

**Transportation Policy Plan for Washington State**

The Transportation Policy Plan for Washington State contains transportation policies adopted by the Washington State Transportation Commission to guide and coordinate the efforts of state, regional, and local agencies. Guided by extensive public review and comment, the State Transportation Policy Plan process promotes the development of statewide policies and action strategies to achieve a balanced, multimodal transportation system. For further information, contact the Washington State Transportation Policy Plan office at (360) 705-7962.

**Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan/ State Highway System Plan**

The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan is being developed in response to the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and Clean Air Act, as well as the state's Growth Management Act. Development of this plan was begun in 1991 by the Washington State Transportation Commission in coordination with regional and local planning organizations, and guided by a statewide public review process.

One part of this plan is the State Highway System Plan, which specifically defines service objectives and proposes strategies for state highway maintenance, preservation, and improvement. The State Highway System Plan forms the basis for development of future state highway programs, projects, and budgets. See the State Highway System Plan for Program M, P, and I descriptions. For further information, contact the WSDOT Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan office at (360) 705-7962.

**Federal Highway Administration Policy**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administers the federal highway program, including allocation of federal funds and design approval for federally funded portions of the state highway system. Numerous FHWA policies affect the state highway roadsides. Among these policies are the FHWA 1994 Environmental Policy Statement that seeks to strengthen the link between environmental and highway policy. The Federal Highway Administration is also responsible for encouraging state agencies to comply with the April 26, 1994, *Presidential Memorandum on Environmentally Beneficial Landscaping*, directing the use of more environmentally and economically beneficial landscape practices wherever federal dollars are spent. (See FRL-5275-6, Federal Register, August 10, 1995.) The practices are based on five guiding principles:

- Use regionally native plants.
- Design, use, or promote construction practices that minimize adverse effects on the natural habitat.
- Seek to prevent pollution.
- Implement water and energy efficient practices.
- Create outdoor demonstration projects.

