



# 2016 Road-Rail Conflict Study

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Joint Transportation Committee/Association of Washington Cities

# 2015 Transportation Budget Directive

\$250,000 of the cities' statewide fuel tax distributions are for a study **to be conducted in 2016** to:

- identify prominent road-rail conflicts,
- recommend a corridor-based prioritization process for addressing the impacts of projected increases in rail traffic, and
- identify areas of state public policy interest, such as the critical role of freight movement to the Washington economy and the state's competitiveness in world trade.

The study must consider the results of the updated marine cargo forecast . . .

In conducting the study, the Joint Transportation Committee must consult with WSDOT, FMSIB, WUTC, local governments, and other relevant stakeholders.

The Joint Transportation Committee must issue a report of its recommendations and findings by December 1, 2016.

# What do we hope to get from this study?

## Cities/Regions:

- Ability to make an effective case to funding partners for solutions to prominent road-rail conflicts
- Identification of priority crossings with the greatest impacts on traffic congestion, safety, freight mobility, and emergency access
- Central database for data on at-grade crossings

## State:

- Ability to prioritize investments in solutions to at-grade crossings
- Balancing of interests in freight mobility, safety, traffic congestion and emergency access

# How can the MPOs/RTPOs help us?

For your region:

- Identify projects involving at-grade crossing solutions
- Identify priority crossings for your region—significant traffic, safety, freight mobility, emergency access issues (whether or not a project has been identified to solve the issues)
- Send them to the JTC by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

# Example info on at-grade crossings

## Investment Opportunity

## Relieves Traffic Conflicts

Crossing #	City	County	Railroad Company	ID	Project Title	Project Cost	Crossing #	City	County	Road Name	Railroad
new crossing	Marysville / Everett	Snohomish	BNSF	4410	Marysville / Everett – SR 529 / I-5 Interchange w/ I-5	\$37,849,792	084640G	Marysville	Snohomish	SR528-4th Ave	BNSF
							084650M	Marysville	Snohomish	88th St NE	BNSF
							084630B	Marysville	Snohomish	1st St	BNSF
							084646X	Marysville	Snohomish	Grove St	BNSF
							084644J	Marysville	Snohomish	8th St	BNSF
new crossing	Everett	Snohomish	BNSF	1889	Everett Ave Extension and Overcrossing	\$13,392,000	084992M	Everett	Snohomish	Railway Avenue	BNSF
							084605T	Everett	Snohomish	Pacific / Chestnut	BNSF

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