, AZ.

Corridor Sketches

WSDOT's Corridor Sketch Initiative

The Corridor Sketch Initiative is a new way for the Washington State Department of Transportation to work jointly with partners to capture and document consistent baseline information about each transportation corridor around the state in order to inform future investment decisions. A corridor sketch will contain information that describes the characteristics of each corridor, its current and future function, as well as its performance expectations. The corridor sketches will ultimately identify cost-effective strategies for future consideration. A corridor sketch is not a substitute for detailed planning and analysis, nor is it a list of investments or projects. The Corridor Sketch Initiative provides an opportunity for enhanced collaboration with WSDOT's partners to achieve a common understanding and to develop a set of strategies for all state highways. WSDOT will implement the Corridor Sketch Initiative in two phases:

Phase I

Phase I will focus on working with our partners on documenting current conditions, function, and performance expectations for each corridor throughout the state. WSDOT will also be hosting a series of workshops and meetings to engage partners and collect information for each of the state's corridors. The initial focus of Phase I will be on corridors that include Connecting Washington projects funded by the 2015 Washington State Legislature.

Phase II

Phase II will focus on WSDOT's further collaboration with its partners to identify and rank cost-effective multimodal investment strategies that achieve the performance expectations identified in Phase I.

For more information on corridor sketches, your first point of contact is your [WSDOT planning manager](#). For additional assistance or questions, please contact [Faris Al-Memar](#), Systems Analysis & Planning Manager, 360.705.7956.

Resources

New and Updated Resources for Local Planning

Check out the new and updated resources for local planners on WSDOT's GMA Website:

- [WSDOT Local Planning Resources](#)
WSDOT Local Planning Resources details transportation-related requirements, recommendations, and resources for local planning.
- [Transportation Funding Sources in Washington State](#)
Transportation Funding Sources in Washington State provides a summary of transportation funding programs and resources.
- [How can Cities and Counties Plan for all Transportation Modes?](#)
NEW! This outlines options for improving transportation efficiency by integrating planning for walking, biking, driving, transit, and marine and air transport and provides links to tools, resources, and good examples from Washington cities.

For more information, contact your [WSDOT planning manager](#) or email [Kyle Miller](#).

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