What is the Community Planning Portal?

WSDOT’s Community Planning Portal is an online forum for state, regional, and local transportation planners to share transportation and land use data. The intent of the portal is to foster collaborative planning to achieve common goals, including the provision of a reliable, responsible, and sustainable transportation system for the public.

WSDOT has compiled the state transportation data we think will help local and regional planners, decision-makers, and citizens better understand the story of the state transportation system in their jurisdictions. We hope sharing this data will lead to a closer partnership so that, together, we can identify opportunities to operate our system more efficiently, manage demand, and, where appropriate, fund strategic capacity improvements.

Why Did WSDOT Create the Community Planning Portal?

Many local governments are in the process of updating their comprehensive plans and regulations, as required periodically by the Growth Management Act. WSDOT is making it easier for local and regional planners to access the information they need from us for these updates, as well as for other planning efforts that may affect the state transportation system.

How do Planners Provide Feedback?

Now that the Community Planning Portal has been developed, we continue to invite local and regional planners to speak with the planners within their WSDOT region offices about what data they would like to see included and how that data might be most effectively presented. To participate in the discussion, please contact Kyle Miller at kyle.miller@wsdot.wa.gov

How Does the Community Planning Portal Work?

The Community Planning Portal allows local and regional governments to access interactive online maps and fact sheets customized for their jurisdictions. Agencies can print maps or download data layers from the portal. They can also upload their own data or data from other state and federal agencies that have published content to ArcGIS Online. More easily sharing data presents an exciting opportunity for planners across Washington to better integrate local, regional, and state transportation and land use planning.

Where is information to get started or to learn more about the Community Planning Portal?

You can access the Community Planning Portal through the WSDOT Online Map Center by typing the following in your web browser: http://wsdot.maps.arcgis.com. Select the WSDOT Community Planning Portal from the featured content in the middle of the page by clicking the picture.

For background information and help, including how-to videos and scripts, and the WSDOT Community Planning Portal - Quick Start Guide, go to the WSDOT Community Planning Portal website at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/planning/community/WSDOTCommunityPlanningPortal.htm

The WSDOT Community Planning Portal helps local, regional, and state planners collaborate more effectively to provide an integrated transportation system.
What Kind of Information Does the Community Planning Portal Include?

To get started, WSDOT has developed an intricate set of data about the state transportation system to assist local governments in completing the transportation element inventory required by the Growth Management Act. The Portal now includes more than thirty descriptive layers about the state transportation system such as airport locations, state highway designations and classifications, roadway characteristics, and traffic counts.

The Portal’s Planning Fact Sheet layers will take you to a web page that generates data specifically for your city, county, or tribal jurisdiction. It allows you to scan summary information about the state transportation system to assist local governments in completing the transportation element inventory required by the Growth Management Act. The Portal includes more than thirty descriptive layers about the state transportation system such as airport locations, state highway designations and classifications, roadway characteristics, and traffic counts.

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