



## Comprehensive Plan Periodic Updates: Collaboration in Action

### Enhanced Collaboration

In July 2014, WSDOT embarked on a new effort to engage earlier and offer more effective assistance to cities and counties updating their Growth Management Act (GMA) comprehensive plans. WSDOT recognizes city and county plans as the cornerstone of community decisions—creating the foundations for future subarea plans, development regulations, and transportation investment programs.



Therefore, we think it is important for WSDOT to participate in local planning, listen to and understand community goals and plans, and share WSDOT's strategies and policies for implementing a multimodal transportation system. Our vision of providing a sustainable and integrated multimodal transportation system is only possible by working closely with communities and other partners.

### What are WSDOT's goals for Enhanced Collaboration?

WSDOT wants to:

- Understand each community's existing context and future vision for the areas our state transportation facilities serve
- Integrate local and state information for roadways, transit, biking, walking, freight, and other transportation programs and resources to identify common problems and solutions
- Work with communities toward a common understanding of the desired performance, condition, and needs of our shared transportation system
- Progress toward a consistent framework for analysis of transportation deficiencies and solutions for state transportation facilities
- Explore conceptual solutions to transportation needs, identify mutually beneficial opportunities for further collaboration, and make a plan for how partnerships can meet our mutual needs
- Implement least cost and practical solutions that support the community, environment, and economy
- Share the opportunities of WSDOT's [\*\*\*Moving Washington Forward: Practical Solutions\*\*\*](#) approach that provides for more flexibility in highway design and tools to address our common goals
- Identify opportunities to align our efforts and leverage resources to accomplish more than any of us can achieve alone

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### Planning Resources

[\*\*American Planning Association \(APA\) Conference\*\*](#)—The national APA conference, scheduled for April 18-21, 2015, will be in Seattle, Washington at the Washington State Convention Center. (Website)

[\*\*Transportation Planning Capacity Building\*\*](#)—This is a Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration resource index database of all resources found on the TPCB website.(Website)

[\*\*Healthy Community Design\*\*](#)—The toolkit helps planners, public health professionals, and the general public include health in the community planning process. (Website)

[\*\*A Short Course on Local Planning\*\*](#)—The Washington State Department of Commerce has a short series of You-Tube videos which provide Short Course content in easy-to-watch segments. (Website)

## How can WSDOT help cities and counties with their comprehensive plans?

WSDOT can provide helpful planning resources to local governments, including:

- Data and analysis on the state transportation system. Resources include: [WSDOT Online Map Center](#), [WSDOT Community Planning Portal](#), and custom reports on [crash](#), [travel](#), and [roadway](#) data.
- *Technical assistance, planning recommendations, and other resources.* WSDOT's [Local Planning Resources](#) were developed by staff with expertise in a broad range of topics (e.g., access management, bicycle and pedestrian planning, transportation demand management, aviation, freight, signage).
- *Issue Briefs.* This new series of resources includes: (1) [How can Cities and Counties Plan for State Transportation Projects](#), helping cities and counties incorporate information about state transportation projects into their comprehensive plan updates, and (2) [Transportation Funding Sources in Washington State](#), summarizing transportation funding programs and other transportation revenue sources in Washington state.

Bookmark our [GMA Comprehensive Plan Resources website](#) to stay up-to-date on WSDOT's latest resources for local planning.

## How is Enhanced Collaboration working?

WSDOT has offered assistance and resources to cities and counties updating their GMA comprehensive plans in the Central Puget Sound area. These are the cities and counties with a June 2015 deadline for their comprehensive plan updates. We are also initiating contact with the next round of cities and counties updating their comprehensive plans. Meeting with and discussing local government and citizen concerns is providing WSDOT with a more in-depth understanding of local needs, and meeting face-to-face helps to strengthen crucial long-term relationships with our partners.

WSDOT would love to hear from cities and counties interested in working with us on their comprehensive planning efforts. They can find a list of [WSDOT's GMA Contacts](#) on our [GMA Comprehensive Plan Resources website](#).

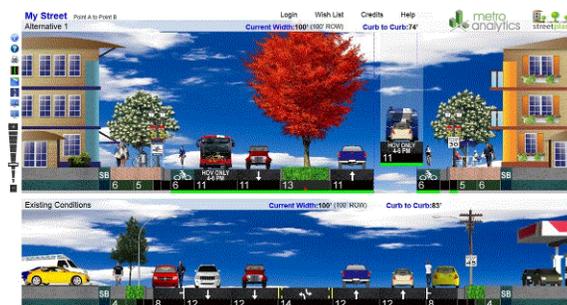
# StreetPlan and Streetmix

## New apps to help with Plan Visualization

Two new apps ([StreetPlan](#)) and [Streetmix](#)) allow for easy visualization of what happens when changes are fit into a streetscape. The apps mix and match sections of a hypothetical street that includes:

- Driving and turning lanes
- Bus lanes
- Bike lanes and bike racks
- Streetcars
- Sidewalks
- Parking
- Trees
- Parklets and benches
- Wayfinding signs

These two apps make it easy for local governments and citizens to visualize proposed street options. View the [StreetPlan design builder](#) or the [Streetmix video](#) for more information.



StreetPlan



Streetmix

# WSDOT's Multimodal Planning Division

## Office Name Changes and Reconfigurations

To ensure the Multimodal Planning Division effectively meets the needs of Washington's transportation system the division's structure has changed.

**Multimodal Planning Division**, [Kerri Woehler](#), Director

**Planning Policy & Implementation Office**, [Elizabeth Robbins](#), Manager  
(formerly the Community Transportation Planning Office)

- This office will lead the development and implementation of least cost planning and practical solutions policy development and the department's collaboration with local governments on their comprehensive plans, and other policy initiatives.

