

Washington Transportation Plan Update

Reality Check

What is the WTP reality check?

We will compare the proposed areas of targeted investments identified in the WTP by issue areas to budgets and policies enacted by the legislature and the Governor.

The emerging directions identified as part of the WTP assisted the Transportation Commission and the Department in framing the 05-07 New Funding Proposal.

- In many cases, enacted legislation aligns well with issues addressed in the WTP: including policy direction and funding for program development and project investments.
- In some cases however, only partial action was taken on the issues identified, suggesting the need for further discussions and consideration.
- In other cases, no action was taken on some issues identified in the WTP process.
- Additional actions were taken on policies, programs and projects that have not been identified in the WTP Update.

The actions create a need to examine where we are in the WTP update process. Today we will share a brief overview of how the WTP focus aligns with recent policy and investment direction.

Preservation: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- Highway Pavements (Hot Mix Asphalt and Chip Seals and concrete in areas where capacity expansion happens)
- Highway Structures (Seismically Vulnerable and Narrow Bridges, Rehab and Replacement, Concrete Deck Rehab, Painting Steel Bridges, Scour Protection)
- Highway Other Facilities (Unstable Slopes and Major Drainage/Electrical)
- Highway Other Facilities (Safety Rest Areas and Facilities Replacement)
- Local Roadway Preservation (City Roads)
- Ferries Preservation (Terminals and Vessels)
- Rail Preservation (15 Shortline Rail Projects)
- Public Transportation Preservation (Vehicle Replacement and Park and Ride Lot Preservation)
- Aviation Preservation (Pavements)

Proposals Not Addressed

- System-wide Highway Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation and Intersection Strengthening
- Public Transportation Preservation (Operations not fully funded)
- Airport Land Use Compatibility Policy
- Tribal Transportation Planning Initiative
- Local Roadway Preservation (City and County Roads, Local Short Span and High Cost Bridges, and County Ferries)

Safety: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- Improved Safety Data and Sharing Strategy
- Behavioral Programs (Traffic Cameras as an Enforcement Tool, Child Restraints, Pedestrians and Bicycles Best Practices)
- Highways (Accident Reduction and Risk Reduction, Rural 2-Lane Safety, Crossover Protection, and Low Cost Enhancements)
- Other Highway Facilities (Safety Rest Areas)
- Local Roadway Safety (Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety)
- Security Programs (Highways, Ferries)
- Develop Motorcycle Safety Strategy (Traffic Safety Commission and Department of Licensing)

Proposals Not Addressed

- Aviation - General Aviation Airport Safety
- Local Roadway Safety (County Two-Lane Safety, High Accident Locations, and Corridors in Larger Cities)
- Rail Safety – Railroad Trespassing

Additional Policy and Investment Direction

- Statewide Commercial Truck Parking Study on Interstate Highways

Transportation Access: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- State's Role in Providing Basic Access to Transportation (Role of the State in Providing or Supporting Special Needs Transportation Service to Disabled, Low-income, and Elderly)
- Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT) Support (Rural Mobility Grants)
- Strategy for Addressing to the Increasing Need for Demand Responsive Service Special Needs Grants (aging population and dial a ride services etc.)
- Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation Support (Improved Coordination Between Services)

Proposals Not Addressed

- Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation Support (Increased Funding to Local Coalitions)
- Complete Trip Planner
- Intercity Connections (to address Greyhound closures)

System Efficiencies: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- System Tolling (Policy and Strategy for Imposing Tolls)
- Corridor Efficiency (Develop a Policy for Park & Ride Facilities and a Strategy for Closer Integration Between Roadway and Transit Operations)
- Highway (Commitment to Basic Maintenance, Traffic Operations Efficiency, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS))
- Ferries (Demand Management & Operational Strategies, Priority Loading, and Smart Card)
- Public Transportation (Transit Expansion within Corridors, High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes, Park and Ride Facilities, Tax Credits, and Incentives for Vanpools)
- Public Transportation (Commute Trip Reduction / Transportation Demand Management)
- Passenger Rail (Amtrak *Cascades* Passenger Service, won't start until July 2006)

