Get Involved in Local Coordinated Planning

Human service programs frequently cite lack of transportation as their number one barrier to success. One way to address this challenge is to get involved in local coordinated planning. Local coordinated plans strive to make the best use of all available resources in order to provide more transportation services to more people.

Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) provide leadership for the coordinated planning processes. Planning participants include public transportation providers, non-profit human services agencies, health providers, large employers, consumers, and advocates.

The plans identify each community’s unmet needs and develop transportation alternatives based on this information. If you don’t get involved in your local planning process, your needs won’t be known. Additionally, transportation projects that aren’t included in the plans are not eligible for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding.

The next local coordinated plan review will happen fall/winter 2008. To get involved in the planning process prior to the plan review, contact your RTPO/MPO. Their phone numbers and email addresses are found on the other side of this paper.

Visit the Local Planning link on ACCT’s web site (www.wsdot.wa.gov/acct) for more information about local coordinated planning. The web site also has links to each of the current, locally developed plans.

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Regional Transportation Planning Organizations

Benton-Franklin-Walla Walla RTPO (BFCG) - Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla Counties
(509) 943-9185       www.benton-franklin.cog.wa.us

North Central RTPO (WVTC) - Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties
(509) 663-9059       www.wvtc.org

North East Washington RTPO - Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties
(509) 684-4571       www.teddonline.com

Palouse RTPO - Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman Counties
(509) 751-9144       www.palouse.org

Peninsula RTPO - Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason Counties
(360) 357-2600       www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/prtpo

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) - King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap Counties
(206) 464-7090       www.psrc.org

Quad County RTPO - Lincoln, Adams, Grant, and Kittitas Counties
(509) 725-7041       Lincoln County Public Works Dept (lead agency)

Skagit-Island RTPO (SMPO) - Skagit and Island Counties
(360) 416-7877       www.scog.net

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC) - Clark, Skamania, & Klickitat Counties
(360) 397-6067       www.rtc.wa.gov

Southwest Washington RTPO (CWCOG) - Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Lewis, Pacific, & Grays Harbor Counties
(360) 577-3041       www.cwcog.org

Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - Spokane County
(509) 343-6370       www.srtc.org

Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Thurston County
(360) 786-5480       www.trpc.org

Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) - Whatcom County
(360) 676-6974       www.wcog.org

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) - Yakima County
(509) 574-1550       www.yvcog.org