Coordinated Transportation Planning

A Practical Solutions Approach

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Transportation Policy Goals:
- Economic Vitality
- Preservation
- Safety
- Mobility
- Environment
- Stewardship
Why do we need a new approach?
Results WSDOT Strategic Plan

**Strategic Investments**
Performance-based planning to inform investment decisions. Strategy for every corridor

**Modal Integration**
Considers all modes before system expansion

**Environmental Stewardship**
Identifies potential environmental issues early in planning stage

**Organizational Strength**
Multidisciplinary team approach to identify and address performance gaps

**Community Engagement**
Provides a framework to engage partners statewide

**Smart Technology**
Creates “one-stop-shop” for easy access to corridor information
Practical Solutions is:

Our approach to achieve our mission. It includes

a data-driven approach to manage assets and improve the performance of the multimodal transportation system at the least cost through community engagement and collaborative decision-making and with awareness of the local context.
A practical solutions approach to planning

- Determine what you want to accomplish
- Identify what’s working well and what needs to change
- Consider the options
- Evaluate, prioritize, and pursue actions to:
  - sustain what’s working well
  - address gaps in performance
Corridor Sketch Initiative

What it is:

- A tool to integrate planning for state facilities, regional and local multimodal planning
- A Practical Solutions approach
- A “strategy for every corridor”
- A way to right-size collaborative planning and customize for regional context
- An input to statewide, regional, local plans

What it is not:

- It’s not a project list
- It’s not a funding exercise
- It’s not a substitute for detailed network and corridor planning
- It’s not a data gathering exercise
- It’s not just about mobility
What have we learned so far?

• mobility:
  • movement of single-occupancy vehicles
  • movement of freight
  • bike/pedestrian facilities and connections
  • transit service and access
• sustaining assets
• aesthetic impacts, preservation of “small town character”
• protection of cultural resources
• community reliance on state facilities
• emergency management and community access
• seasonal issues
• locations where continued functionality depends on addressing fish barriers, wildlife connectivity, and noise mitigation
Considering the options

- State of good repair
- Target Zero safety strategies
- Climate change: prepare and adapt
- Public Transportation
- Active Transportation
- Systems Management and Ops (TSMO)
- Local system improvements
- Policy changes
- More detailed planning
Opportunities for collaborative planning

Tribal Consultation Best Practices Guide for Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations in Washington State

Washington Indian Transportation Policy Advisory Committee
May 20, 2013
Opportunities for collaborative planning
Successful coordinated planning

- Our approach reflects the user’s perspective
- We emphasize the importance of preserving the system we have
- We identified shared expectations for system performance
- We apply a wide range of strategies to address performance gaps
- We identify achievable paths forward to provide the transportation services we need to help strengthen communities and our economy
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