**Urban Planning Office**, [Stacy Trussler](#), Director

- This office continues to lead development of regional transportation policies and develops sustainable solutions for state transportation system deficiencies.

**Transportation Data & GIS Office**, [Mark Finch](#), Manager

- This office continues to provide timely, accurate, and reliable roadway, traffic, and collision data and GIS services.

**Tribal & Regional Coordination Office**, [Matt Kunic](#), Acting Manager (formerly the Statewide Transportation Planning Office)

- This office continues to lead work with Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations as well as provide customer support for technical assistance, fiduciary oversight, and compliance administration. This office will also continue to do external coordination on a variety of planning topics and support the Tribal Transportation Planning Organization (TTPO) and the Tribal Liaison's Office.

**Planning Studies**, [Richard Warren](#), Manager

- This office will lead, in cooperation with the Washington State Transportation Commission, Phase II of the Washington Transportation Plan. This office will also support development of WSDOT's modal plans (e.g., Public Transportation and Aviation System Plans) and will be available to augment region planning study teams when needed.

**Transportation Modeling & Analysis**, [Natarajan "Jana" Janarthanan](#), Manager

- This office will lead and provide services agency-wide in travel demand, traffic, tolling, and air quality modeling.

**Systems Planning & Analysis**, [Faris Al-Memar](#), Manager

- This office will lead the development of the Highway System Plan, work with regions as they implement Practical Solutions, and support the development of corridor sketches that inform the Highway System Plan.



**Kerri Woehler, Director**  
**Multimodal Planning Division**

## Transportation Efficient Communities

### Featured Practices

Wouldn't it be great to have access to a current collection of innovative planning examples from around the state? The Departments of Transportation, Commerce, Ecology, and Health are collecting good examples of transportation efficient planning practices and we need your help! Please take a moment right now to participate in a short survey to identify innovative cities and counties who are leaders in specific planning strategies. This survey should only take a few minutes to complete and then we'll do the rest—collecting and organizing detailed examples of policies and regulations from around the state so you have a good place to start the next time you're looking for good planning ideas. Please follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TMXQXS9> to access the survey. If you would like more information about this survey or have any questions, please contact Kyle Miller, at (360) 705-7946.

# Community Planning Portal

## New Transportation Data for Cities, Counties, and Tribes

There are new data layers in WSDOT's popular Community Planning Portal that can help you plan for the state transportation system. The intent of the portal is to help local and regional planners, decision-makers, and citizens better understand the state transportation system. WSDOT hopes that by sharing this data it will lead to more collaborative planning so that together, opportunities can be identified to operate our shared transportation system more efficiently, manage demand effectively, and where appropriate fund strategic capacity improvements.

### Staying Current with the Community Planning Portal

To stay current with any additions or changes to the Community Planning Portal, make sure you subscribe to the [Community Planning Portal RSS feed](#). By subscribing to this feed, you will receive periodic updates about the Portal as soon as they are available.

### Community Planning Portal Layer Changes

The following Portal layers have been added, updated, or will soon be developed:

#### Newly Added

- Climate Impact Vulnerability
- Alternative Fuel Stations
- Fish Passage Inventory Map
- Tribal Planning Factsheets
- Noise Walls
- Metropolitan Planning Areas

#### In Development

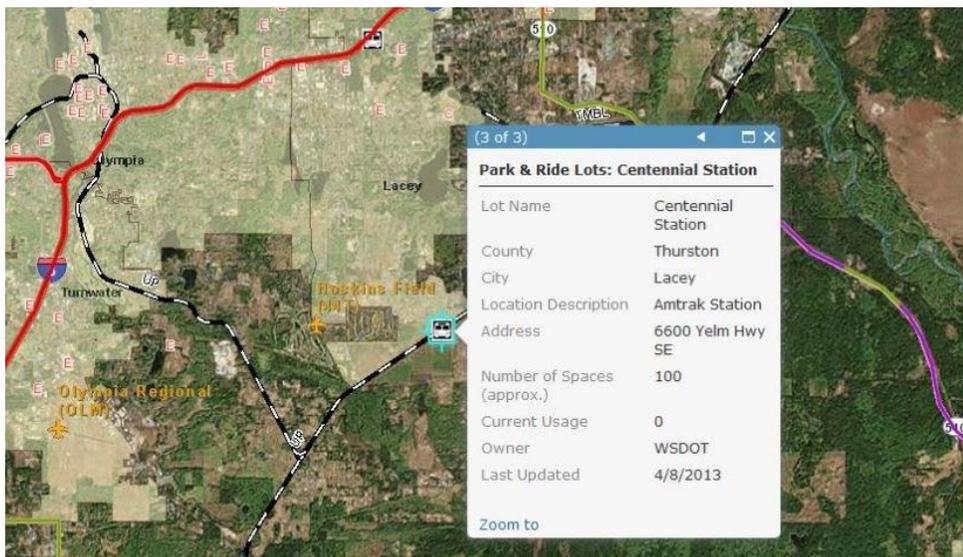
- Bridge Layer
- Pavement Conditions
- Emergency Routes
- Transit Stops
- Commute Trip Reduction Sites
- Mobility Needs 2020

### Input and Feedback

If you have any ideas or feedback on the Community Planning Portal or would like to schedule training on how to use the Portal, please contact [Kyle Miller](#), (WSDOT's Planning Policy & Implementation Office, 360.705.7946).

#### Recently Updated

- Freight and Goods Transportation System (added truck count data)
- National Highway System (added local NHS routes)
- Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (updated boundaries)



WSDOT Community Planning Portal map identifying park and ride lots in Thurston County.

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