

# Washington Transportation Plan 2011 – 2030 Update



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# Washington Transportation Plan: 2011-30 is Underway

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## Key Participants:

- ❑ Commission WTP Team: Commissioners Carol Moser, Elmira Forner, and Latisha Hill
- ❑ Core project management team includes WSTC, WSDOT, RTPO/MPO representatives
- ❑ Consultant Team: Berk & Associates, Nelson Nygaard, Cocker Fennessy, and Paul Roberts Associates
- ❑ Advisory Group formed – five meetings held  
January Advisory Group Meeting in Olympia

# Advisory Group Engagement

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- ❑ Broad and diverse stakeholder group
- ❑ Involvement of state agencies, business, local government, transit, regional planning agencies, ports, environmental interests
- ❑ Advisory Group will participate actively in broader statewide outreach



## Advisory Group Membership

- Association of Washington Business
- Association of Washington Cities
- Department of Ecology
- Economic Development Commission
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- Governor's Office
- King County Metro
- Lummi Nation
- Office of Financial Management
- Port of Benton
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Transportation Choices
- Washington Roundtable
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington State Traffic Safety Commission
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- WSDOT Strategic Planning and Programming

# What's Different about this WTP?

## □ Statewide Umbrella Plan

*Involvement and integration of:*

- WSDOT long-range plans
- RTP/MPO issues/ priorities
- County and city issues/priorities
- Transit issues/ priorities

## □ New State Context and Direction

- GHG targets and implications
- Revenue needs and planning
- GMA compliance
- Economic development

## □ Evolving Federal Direction

- Focus on performance outcomes

## □ The Plan itself – strategic approach; a succinct, usable document



# Key Elements of the WTP 2011-30

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## □ Vision for 2030

## □ Strategic Themes

- Population growth and aging population
- GHG reduction requirements
- Revenue needs and challenges
- Aging infrastructure
- Others?



## □ Policy Goals – “5 in statute plus 1 more”

1. Preservation
2. Safety
3. Mobility
4. Environmental Quality and Health
5. Stewardship
6. Economic Vitality\*



## □ Implementation Measures – Performance Outcomes

\* Not in statute

# Plan Background: Integrating Regional & Statewide Planning Issues

## Plan Content (cont.) :

- What has been accomplished since the last WTP
  - State
  - Regional (from RTPOs/MPOs)
- Long-Term system trends
  - Federal
  - State
  - Regional
  - County
  - City
- Current challenges and unfunded needs
  - State
  - Regional
  - County
  - City



# Commission Approved Vision Statement (October 2009)

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Washington's transportation network connects people and communities, fostering commerce and operating seamlessly across boundaries and modes as an environmentally and financially sustainable system

# Policy Planning Issues

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- ❑ Preserve and maintain the transportation system consistent with state environmental goals
- ❑ Address climate change and greenhouse gas-related issues
- ❑ Connectivity improvements across modes
- ❑ Support mobility and congestion relief in urban areas
- ❑ Align state policies with the emerging federal direction
- ❑ Policy linkages between transportation, land use, and economic development



# Policy Planning Issues (cont.)

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- ❑ Rural roadway capacity, condition and safety
- ❑ Improve freight movement and mitigate its impacts
- ❑ Address bicycle and pedestrian mobility needs
- ❑ Define the appropriate roles of state, regional, local and tribal governments in transportation policies
- ❑ Address needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities



# Revenue and Funding Policy Issues

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- ❑ Identification of overall constrained funding needs – state, regions, counties, cities, transit
- ❑ What investments should be made to preserve and maintain the existing system?
- ❑ What are the opportunities for state matching funds for local projects?
- ❑ What should the state's role be in transit funding and policy?



# Statewide Outreach is an Important Project Element

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- ❑ Stakeholder Briefings – ongoing
- ❑ Regional Listening Sessions
  - Partner with regional, local agencies
  - Spread the word widely; obtain broad input
- ❑ Social Media
  - Online survey
  - WTP blog and Flickr postings
  - E-news to partners for distribution
  - Potential webinars – E-town meetings



# Summary Project Schedule

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- ❑ Framework and Draft Vision: *October-December 2009*
- ❑ Outreach: *January-November 2010*
- ❑ Draft Plan Release: *July 2010*
- ❑ Final Plan Adopted: *December 2010*



# Working Together – Partnering with the RTPOs/MPOs

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- Information Collection
  - Mailing lists for emails
  - Pictures
  - Projects and needs – for Plan
- Communication & Outreach
  - Participation in WTP Blog
  - Partnering on 2010 listening sessions
- Getting involved and staying in touch

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