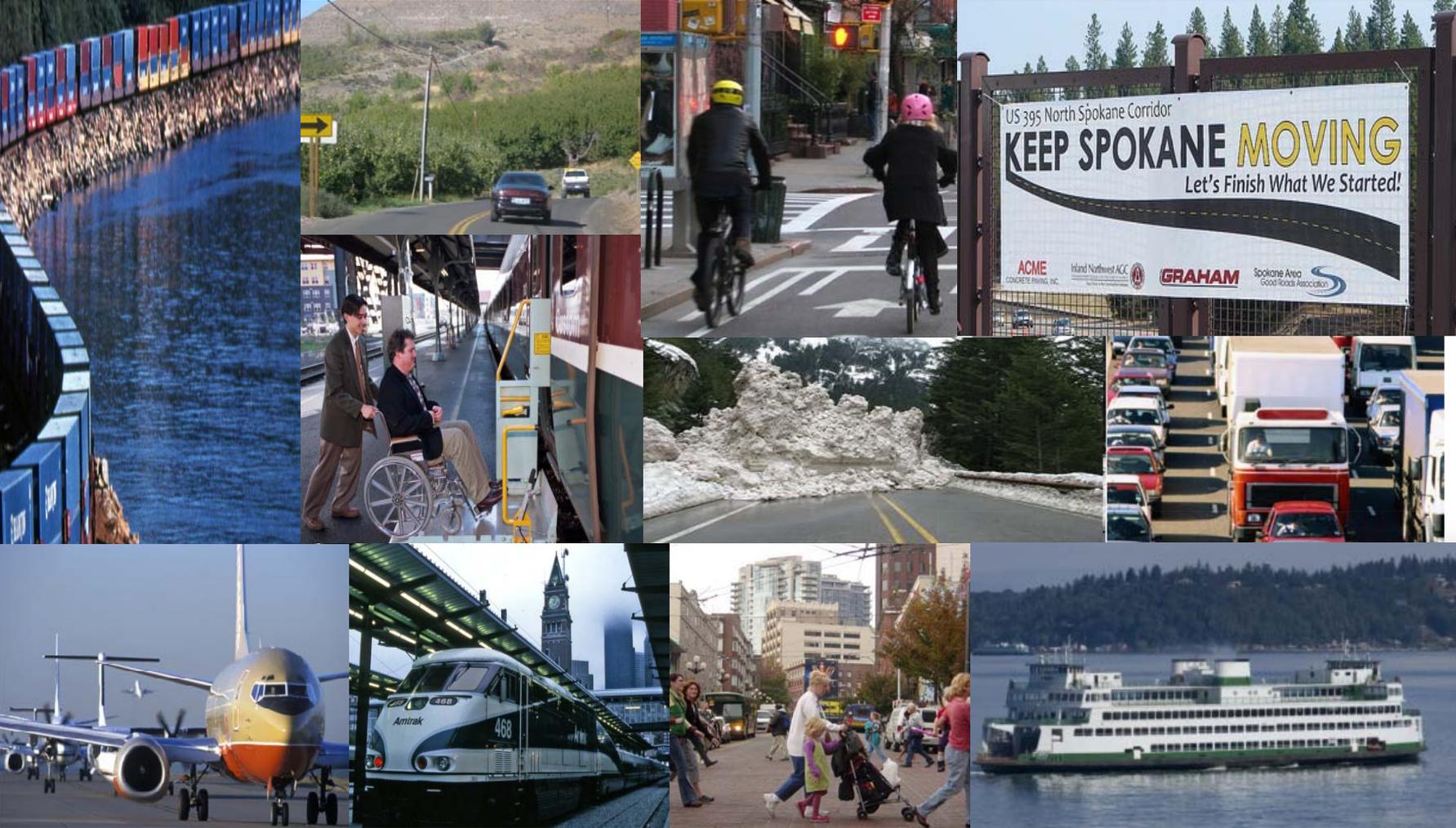


# WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2030



# WTP 2030 is Underway

- Project Timeline: April 2009 – December 2010
  - Eight Meetings of the Advisory Group
  - **DRAFT Plan Release August 2010**
  - Public comment through October 15, 2010
  - Five Regional Listening Sessions in September 2010
  - FINAL Plan Released December 2010

