

Moving Freight

Guiding Principles (Statutory and Commission Policy) for Moving Freight

Increase access and mobility options for freight. **(23 CFR 135)**

Enhance transportation system integration and connectivity across and between modes statewide for freight. **(23 CFR 135)**

The Commission shall identify projects that yield freight mobility benefits or alleviate the impacts of freight mobility upon affected communities. **(RCW 47.05.051)**

Relieve congestion and efficiently move freight and goods. **(RCW 47.06)**

Freight mobility strategic investment board created to designate strategic freight corridors and prioritize projects that meet criteria. **(RCW 47.06A)**

Better planning, cooperation and financial assistance is necessary to maintain and improve the freight rail system. **(RCW 47.76.200)**

Commission:

Freight movement is reliable and transportation investments support Washington's strategic trade advantage.

Support investments in freight transportation services and infrastructure that maintain Washington's competitive geographic advantage for world and domestic trade, and contribute to the economic productivity of the state.

To the degree possible, streamline laws and regulations impacting freight transportation to allow ease of compliance and coordinated administration among jurisdictions.

What Might This Mean?

- Efficiency and reliability for the movement of freight and goods in the State of Washington is important for supporting the state's trade economy, for supporting the productivity of the state's growers and manufacturers, and for helping to hold down the costs of goods consumed by our citizens.
- Freight transportation investment must be evaluated *both* from the standpoint of freight needs (for example, access to major distribution centers and the ports) and of synergies with transportation with non-freight investment (e.g., corridor investments for chokepoint relief and safety improvements).
- Intermodal connections can be particularly important in selecting candidates for freight investment (e.g., sea-rail; truck-rail; air carrier-delivery service).
- New technologies to be applied to improve freight transportation system performance are as important as in any other mode.