


Many Levels of Planning for Projects in Washington State

Altitude of Reference	Kind of Plan or Product	Who Produces?	What is the Outcome or Result?
60,000 feet	Laws	State Legislature Governor	Policy direction for transportation planning
40,000 feet	Trans. Commission Annual Report Washington Transportation Plan Trans. Commission Policy Plan	Transportation Commission	Overarching transportation policy themes
30,000 feet	Statewide Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan	WSDOT	Programs of Investment Recommended Policies
20,000 feet	HSP SHSP WSF Transit	WSDOT	Program Strategies sometimes specific projects or conceptual solutions
17,500 feet		WSDOT	Moving Washington is a strategic program that guides targeted investments along congested corridors. The approach is focused on addressing urgent and emerging needs by: Adding capacity strategically, managing demand, and operating efficiently
15,000 feet	RTP RTP RTP RTP MTP MTP MTP MTP MTP	MPOs RTPOS	Funding constrained projects & regional growth strategies
10,000 feet	Local Comprehensive Plans Sub-Area Plans Special Studies Corridor Planning Studies	WSDOT, Local Governments, Tribes, Others	Land use patterns Effects of local decisions on state transportation systems Conceptual solutions that could become funded projects or operational solutions
7,000 feet	STIP TIP TIP	WSDOT MPOs	Recommended transportation Investments / Improvement Programs
1,000 feet	State Budget	State Legislature Governor	Revenue for strategic investment
5 feet	Project Project Project Project Project Project Project Project Project Project		Improved System Performance and Implementation of the 5 Policy Goals