



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island



Transportation Needs of the U.S. Navy
Washington State Transportation Commission

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Area Of Responsibility/Engagement

1. Five Military Properties

- Ault Field, Seaplane Base, Outlying Field Coupeville, Lake Hancock, and Coos Bay, Oregon.

2. Five Counties

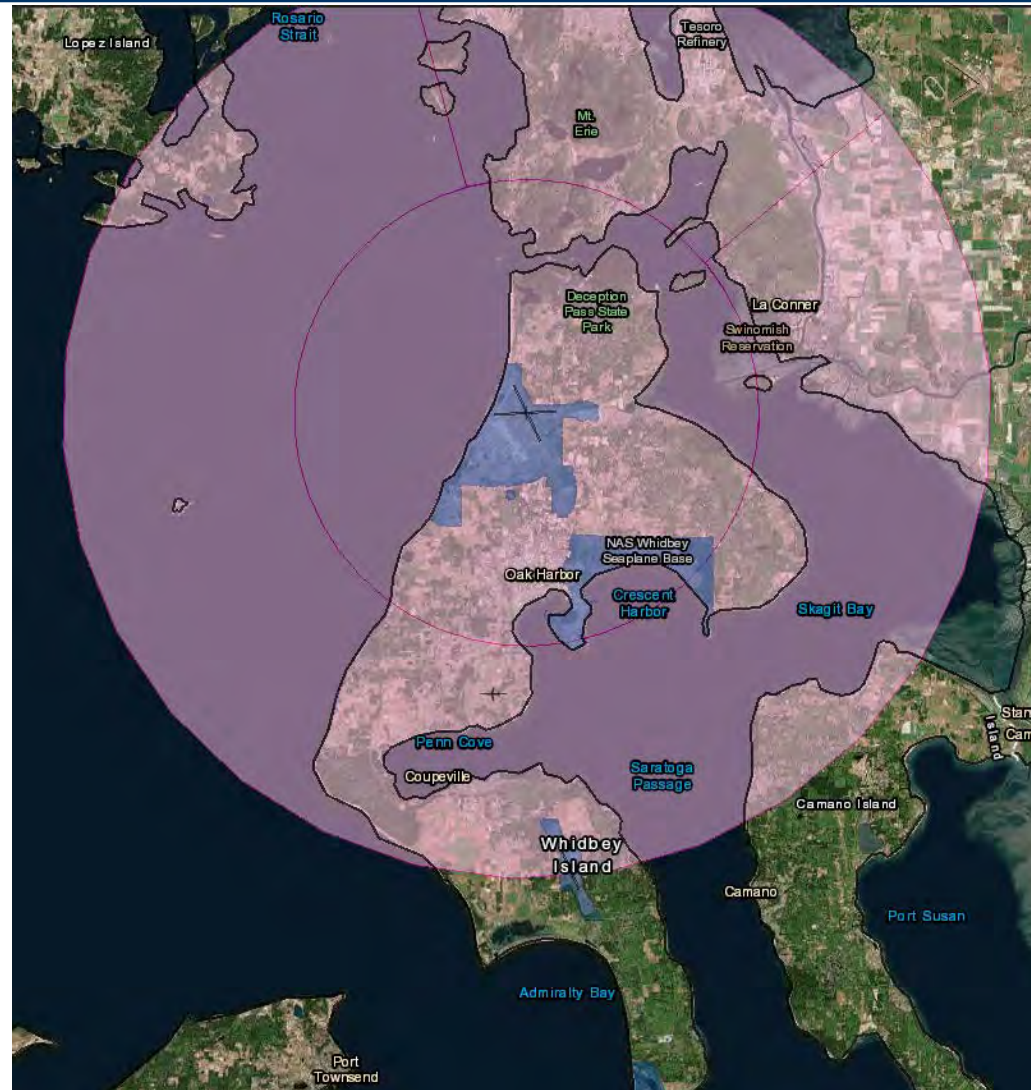
- Island, Skagit, San Juan, Jefferson and Coos

