

# The Washington Transportation Plan 2007-2026 Preliminary Feedback

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Preservation and Safety are the top two regional priorities.

Support for the scenic byway program benefits regional economic and transportation investments.

Safety, tourism, and freight movement are important issues for the Okanogan Trails Scenic Byway (US 97- Pateros to Canadian Border).

Stevens Pass Greenway relies on transportation to provide tourists access to the newly designated National Scenic Byway and its many recreational opportunities.

The process for the WTP update and the collaboration with the WSDOT to work with locals in the region is appreciated especially when project priorities are identified.

Mass transit should get more discussion in the plan.

Specific corridor and project related safety concerns are important in this region.

Increased use of an enforcement of impact fees is supported.

Safety is a priority, the US 2/SR 97 Interchange is very dangerous.

Recent installation of deer kill signs and guardrails are appreciated.

Freight mobility and cross border freight traffic is a concern without additional passing lanes on US 97.

A bypass for truck traffic could be a solution to the congestion in Wenatchee.

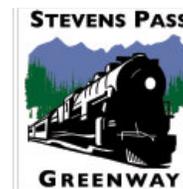
Tolling for I-90 would be supported if used for preservation of the system.

If tolling is used, the fees collected need to be targeted for specific projects.

If tolling creates a shift to another pass, tolling that pass, as well, is recommended.

I am not in favor of tolls, citizens pay a lot of taxes now.

Increases to the gas tax are supported if it fixes the problems. Showing the public the economic impacts of what happens without the taxes could help justify the increase.



A third bridge crossing on the Columbia in Wenatchee is needed for safety, mobility, and freight movement. Putting a toll on the bridge is supported.

Preserving obsolete, deteriorating, and unsafe bridges for trucks, school busses and pedestrians is important.

Building a new bridge over the Columbia River between the Entiat/Chelan area to the Orondo/Waterville area is important.

Concerns about making progress on the sunset highway due to litigation stopping the project were expressed.

Speed reduction is a low cost solution to improving safety, while others feel it increases congestion and delay for freight movement.

An equal number of projects in Eastern Washington are missing in the WTP.

Strong local leadership is needed to prioritize transportation projects.

A divided highway from Wenatchee to Interstate 90 is needed for safety and freight mobility.

Partnerships will continue to play a key role in making transportation improvements.

The Lake Chelan area is experiencing unprecedented development, creating much more traffic congestion, safety issues, and conflicts between vehicular traffic, pedestrians and bicycle riders on 97A and SR 150.

All weather roads are a must to handle the loads.

Keep our railroads operating.

To get people to support tax increases, talk about the local roads that are being done.