Proposals Not Addressed

- Aviation (Complete Aviation System Plan with Classification of Airports and Performance Standards)
- Local Roadways (Urban Corridors – Long Term Strategy)

Additional Policy and Investment Direction

- Transportation Commission Role (Emphasis on Maintenance, Operations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems)

Bottlenecks and Chokepoints: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- Rail (Mainline Rail Capacity Strategy, Commission Study)
- Ferries (Capital Investments)
- Highways (Targeted Capital Investments, Corridor Completion, and Corridor Expansion)

Proposals Not Addressed

- Ferries (Policy for Service Options and Strategy to Implement Service Options, Continued Passenger only service to Vashon Island for one biennium)

Moving Freight: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- Reduce Severe Weather Closures on Major East/West Freight Corridors
- Address Freight Constraints on Mainline Rail
- Complete the Statewide Commercial Vehicle Information System/Weigh-In-Motion System
- Create Ongoing Funding for Regional Economic Development & Freight System Mitigation
- Address Freight Constraints in the I-5 Corridor (5 of 10 Projects)
- Study the State's Air Cargo System

Proposals Not Addressed

- Develop a Statewide Core All-Weather County Road System
- Maintain the Columbia-Snake River Trade Corridor
- Address Freight Constraints in the I-5 Corridor (5 of 10 projects)
- Create Fuel Pipeline Capacity and Distribution Alternatives

Additional Policy and Investment Direction

- Operation of Refrigerated Railcar Program
- Studies Regarding Feasibility of Eastern Skagit Freight Rail and Skagit River Rail Bridge Replacement
- Emergent Shortline Rail Assistance
- Study on Shortline Rail Ownership and Governance

Building Future Visions: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment

Proposal Addressed to Some Degree

- Intercity Passenger Rail
- New Technologies and Alternative Fuels (Coordinated strategy to meet demands of new technologies)
- Alternative Fuels (Funding Strategy)
- Aviation (Passenger, Cargo, and Airspace Capacity)

Proposals Not Addressed

- Intelligent Transportation Systems (Integrate New Technologies into Maintenance and Operations Program, Vehicle Infrastructure Integration and New ITS Technologies)

Strong Economy and Good Jobs: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment to be Discussed in June

Proposals Addressed to Some Degree

- Infrastructure (Passenger Rail, Ferries, Scenic Byways, Safety Rest Areas, and Intelligent Transportation Systems)
- Information and Interpretation (Highway Signing, Transportation Management Centers, Maps and Traveler Publications, Interactive Communications, and Partnership Development)
- Regional Economic Development (Program to Invest in Major Events and Trails)
- Statewide Economic Development (Freight, Bottlenecks and Chokepoints, System Efficiencies, and Basic Access)

Proposals Not Addressed

- Traveler Information and Interpretation Projects
- Regional Economic Development Program (Economic Sectors/Industry Cluster Policy, Town Center Investment, Job Retention, and Generation Investment)
- Infrastructure (Airports)

Additional Policy and Investment Direction

- Financing Local Economic Development Projects
- Establishing an Industry Cluster-Based Approach to Economic Development
- Department of Community Trade and Economic Development Support of the Governor's 2010 Winter Olympics Task Force
- Various bill to address, job development grant program (CERB), military base closure infrastructure projects, economic development strategic reserve account created (Governor)

Health and the Environment: Proposed Areas of Targeted Investment to be Discussed in June

Issues Addressed to Some Degree

- Fish Passage Barrier Removal Projects (State Routes Only)
- Chronic Environmental Retrofit Projects (State Route Priority Only)
- Noise Walls (11 projects)
- Stormwater Run-off (Beginning Stages of a Program)
- Emissions Reduction (Policy Only)
- Active Living and Comprehensive Plans (Policy Only)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement

Issues Not Addressed

- Stormwater Run-Off Capital and Inventory Program
- Path and Trails Investment Policy
- Habitat Connectivity
- Enhanced Vegetation Management (Native Plants)

Additional Policy and Investment Direction

- Noise and Health Study
- Emissions Reduction (Diesel Retrofits)