

# The Washington Transportation Plan 2007-2026 Preliminary Feedback

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Preservation and all-weather roads are a priority.



The \$200 million statewide need identified for all weather roads is less than what Stevens County needs.



All-weather roads must include repair/ replacement of the bridges that are part of that network.



The Sherman Pass Scenic Byway provides important links for the local communities related to tourism and access to recreation.



The WTP provides direction and addresses the environmental concerns that the forest service is concerned with.



The International Selkirk Loop attracts national attention to the northeast Washington and Northern Idaho region. Signing is a current issue for the byway.

The North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway continues to implement projects that are the result of the corridor planning process, which contribute to the rural economy of this region.

It appears that the preservation priorities identified for funding county roads is less than it should be based on a comparison of lane miles.

Safety improvements for local county roads is important and there needs to be more money provided for that investment.

Rural counties have limited staff, and a limited tax base.

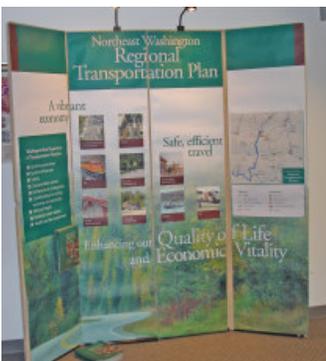
The rising costs of material outpaces the increases in funding for transportation at all levels.

New material and new methodologies should be pursued.

Has anyone considered using silicon to coat the highways as a preservation technique?

What about harnessing some of the congestion on our highways to generate electricity?

What kinds of research is being done to explore future technologies?



Port expansion is important for Eastern Washington.

Railroad Right of Way preservation should be a higher priority so that those corridors are not lost to private property owners.

The issue of day labor should be reviewed by the County Commissioners in Eastern Washington and then a discussion about prevailing wage rate rules should occur with the legislature.

Counties and cities are not adequately included in the plan's high priorities.

Thank you for taking the time to come to our area and share the plan

Over a 20-year period we will experience inflation such that today's prices will look cheap. We need to combine purchasing and front load funding to get it done as soon as possible and try to get some economies of scale going.

Need to complete design of standard byway sign so we can install them with our logo.