INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Washington State Transportation Commission

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WSDOT's Innovative Partnerships Office focuses advancing important transportation projects and priorities through the potential use of Public-Private Partnerships (P3) to form joint ventures that benefit the citizens of Washington.

P3 is a contractual arrangement between a public agency (federal, state or local) and a private sector entity. Through this agreement, the skills and assets of each sector (public and private) are shared in delivering a service or facility for the use of the general public. In addition to the sharing of resources, each party shares in the risks and rewards potential in the delivery of the service and/or facility.

With oversight from the Transportation Commission, we provide a formal process for the state to evaluate transportation public/private partnership (P3) proposals and, if warranted, enter into partnership agreements to develop transportation projects.
Kingsgate Park and Ride

- The legislature directed WSDOT to investigate opportunities for construction of a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project at Kingsgate.

- TOD is a type of development that tends to include a mixture of housing, office, retail and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable neighborhood and located within a half-mile of quality public transportation.

- WSDOT formed a working group with representatives from The City of Kirkland, Sound Transit, and King County Metro to assess the feasibility of a Kingsgate TOD. Sound Transit has committed to funding and included the Kingsgate TOD feasibility study as an early deliverable in their scope of work for their I-405 BRT Project.

- The feasibility study will identify opportunities, challenges, and considerations for implementing TOD at the park and ride property, as well as expanding capacity and transit operations.
Colman Dock Entry Building

In 2017, the legislature authorized $500,000 to study public-private partnership alternatives for the financing and construction of the Colman Dock entry building.

The Study finds:
• The current design of the entry building will not generate enough revenue to attract a private sector partner.
• The current contracting approach, General-Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM), remains the best approach for delivering the project.
• Leveraging WSDOT’s surplus land assets could attract private sector participants and may be a viable option.

Next steps:
• Legislature will review the study and determine next steps.
• WSF will continue to actively pursue other funding opportunities.
Anacortes Ferry Terminal

- In 2017, the legislature authorized $35,000 and directed WSDOT to assess interest in a public-private partnership to rebuild the Anacortes ferry terminal.

- WSDOT will begin this work in February. Our plan is to work closely with the community on this project and produce a final report for the 2019 legislative session.

Current state

Future state???
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Pilot

• The 2015 legislature authorized funding for the pilot through a portion of the EV registration fee paid by EV drivers (up to $1M).
• $1M in grants were awarded in June 2017 for installation of charging stations along I-5, I-90, I-82 and US-395. 15 communities will benefit.
• The $1M leveraged an additional $1.5M of private sector funding for a total investment of $2.5M.

VW Settlement
• Approximately $16M is planned for investment in EV charging infrastructure over the next 10 years.
• Electrify America (VW entity) is directly investing $2 billion nationwide in EV charging over the next 10 years.
Thank you.

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