

Successes, Issues, and Challenges

A Transportation System for Everyone

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Successes

- South Richland – suburban, vehicle focused development
- Waterfront / downtown urban core development
- North Richland – education, industry primary jobs development



PREFERRED FREEZER



WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

Issues and Challenges

- Vehicular capacity to support economic development and population growth
- Street Design – Retrofit to support livability goals
 - Waterfront / downtown walkability
 - Non-motorized commuting
 - Visual appeal and traffic calming
 - ADA Accessibility



Issues and Challenges

- Regional commuting / congestion
 - Conflicting needs converge on George Washington Way
 - Six-lane urban arterial to support regional commute demand
 - Waterfront / downtown activity center
- State system – local system interfaces
 - Largest congestion bottlenecks the result of poorly-designed interfaces between state and local systems
 - Need for more holistic planning from WSDOT



Successes

- 2005 City-wide Transportation Plan
 - First city-focused multi-modal in the region
 - Supports complete streets goals before **Complete Streets** was a thing
 - Downtown Road Diet projects contributing to vibrant economy and urban activity growth
- Duportail / Stevens Corridor
 - Solid partnership between major City initiative and State officials (WSDOT and Legislature)
 - Implementing complete streets design goals

