

Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization



The Olympic Peninsula enjoys a visionary transportation system that efficiently and safely connects people, goods and places, offering choices and ensuring accessibility. This vision emphasizes a long-term quality of life for our generation and those to come by promoting economic growth, recreational resources, community services, non-motorized transportation and public transit.

Peninsula Regional Transportation Plan 2030

We Want to Hear from You!

The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Peninsula RTPO) is in the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a long-term “blueprint” for transportation aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the Olympic Peninsula, and rural portions of the Kitsap Peninsula. Because the transportation system is used by everyone in one way or another, we’d like to know your thoughts on developing the future transportation system.

Challenges

The Peninsula region has experienced some challenges when improving its transportation system. Historical funding sources are proving unsustainable; the transportation infrastructure is aging, funding is limited, and projects are complex and costly. Population demographics are changing and with that change comes new expectations for transportation services. Transportation systems must also adapt to changing requirements for environmental protections.



Hood Canal Bridge



SR 112 Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway

Peninsula Regional Transportation Plan

The RTP serves as a strategic blueprint for the region’s transportation system. It provides an overall appraisal of how transportation will work in the region over a 20-year timeframe and supports coordination among jurisdictions. It also acts as an important tool in meeting state and federal requirements. The RTP consolidates regional goals and policies for the next 20 years and identifies strategies to help meet these goals.

The Peninsula RTPO has developed a shared vision that represents the region’s concept of how strategic planning for transportation can create an improved future, and is a foundation for the plan’s guiding principles. This vision emphasizes transportation’s role in promoting economic growth, recreational resources, community services, non-motorized transportation and public transit.



SR 3 in Belfair

Peninsula RTPO

The Peninsula RTPO was formed in 1992 to coordinate the transportation planning activities for the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas in response to Growth Management Act (GMA) legislation. The Peninsula RTPO is an intergovernmental group made of local jurisdictions, tribes and transit agencies within Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason counties.

One of 15 regional transportation and metropolitan planning organizations, the Peninsula RTPO is involved in transportation planning within Washington State.

This group provides a forum for local decision-making on transportation issues and regional strategies. Members represent four counties, nine cities, four transit agencies, nine tribal nations, port districts, major employers and the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Guiding Principles

The guiding principles established in the plan reflect the vision and values identified throughout the region. These principles define the structure of a process that will link tribes, counties, agencies and municipalities on the Olympic and Kitsap peninsulas. These fundamentals provide a structure in which transportation decisions are made and focus on achieving an integrated transportation system. The precepts:

- support planning goals and options at all levels that favor transportation choices;
- promote transportation safety;

- encourage a collaborative approach to regional transportation planning;
- emphasize transportation connectivity and accessibility;
- encourage environmental sensitivity and sustainable transportation projects;
- develop an integrated regional transportation system.

Goals and Policies

In keeping with the effort to share a common regional vision, goals and policies have been established as a policy framework that guides the plan. The plan identifies 20 elements that fall under the following four categories:

- transportation relationships;
- system management;
- system components, and;
- processes.

Each of the above aspects contains individual components with a goal and associated policies that help form strategies and actions when invoked.

Submit Your Comments

Please email your comments by Dec. 31, 2013 to Patrick Babineau at babinep@wsdot.wa.gov.

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