3. Six Cities

- Oak Harbor, Anacortes, Langley, Port Townsend, Mt. Vernon and Burlington

4. Two Towns

- Coupeville and La Conner

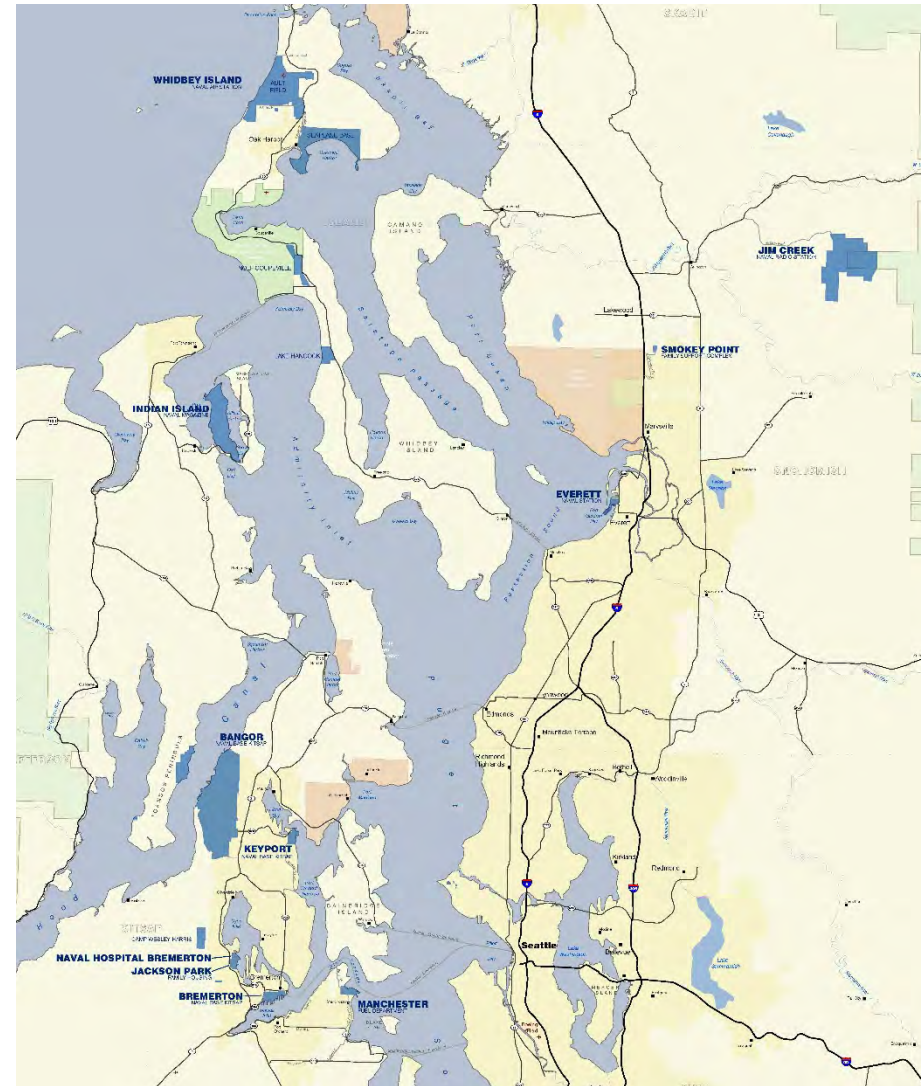




Naval Presence in Puget Sound



- In 1999 all the Naval installations in the Pacific Northwest were centralized into a regional command structure under Navy Region Northwest. Current jurisdiction over AK, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, ND, SD, NE, MN, and IA.
- Naval Base Kitsap/Bangor is home of the Regional Headquarters and all other installations report to the Rear Admiral there.
- This requires travel from the various installations to Bangor.
 - Over 20K military personnel
 - Over 19K civilian personnel
 - Approximately 40K family members
 - Approximately 35K Navy retirees
- The Naval presence in the Puget Sound is a significant economic contributor to Washington State with over \$5 billion in annual spending.
- Maintaining and enhancing the transportation connections to all Naval installations within Puget Sound is important.

