

## Human Service Transportation Plans

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Federal and state legislation requires locally-developed, coordinated public transportation plans (HSTP).

While other states scrambled to meet SAFETEA-LU's planning requirements, Washington was well positioned thanks to the Legislature's enactment of [RCW 47.06B](#) to establish ACCT in 1998. During its first four years, ACCT helped form 18 transportation coalitions in 23 counties by providing technical assistance and limited start-up funding. In 2003, ACCT lost the majority of its funding and could not continue providing financial support to the coalitions. However, when SAFETEA-LU required coordinated plans as a condition for federal funding, the coalitions began integrating their programs with the work of the state's 14 Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO).

In 2006, ACCT provided the RTPO's with technical support to form collaborations and successfully complete all 14 HSTP's. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) used funding from federal sources to assist the RTPO's with their initial planning efforts. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) pointed to the regional collaborations in Washington as an example for other states and stakeholder groups to follow.

State law ([RCW 47.80.023](#)) and federal rules require that the HSTP's be updated every four years. The next updates are due in fall 2010 in time for the 2011-13 biennium and to meet state funding application deadlines for public transportation providers. In 2009, ACCT and WSDOT again provided technical and financial support to RTPO's for completing the plans the updated HSTP's. New this year will be San Juan County, which will complete an additional plan, even though it is the only county not a member of an RTPO.

The [ACCT Website](#) has links to all 14 human service transportation plans.