

# A long-term, comprehensive solution

Washington State Transportation Commission

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# Previous meeting topics

- **Traffic and revenue study update (Dec)**
- **Joint meeting; toll setting agreement (Sept.)**
- **Project update (July)**

# Today's agenda

- **Legislative oversight committee summary**
- **Coast Guard bridge permit application process**
- **Bi-state tolling agreement and recent activities**
- **Next steps**

# JTC – CRC Oversight Subcommittee

- **Included legislators and one member of the public.**
  - Met four times, beginning in June.
  - Completed their work in December.
- **Toured the project area.**
- **Topics addressed included:**
  - Purpose and need for the project
  - Project development
  - Project cost, schedule, and funding plan
  - General bridge permit updates
  - Tolling and bi-state agreement

# Tolling issues raised by Subcommittee members

- Responsibility for toll collection
- Assumptions and process to estimate toll revenue
- Toll rate-setting process
- Toll rates for freight
- Consideration of drivers ability to pay tolls
- Options if tolls don't raise enough revenue

# U.S. Coast Guard General Bridge Permit Process

# Technical analysis update

## Completed:

- **Vertical height technical work**
  - potential vessels impacted
  - structural, mainline grades, landside, in-water, air analysis
- **Future up-river uses analysis**
- **Economic analysis**
- **NEPA re-evaluation of 116-feet** – no new significant impacts

## Next steps:

- **Provide clearance recommendation to FAA for input.**
- **Submit bridge permit application to Coast Guard.**
- **Finalize mitigation (ongoing).**

# Tolling

# Bi-State tolling agreement

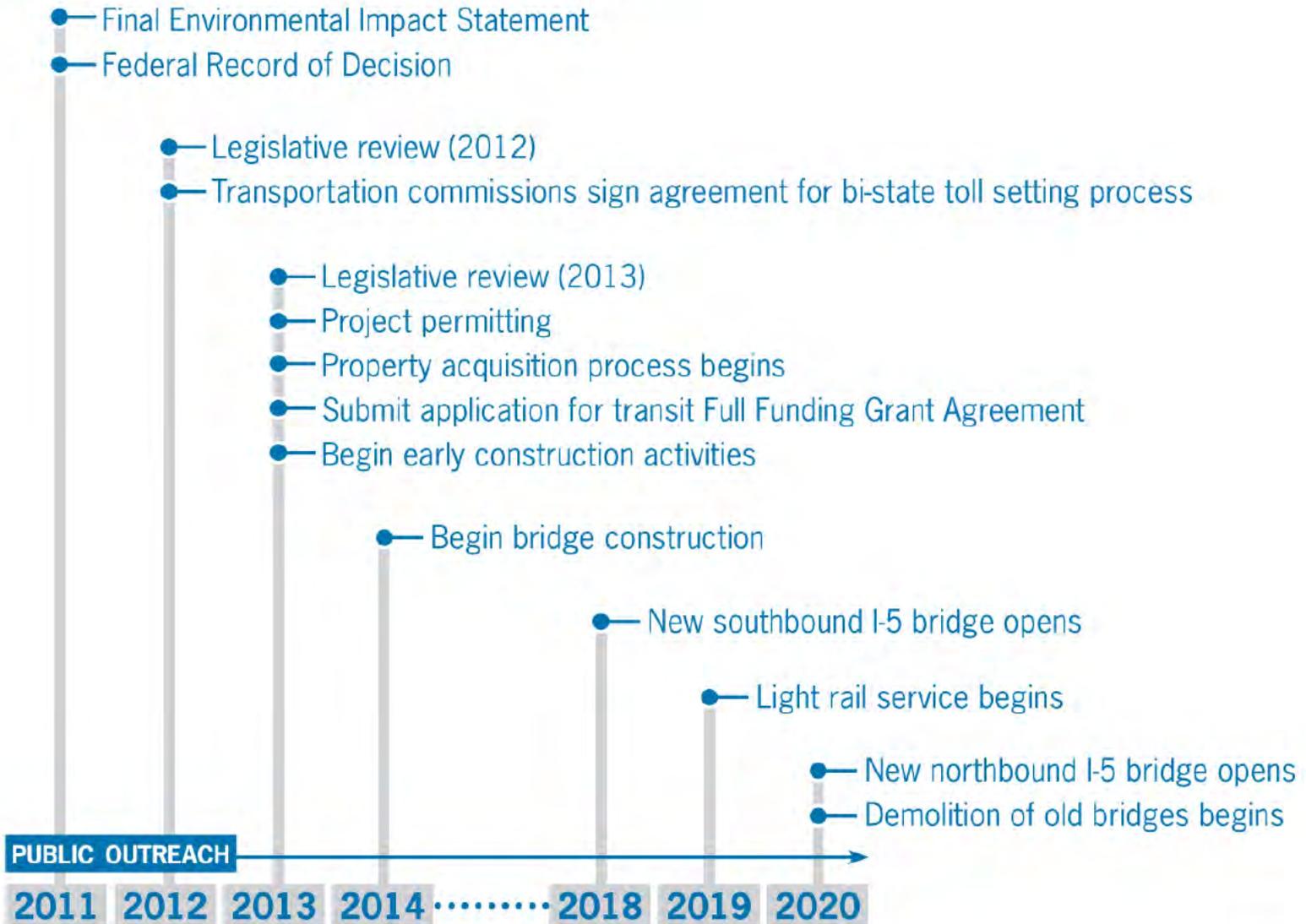
- Action taken by WSTC on Dec. 11, by OTC on Dec. 19, 2012
- Agreement sent to Washington legislature Jan. 18, 2013
- Agreement goes into effect 30 days after 2013 Session



# 2013 next steps

- **Investment grade analysis**
  - February: progress update and preliminary estimate of toll revenue range
  - June: interim traffic and revenue report
  - December: preliminary investment grade analysis report
- **Continued bi-state tolling subcommittee work on toll rate setting.**
- **Toll rate setting education and outreach**

# Project schedule



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