



Projects

Highways

- Bridges
- Hwy 395 4 Lanes
- All-Weather Highways
- Flowery Trail
- Railroads

Communities

- Bike Lanes
- Pedestrian Paths
- Truck Route
- Community Revitalization
- Airports

Northeast Washington Regional Transportation Projects



How can I learn more?

View the entire Regional Transportation Plan, Washington State Department of Transportation Plan, and related information by visiting our website.

We want to hear from you.

Do you have a specific transportation issue or vision for our future? Please contact us to provide input or hear about scheduled public meetings and presentations.

Website: www.teddonline.com
 Email: tmilburn.tedd@plix.com
 Phone: (509) 684-4571



Northeast Washington Regional Transportation Plan

Transportation Improvements

for Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties

Northeast Washington Transportation Facts

- 3,278 miles of roads transport 43,173 licensed drivers
- Three rail lines are vital for exporting products
- Public transit provides 26,800 rides each year
- Two ferries carry 140,000 vehicles each year
- Pedestrian paths and bikeways offer travel choices and recreation
- Four airports contribute \$5 million in annual economic impacts

Enhancing our Quality of Life and Economic Vitality





Improved transportation is essential to protect and enhance northeast Washington's quality of life and economic vitality.

Analyzing past trends, current conditions and future needs, the **Northeast Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NEW RTPO)** develops annual recommendations for transportation system improvements in accordance with Washington State Department of Transportation priorities.

The NEW RTPO consists of a Policy Board of 17 elected officials and a Technical Advisory Committee of 13 professional and technical staff members representing the entire region. The Tri-County Economic Development District serves as its lead agency.

Goals of the NEW RTPO:

- Create a transportation system that optimizes economic, fiscal, natural and human resources
- Plan for a multi-modal transportation system that will accommodate growth and enhance the economy
- Identify significant transportation facilities and services that support local comprehensive plans; perform ongoing evaluation and modification to keep current with public needs and desires
- Recognize areas of cultural, historic and environmental significance
- Coordinate with federal, tribal, state, county and local governments, and businesses and industries

Washington State Department of Transportation Priorities

- 1 System preservation
- 2 System efficiencies
- 3 Safety
- 4 Transportation access
- 5 Bottlenecks & chokepoints
- 6 Contributing to a strong economy and good jobs
- 7 Moving freight
- 8 Building future visions
- 9 Health and the environment



"A well maintained road infrastructure is vital to sustaining Kinross Gold Corporations' mining and milling operations. Transportation of supplies and ore accommodates operations, jobs, revenue, and economic growth."

Clyde D. Gillespie,
Project Manager,
Buckhorn Mountain/
Kettle River Operations

"The shortage of all-weather roads in Stevens County is a disadvantage for local timber companies. The road closures cause significant losses in productivity and profit."

Dean Vaagen
President,
Vaagen Bros. Lumber Inc.

Highlights of the Regional Transportation Plan

An improved transportation system that helps build a vibrant economy

Freeways/Highways

- Expand U.S. Highway 395 to 4 lanes from Spokane to Kettle Falls
- Add truck climbing lanes and intersection channels on U.S. Highway 395
- Add safety, capacity improvements on SR 20, 21, 25, 206, 211, 231, 290, 291, 292, 902, and 904
- Add passing lane on SR 20 Sherman Pass
- Develop alternate truck route in Colville
- Create all-weather surfaces on sections of SR 20, 21 and 31
- Improve SR 31 to be compatible with heavy truck movement across the Canadian border

Street Improvements

- Replace Usk Bridge
- Develop plan for a new Inchelium-Gifford Bridge
- Repair/construct Metaline Falls Bridge
- Complete Flowery Trail Pass road improvements

All Roads

Road Maintenance & Preservation

- Maintain signs, markings, illumination, signals, and other safety features
- Perform maintenance to promote safe, all-season travel
- Patch and seal pavement
- Resurface highways
- Create safe work zones
- Provide beautification landscaping and litter control
- Preserve structural integrity of bridge decks
- Paint steel bridges to preserve service life



U.S. 395 is an important transportation link between Spokane and the Canadian border

All-weather roads will allow heavy truck traffic year round, enhancing economic activity

Population is projected to grow 60 percent by 2030, necessitating expanded road capacities

Upgraded streets and intersections will improve traffic flow and safety

Washington State's gas tax funds city, county and state road systems



Safe and efficient travel to where you live, work, shop and play

Transit

- Maintain transportation services for special needs populations to access basic services, including para-transit and van pools

Air

- Maintain safe landing conditions for the maximum amount of time during the year
- Refurbish airport facilities to cost-effective service capacity

Water

- Replace Inchelium Ferry with a newly constructed bridge
- Build a new ferry vessel to replace the MV Hyak
- Refurbish ferry vessels and terminals to extend service life
- Perform ferry vessel maintenance to minimize service disruptions
- Provide clean, reliable facilities at ferry terminals and on vessels

Rail

- Maintain efficient rail service to all established service points
- Maintain all public roads at grade crossings
- Preserve essential rail lines

Bicycling/Pedestrians

- Add bike lanes to SR 20 on Sherman Pass
- Add pedestrian and bike path on Highway 21 in Keller
- Develop safe bicycling and walking routes on U.S. Highway 395 within city limits

Community Revitalization

- Promote community revitalization efforts throughout the region

"The new, proposed sidewalks will make Metaline feel like a town and encourage people to stop and stay a while."

Ruth Reiber
Owner,
Lady Bug Corner/
Metaline City
Councilperson

"Transportation to basic service providers is essential for our region's disabled, low income and senior citizens."

Kelly Scalf
Transportation Director,
Rural Resources



SR 20 is a Top 10 route nationally for cross-country bicycling

Water transportation bolsters vital access between counties, tourism and commercial shipping services

Enhanced mobility across the region will better connect residents with activity centers

Community Revitalization Projects will create business and pedestrian-oriented town centers

Improved downtown streets, sidewalks and landscaping are planned for 13 cities in the region