



# WWVMPO Walla Walla Valley MPO



A New Bi-State Experience:  
Shaping Our Version of Metropolitan

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WSTC Regional Perspectives on Transportation

# Census Conclusion

- Census published the newly defined urbanized areas on March 26, 2012.
- An New Urbanized Area Identified:
  - Walla Walla, WA
  - College Place, WA
  - Milton-Freewater, OR

# Birth of a New MPO

- Federal Law Gave Two Choices:
  - Develop a New MPO
  - Be Incorporated Into an Existing MPO
- Both Choices Had a One-year Time Limit



# Choosing a Lead Agency

- Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency – WWJCDA
- Agreement
- Opportunities and Challenges

# Receiving WSDOT/ODOT Guidance and Assistance

- WSDOT and ODOT Develop the First Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Consultation Visits
- Teleconference Meeting Schedule
- Electronic Communication

# Creating New Alliances and Gathering Membership

- Federal Participation
- State Participation: ODOT, WSDOT
- Tribal Participation
- Local Members and Stakeholders
- Other MPOs
- Ongoing Public Outreach



# Establishing Structure

- WWVMPO Bi-State Coordination Team
- Policy Board Development
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Staff

# Creating a Work Plan

- Aggressive Tasks for Completing MPO Requirements
  - Specialized Terminology
  - Federal and State Reporting
  - Budgeting for Moving \$\$ Targets
  - Adjusting Thought Processes for Long-range Planning Efforts

# Progress and Challenges

- Initial Work Tasks – Progress
- SFY 2014 Plans and Programs Initiated
- Coordination between:
  - MPO members – WA and OR
  - Neighboring MPO/RTPOs – BFCG and WWVMPO
  - Existing Plans and Programs

# How Can We Help Each Other?

- **Communicate Our Regional Priorities:**
  - Forward WA and Other Educational Opportunities
  - Plans, Programs, and Reports
  - Public Outreach
- **Communicate Your Statewide Priorities:**
  - Plans and Reports
  - Surveys and Outreach

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