

# **SFY 2011 UPWP Guidelines**

*Early draft for RTPO-MPO discussion*

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# Background

- An annual joint exercise
- Reflects FHWA/FTA “emphasis areas”
- And WSDOT “themes”
- Mostly relevant to the MPOs and RTPOs doing annual work plans and others amending their work plans
- Could be relevant to all if big changes come in this period!

# Goals

- Promote quality and consistent transportation planning at State and Regional levels
- Open dialog about federal and state-level concerns and focus
- Stimulates course correction if needed
- Enables WSDOT to advocate for your needs

# We Know Money is Tight!

- Funding unknowns on federal front
  - No-growth pot of money on the state front
  - Yet continuing demands – how to cope?
- Answer — water the soup! Thin coverage of all vital tasks...



# We Live in Unpredictable Times

Many new issues and less clear direction; less money  
Leading to six state themes we want to get ready for; to partner on (on top of your basic work):



1. Statewide planning for all modes and various special topics
2. WSDOT region planning affecting you
3. New legislation – state and federal.....

## **Six State Themes (cont.)**

- Climate change, energy, sustainability, livability and economic consequences of these
- Preparing for the 2011-12 Comprehensive plan update cycle among your jurisdictions.
- Potential new air quality conformity requirements (more coming on this)

# And Another Thing...

- We want to learn more about your successes and challenges
- One face-to-face opportunity is the annual UPWP review meetings
- So we're suggesting a meeting template that starts with you educating us.

# In Closing

- Have we missed any themes?
- Discuss timeframe
- Discuss meeting format
- Problem-solve

# Discussion

