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As mentioned previously, the Freight Implementation Plan is a dynamic document that must be able to address changing conditions in the freight world. For example, the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 immediately shifted international border crossing focus from increased crossing speed to increased security. New technology, regulations or environmental concerns may all influence the efficiency of freight movement in Washington State. Legislative and voter decisions influence freight projects and priorities. It is the goal of this plan to keep pace with the changing freight environment. The plan is reviewed and updated on a regular basis and no less than once a year.

Next Steps

The Office of Freight Strategy and Policy (FS&P) was created to provide WSDOT leadership in freight issues and develop freight policy. In order to do this, more freight-related information is needed. One of the biggest and most immediate needs is identification of gaps in WSDOT's freight improvement efforts. FS&P intends to identify freight problems that are not being addressed or solved by current projects. A WSDOT freight working group has been created by FS&P to analyze the freight gaps and propose strategies for addressing them. Freight data needs, identification of chokepoints, identification of strategic freight corridors, and barriers to freight transfer and movement will also be addressed.