

# Building Future Visions

Washington Transportation Plan Update  
Attachment B

## Guiding Principles (Statutory and Commission Policy) for Building Future Visions

### Commission:

Promote the use of advanced technologies to improve system efficiency and service.

Support regions in adopting different and regionally appropriate mobility strategies.

Recognize that there will be congestion on the system and the ability to control congestion by expansion of the system is limited due to funding and other considerations. Promote land use management, telecommunications and other innovative technologies as viable mobility options to reduce the impact of congestion on all system users. Support limited strategic expansion to accommodate growth and reduce congestion when possible.

Use cost-benefit methodologies as key determinants in selecting mobility projects.

Take advantage of available, cost effective technologies to improve processes and systems.

### West Coast Governor's Global Warming Initiative

Develop strategies to address five issues (low emission vehicle procurement, ports and highway diesel emissions, renewable energy, energy efficiency, performance measurement).

## What Might This Mean?

- Washington State has reached the point where substantial expansion of transportation capacity should be developed in order to get people from their homes to their jobs and demands for movement of freight and goods. From a standpoint of meeting transportation demands, a number of corridors over several modes ought to receive capacity expansion.
- Capacity expansion is an expensive investment choice because of high costs of right of way.
- New technologies will be an important source of efficiency gains. Goals and visions for efficiency must anticipate tomorrow's technologies as well as take advantage of today's. For highway systems, the expanding uses of in-vehicle technologies must be in the forefront of transportation system planning.
- Washington State's transportation system might face demands for new or expanded services to support new technologies, convert, or retrofit fleets, etc.