

July 2012

Washington State Human Services Transportation Plan

You're invited! WSDOT wants your input for the Statewide Human Services transportation Plan

The Washington State Department of Transportation works closely with partners and stakeholders to ensure efficient transportation options are available and accessible to all. To develop a statewide Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP), WSDOT will hold four outreach and listening sessions around the state in August (dates and locations on back).

The plan provides a unique opportunity to identify unmet needs expand successful regional strategies throughout the state. Regional planning efforts have succeeded in revealing local needs and unique transportation issues. The statewide HSTP will draw from these findings to address statewide transportation deficiencies and develop solutions together.

Statewide HSTP objectives:

- Assist public transit providers and community and social service agencies with coordination at the state level under policies authorized by the Legislature and directed by state law and federal regulations
- Address statewide public transportation deficiencies and identify projects that cross service areas or jurisdictions
- Align the plan with Moving Washington, the state's proven initiative for an integrated, 21st century transportation system focused on corridor solutions that operate efficiently, strategically add capacity and manage demand
- Leverage opportunities for additional federal or new local sources of funding

The HSTP will:

- Document transportation needs specific to older adults, people with disabilities, and those with low incomes
- Identify cross-jurisdictional travel needs
- Define needs consistent with those of the Moving Washington transportation corridors
- Recommend service strategies to improve access and enhance mobility for target populations
- Highlight best practices in Washington and elsewhere to advance transportation for these special needs population groups
- Identify a leadership role for WSDOT to take in implementing or advocating for new transportation initiatives
- Outline next steps to put the plan in action

For more information, please visit the project website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/acct/HSTP

Statewide HSTP

August 2012 Outreach & Listening Sessions

Dates and Locations

Longview

9 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9

Cowlitz PUD, John Searing Auditorium
961 12th Ave., Longview, WA
Cosponsor: Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments

Sunnyside

1 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Sunnyside School District 201, Denny Blaine Building,
Boardroom, 810 East Custer Ave., Sunnyside, WA
*Cosponsor: People for People and Yakima Valley
Conference of Governments*

Spokane

1 - 3:30 p.m.,

Monday, Aug. 20

Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)
Great Northern Room
221 W. First Ave., Spokane WA
Cosponsor: SRTC

Everett

9 a.m. - noon

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Everett Station, Weyerhaeuser Room, fourth floor,
201 Smith Ave., Everett, WA
*Cosponsors: Snohomish County Transportation Coalition
and Everett Transit*

Session Objectives

- Share information with stakeholders about the HSTP: What is it? What does it cover? What does it not cover? How will it build upon the locally developed Coordinated Plans?
- Engage stakeholders statewide in helping to shape the content and priorities for the HSTP.
- Hear and learn about regional perspectives on human services transportation system needs, inventory of current services, assessment of needs for individuals with disabilities, elderly and lower-income individuals; document challenges; and identify opportunities to address needed transportation services.

For information

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