

Statewide Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP) Overview

Listening Session Presentation

Listening Session Objectives

- *Share* information with stakeholders about HSTP
- *Engage* stakeholders in helping to shape the content and priorities for the HSTP
- *Discuss* regional perspectives on human services transportation system
- *Next Steps* to develop the plan, and how interested parties can participate and provide meaningful input

What is the Statewide HSTP?

Goals & Objectives

- Consistent with “*Moving Washington*” policies/framework
- Identify statewide needs and system gaps
- Identify regional/national best practices
- Statewide policy recommendations to improve coordination
- Leverage additional federal funding

Why is WSDOT developing this Plan?

- Integrate into *Moving Washington* framework
- Identify statewide needs and deficiencies
- Advance key themes and common strategies at a statewide level
- Better positioned to advocate for strategies that are cross-jurisdictional

What areas are being studied?

Project Scope

- **Coordination with State's 14 RTPOs**
- **Review local & regional coordinated transportation plans**
- **Funding overview**
- **Best practices**
- **Develop statewide strategies**
- **Prepare plan document**

Who are our partners?

- All 14 RTPOs
- Special needs transportation service providers
- Social service non-profits
- Tribes
- Veterans
- Local transit agencies
- Other municipal agencies

How will stakeholders participate?

- Project Advisory Committee (PAC) – 4 meetings
- Project website www.wsdot.wa.gov/acct/HSTP/
- Listening Sessions & Ride Alongs
 - Longview (8/9)
 - Sunnyside (8/14)
 - Spokane (8/20)
 - Everett (8/22)

What is the Project Advisory Committee?

Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

- Project oversight
- Policy guidance
- Representation of key stakeholders

What data/information will inform Plan?

- **Existing coordinated plans and studies**
 - Key transportation needs
 - Highest prioritized strategies
- **Statewide and cross-jurisdictional needs**
- **2010 Census & American Community Survey**
- **Other Sources**

What are the project benefits?

- Identification of statewide and cross-jurisdictional transportation needs
- Definition of needs consistent with *Moving Washington*
- Best practices implemented in Washington State and nationally
- Strategies and recommendations to improve access and enhance mobility for target populations
- Next steps to facilitate implementation

RTPO Coordinated Transportation Plan Review

Key Findings

Plan Review: Overview

- **15 documents — 5 single-county, 10 multi-county**
- **1 new plan (original not prepared in 2007)**
- **1 did not complete an update in 2010**
- **Most multi-county plans focused on county-specific needs and strategies rather than presenting regional perspective**

Purpose of Plan Review

- Identify common themes, unmet needs
- Identify “best practices” or innovative planning techniques
- Identify and map cross-jurisdictional travel needs
- Propose preliminary strategies for WSDOT to advance human service transportation

Plan Review: Key Findings

- All included demographic analyses and maps
- Needs assessments varied
- Strategies don't always equate to projects
- Not all included list of prioritized projects submitted to WSDOT
- Few included update on status of previous projects

Stakeholder Consultation

- **Most common approaches — stakeholder workshops, community forums, advisory committees**
- **A few included surveys (riders, providers)**
- **Others attended community events, sought more informal input**

Needs Assessment

- **Variation in development, ranging from informal to more quantitative approach**
- **Not always a logical link between needs assessment and identification of strategies**
- **Consistency in needs identified throughout state**

Needs Assessment—Common Themes

- **Maintain existing services**
- **Expand Fixed Route and Dial-a-Ride**
 - **Current service geographic areas need to be expanded**
 - **Current service hours need to be expanded**
 - **Improved services needed for tribal members, veterans, youth**
 - **Better connections to other systems**
- **Cross-jurisdictional travel**
- **Capital replacement, new purchases**

Needs Assessment—Common Themes

- **Communication**
 - Better outreach and marketing
 - Centralized information system
- **Infrastructure Improvements**
 - Access to bus stops
 - Pedestrian enhancements
- **Coordination/Mobility Management**

Strategies

- **Mirrored the needs**
- **Included wide range of potential strategies**
- **Not all presented methodology for identifying strategies or described prioritization process**

Potential role for WSDOT

- **Manage Grant Programs**
- **Provide Technical Assistance**
 - **Help local entities develop or expand projects**
 - **Develop Mobility Manager**
 - **Assist in meeting cross-jurisdictional travel needs**
 - **Assist with developing travel training curriculum**
 - **Develop communications platform for centralized information and referral systems**

Innovations in Planning

- **Vulnerable Populations Emergency Plan for Cowlitz County**
- **Innovative use of data sources**
- **Skagit-Island considered “policy, program and project” initiatives**
- **PSRC incorporated coordinated plan into RTP, and considered a corridor-based approach**
- **PSRC and Thurston RTPO identified performance measures to determine project outcomes**



Meetings

K Kick-off Meeting - 6/8/2012

PAC Meetings

1 Public Transportation Conference, Bellevue - 8/29/2012

2 Seattle - 10/19/2012

3 Olympia - 12/14/2012

4 Olympia - 1/25/2013

Listening Sessions/Ride Alongs

1 Longview - 8/9/2012

2 Sunnyside - 8/14/2012

3 Spokane - 8/20/2012

4 Everett - 8/22/2012