



# Transportation Concurrency Analysis State-Owned Facilities

## Analysis Request

To conduct an analysis of expanding the transportation concurrency requirements prescribed under the growth management act...to include development impacts on level of service standards applicable to state-owned transportation facilities, including state highways and state ferry routes. The objective of the analysis is to determine how to ensure that jurisdictional divisions do not defeat growth management act concurrency goals. (SSB 6241.PL p. 30)

## Problem

The concurrency goal of Washington State's Growth Management Act (GMA) seeks to ensure that public facilities and services are adequate to support development at the time of occupancy and use, without decreasing service levels below locally established minimum standards. Transportation facilities and services are subject to an additional provision of State law requiring local jurisdictions to deny development unless transportation concurrency is provided within six years of approval. State-owned transportation facilities of statewide significance are exempt from this concurrency requirement, except in Island and San Juan Counties. In addition, regional and neighboring facilities are not effectively considered in local transportation plans, level of service standards, or implementing ordinances. Because state, regional and neighboring facilities are not adequately addressed in the local transportation concurrency process, the GMA concurrency goal is not achieved.

## Research Questions

1. What is the current statutory and legal climate for transportation concurrency and level of service (LOS) standards?
2. How have the Community, Trade and Economic Development Department and the Department of Transportation practiced their roles with respect to the transportation concurrency goal?
3. How else does the State encourage local governments to provide transportation facilities concurrent with development?
4. How have local governments approached achieving the transportation concurrency goal?
5. How else do local governments ensure the provision of transportation facilities concurrent with development?
6. How have the Regional Transportation Planning Organizations' (RTPO) certification processes impacted the transportation concurrency goal?
7. How have other interjurisdictional coordination efforts impacted concurrency goals at the local, regional and state level?
8. How have other states regulated transportation concurrency and are their regulations effective?
9. How can the interjurisdictional coordination of transportation concurrency be strengthened?
10. What are the impacts of these solutions?

## Methods

Literature Review  
Legal Research  
Process Mapping  
Identification of Data Needs  
Analysis of Relevant Data  
Interviews  
Case Studies  
Surveys  
Local Ordinances/Plan Review  
Best Practices

## Products

Coordination with Oversight Committee  
Final Report

- Executive Summary
- Summary of Findings
- Summary of Policy Options
- Summary of Policy Impacts
- List of Resource Links
- Glossary

Web Page  
Resource Binders