# WTP 2030 Key Participants

- Commission Team: Commissioners Carol Moser, Elmira Forner, and Latisha Hill
- Consultant Team: BERK & Associates, Nelson\Nygaard, and Cocker Fennessy

## Advisory Group Membership

- Association of Washington Business
- Association of Washington Cities
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- Governor's Office
- Office of Financial Management
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Transportation Choices Coalition
- Tribal Transportation Planning Organization
- Washington Economic Development Commission
- Washington Roundtable
- Washington Public Ports Association
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission
- Washington State Transit Association
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- WSDOT Strategic Planning & Programming

# What is WTP 2030?

## **WTP 2030 IS:**

- An overarching strategic transportation policy plan intended to guide policy and investment decisions across all transportation modes statewide

## **WTP 2030 Is Not:**

- A project list
- A replacement of the current federally compliant 2007-2026 Washington Transportation Plan

# Transition

- **WTP 2030 is a transitional plan, crafted at the beginning of a new era**
  - The next four years are likely to see broad changes and policy transitions
  - Federal transportation policy is evolving, as are environmental and economic policies that will influence the direction of transportation and funding investments

# Key Components of WTP 2030

WTP 2030 is based upon three **Foundational Themes**, the big ideas that matter most, and four **Strategic Drivers**, key influences that reflect the current political, policy and economic environment within which this Plan was developed.

**The Plan addresses each of the six POLICY GOALS in current law (RCW 47.04.280).** The following information is provided for each policy goal:

- **BACKGROUND AND POLICY CONTEXT.** This section presents relevant policy background information and current challenges related to the Policy Goal. This section helps to define the existing opportunities and problems to be addressed by the Strategies.
- **STRATEGIES.** Strategies are the recommended approaches and targets that will enable achievement of each Goal. Strategies integrate multiple modes and jurisdictions.
- **ACTION PLAN.** Identifies the necessary steps and actions to accomplish key strategies in the context of time: near-term (2011-23) and longer-term (2023 and beyond).

# WTP 2030 Foundational Themes

- **The State's Transportation System Needs to Work as an Integrated Network, Effectively Connecting Across Modes and Jurisdictions**
  - Work towards achieving system connectivity and integration
- **Preservation and Maintenance of the Existing Transportation System is the Most Critical Need**
  - With limited resources, the focus should be on preservation and maintenance, with a lower priority placed on building new facilities.

# WTP 2030 Foundational Themes

- **Washington Faces a Structural Transportation Funding Problem and Additional Revenue is Needed**
  - Statewide transportation system needs continue to grow, while revenues are declining
  - Alternatives to the gas tax are needed

# Strategic Drivers

- **Transportation policy should support and reinforce other state policy objectives**
  - For example, fostering economic development, supporting healthy communities, reducing energy consumption, and addressing climate change
- **The relationship between land use and transportation is key**
  - Land use choices have consequences for the transportation system and vice-versa
  - The movement of people and goods changes in relation to residential, commercial, industrial, and other land uses

# Strategic Drivers

- **There are significant differences across regions and one size does not fit all**
  - Transportation needs and challenges vary across the state based upon many factors: urban areas, rural areas, geographic location, local and regional industries, etc.
- **Policy planning must continue to evolve toward performance based programs**
  - Legislature needs to move towards making investment decisions based upon established desired outcomes, with performance measures to track progress

# RCW Transportation Policy 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
- **PRESERVATION:** To maintain, preserve and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services
- **SAFETY:** To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system
- **MOBILITY:** To improve the predictable movement of goods and people throughout Washington State
- **ENVIRONMENT:** To enhance Washington's quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance healthy communities, and protect the environment
- **STEWARDSHIP:** To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system

# Action Plans

- Identify the necessary steps and actions to accomplish key strategies in the context of time: near-term (2011-17) and longer-term (2017 and beyond)
- Action Plans include both recommendations that policies currently in place be continued and that new actions be taken to do things differently in the future

# Regional Listening Sessions

## Objectives

- Share information with transportation users and providers about the WTP 2030 vision, foundational themes, and strategies
- Actively engage people across the state in helping to shape the content and priorities of the WTP and solicit input on key questions
- Learn about regional and local perspectives on transportation system needs, challenges and opportunities

# Regional Listening Sessions

## Locations and Dates

- Vancouver, September 9
- Yakima, September 14
- Spokane, September 23
- Everett, September 29
- Bremerton, September 30

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