

Comparison of the State and Federal Planning Policy Goals

State Transportation System Policy Goals (RCW 47.04.280)	Federal Planning Processes Factors (U.S.C. Sections 134& 135)	National Goals and Performance Management Areas (U.S.C Sec. 150)
Public investments in transportation should support achievement of these policy goals:	Each State/MPO shall carry out a statewide/metropolitan area wide transportation planning process that provides for consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will:	It is in the interest of the United States to focus the Federal-aid highway program on the following national goals:
Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and goods to ensure a prosperous economy	Support the economic vitality of the United States, the States, nonmetropolitan areas, and metropolitan areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency	Freight movement and economic vitality - To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development
Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system	Infrastructure condition. - To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair
Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users	Safety - To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and people throughout Washington state	Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight	Congestion reduction - To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System

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Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance healthy communities, and protect the environment	Protect and enhance the environment , promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns	Environmental sustainability - To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment
Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system Note the concept of Stewardship also applies to virtually all of the planning factors and national goal and performance management areas since they define aspects of system quality, effectiveness and efficiency. Stewardship refers to the process of continuous improvement of those aspects.	Promote efficient system management and operations	Reduced project delivery delays - To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices
<i>No direct equivalent</i>	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users	<i>No direct equivalent</i>
<i>No direct equivalent</i>	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes throughout the State, for people and freight	<i>No direct equivalent</i>