

The Washington Transportation Plan 2007-2026 Preliminary Feedback

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Addressing the impacts of population growth on local traffic patterns warrants consideration of bypass routes or cutoff roads to alleviate congestion.

Rail and moving freight are important.



More funding should be spent to improve the local infrastructure.

Improved passenger rail service from Spokane to Seattle should be a priority. It should include stops in Ephrata and Wenatchee, and the times the service is offered should be during the day, not at midnight.



Tolling of Snoqualmie Pass is not a good idea because it will have negative economic impacts.

Interest in the progress of local Nickel or Transportation Partnership Act projects is high.

A truck bypass over Snoqualmie Pass might help with traffic and improve the road surface condition for other vehicles, if trucks were separated.



The shift from an inventory based economy to a “just-in-time” arrival economy creates challenges for transportation providers.

Truck driver safety education is important.

Keeping Snoqualmie Pass open is the single most important issue for the state, for the economy, and tourism.

Shortline rail preservation is a high priority for the region.

Where are county roads in preservation unfunded high priorities?



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