2019 PRIORITIES

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NSTA strives to improve ways for people to travel our region without an individual vehicle.
About NSTA
Four primary objectives

1. Collect travel and system data to identify needs

2. Improve regional connections and sustain and expand services

3. Enhance mobility through sustainable, equitable, and innovative transportation solutions.

4. Inform the public about transportation services to enhance awareness of the regional transportation network.
NSTA FOCUS AREAS
Transportation without a personal vehicle

TRANSPORTATION
- TRANSIT
- FERRIES
- RAIL
- TRAILS
- HEALTH & TRANSP.
NSTA Participants

TRANSPORTATION
- Airlift Northwest
- Island Air
- Island RTPO
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Skagit Council of Governments
- Strategic Transport Solutions
- WA State Dept. of Transportation
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- Whatcom CTAG

TRANSIT
- Community Transit
- Everett Transit
- Island Transit
- Skagit Transit
- Whatcom Transportation Authority
NSTA Participants

GOVERNMENT & TRIBES
- Board of Island County Commissioners
- Congresswoman Suzan DelBene
- Island County Public Works
- Office of Governor Inslee
- San Juan County Council
- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
- Skagit County Commissioners
- Skagit County Public Works
- Snohomish County Executive’s Office
- Stillaguamish Tribe
- Tulalip Tribes

HEALTH CARE
- Community Action Skagit County
- Hopelink
- Island & Skagit Parent to Parent
- Island Senior Resources
- North Sound ACH
- Northwest Medical Society
- Northwest Regional Council
- Opportunity Council
- Regional Health Departments
- Regional Hospitals
- Regional Human Services Departments
- San Juan County Fire Departments
- San Juan County Veterans Advisory Group
- SNOTRAC
Health & Transportation
Health & Transportation
Process: From many ideas to five key projects

01 SEPTEMBER 2017
Identify key issues and brainstorm solutions regardless of cost.

02 JUNE 2018
Based on additional information prioritize projects by feasibility and impact.

03 DECEMBER 2018
Present findings to legislative representatives for consideration in 2019.
Health & Transportation
TOP FIVE PROJECTS

1

2-1-1 EXPANSION
That includes direct phone transfers to transit agencies and other volunteer service providers.
Health & Transportation
TOP FIVE PROJECTS

2

UNIVERSAL BROADBAND
For the entire five county region for improved telemedicine and communication with transportation providers
For transit in all five counties

ON-DEMAND TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

TOP FIVE PROJECTS

Health & Transportation
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TOP FIVE PROJECTS

4

I-5 FLYER

STOP

FEASIBILITY

STUDY

Including transit stops and park n rides
5

EXPAND / IMPLEMENT MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS

Bring the medical resources to rural communities
Health & Transportation

Next Steps: Data Gathering

- Identify Objectives
- Identify Solutions
- Feasibility & Impact
- Data gathering
- Project submission

Dec 2018
Transit

Process: Identified ideal county connector system

• Integrated with minimal transfers and wait times
• Single fare
• Borderless, easy to understand
• Sustainable/funded
• High frequency
• Safe, speedy, comfortable
• Inclusive, equitable, accessible
• Good on-time performance
Transit
HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS

01. Flyer stops on I-5
02. On demand transit
03. Coordinated fares
04. Increased county connector frequency
05. Transit meets ferry when ferry arrives
06. Legislation to fix cross-jurisdiction barriers
## Transit

**LOW PRIORITY PROJECTS**

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Transit
Next Steps: Feasibility & Impact

Identify Objectives
Identify Solutions
Feasibility & Impact
Data gathering
Project submission

April 2019
Ferries
Ferries

Process: Address three questions:

- How do we make “door to door, not shore to shore” happen?
- How do we accommodate and plan for future ridership growth?
- How do we address ferry service sustainability as a community?
Ferries

OBJECTIVES IDENTIFIED

01. Analyze existing and needed regional ferry connections

02. Increase passenger ferry traffic

03. Support alternative services like TNCs to provide last-mile access to travelers

04. Improve modal connections between ferries, transit, and rail

05. Focus improvements on need to accommodate ridership growth in a sustainable manner
Ferries
Next Steps: Narrow solutions

- Identify Objectives
- Identify Solutions
- Feasibility & Impact
- Data gathering
- Project submission

March 2019
Common ideas
To present to legislators

1. Flyer stops on I-5 feasibility study
2. On-demand transit feasibility study
3. Transit meets ferry on ferry schedule
4. Consider non-traditional options (TNCs) for connecting services
Legislative Forum
December 14 9am – 12pm @ Everett Station

Hear from legislators
Present top project priorities
Describe process for 2019
QUESTIONS?
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