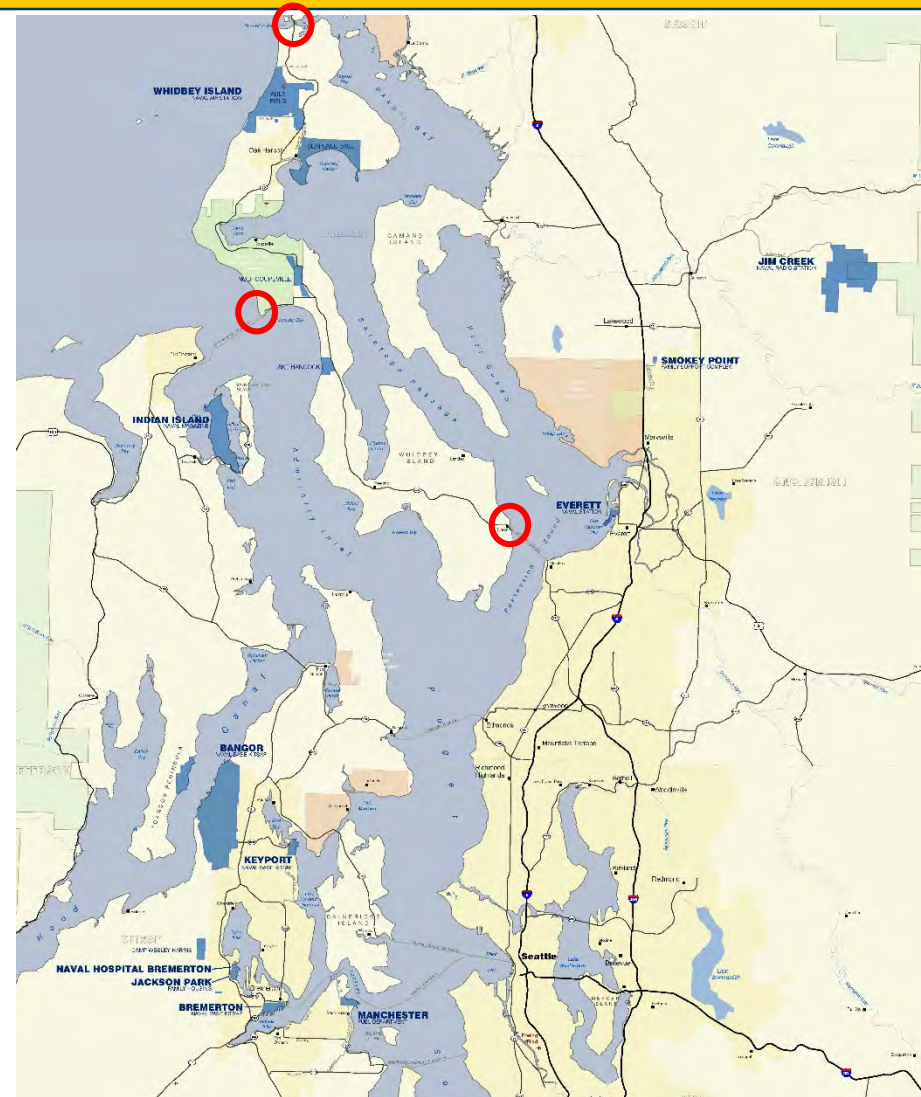




NAS Whidbey Island Connectivity



- Base Infrastructure Value = \$2.3 billion
- NAS Whidbey Island is the main economic contributor to Island County and a significant contributor to Western Skagit County with over \$500 million in payroll.
- Total industry output is over \$400 million
- All installation support shipping comes via the bridge and two ferries. Island highways are part of the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET).
- Some military logistics support comes via airlift.
- Housing availability issues are generating longer commutes off island.
- Maintaining the limited transportation connections for Whidbey Island is imperative for the air station and the role it plays in overall national security.





Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow



2008

Commander Electronic Attack Wing

Aircraft - EA-6B Prowler

12 VAQ Squadrons

1 VAQ Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS)

Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten

Aircraft - P-3C and EP-3

3 VP Squadrons

1 VP Reserve Squadron

2 VQ Squadrons

2018

Commander Electronic Attack Wing

Aircraft - EA-18G Growler

12 VAQ Squadrons

1 VAQ FRS

1 VAQ Reserve Squadron

Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten

Aircraft - P-3C, EP-3, and P-8A

6 VP Squadrons

1 VP Reserve Squadron

1 VQ Squadrons



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**Thank you for your
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