

Peninsula RTPPO Long-Range Plan and New Regional Direction

An Overview for the Washington State
Transportation Commission

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A Unique Region

Kitsap & Olympic Peninsulas

Pacific Ocean & Salish Sea

Marine highway

Olympic Mountains

Olympic National Park

US Navy

Remote, limited access

International border crossing



PRTPO Members

- Clallam County*
- Jefferson County*
- Kitsap County*
- Mason County*

- Bainbridge Island*
- Bremerton*
- Forks*
- Port Angeles*
- Port Orchard*
- Port Townsend*
- Poulsbo*
- Sequim*
- Shelton*

- Clallam Transit*
- Jefferson Transit*
- Kitsap Transit*
- Mason Transit*

- Port of Allyn*
- Port of Bremerton*
- Port of Port Angeles*
- Port of Shelton*

- WSDOT Olympic Region*
- Hoh Tribe*
- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe*
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe*
- Makah Tribe*
- Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe*
- Quileute Tribe*
- Squaxin Island Tribe*
- Skokomish Tribe*
- Suquamish Tribe*



PRTPO Members

- 4 Counties and 9 Cities
- 4 Transit Agencies and 4 Port Districts
- 9 Indian Tribes
- WSDOT Olympic Region

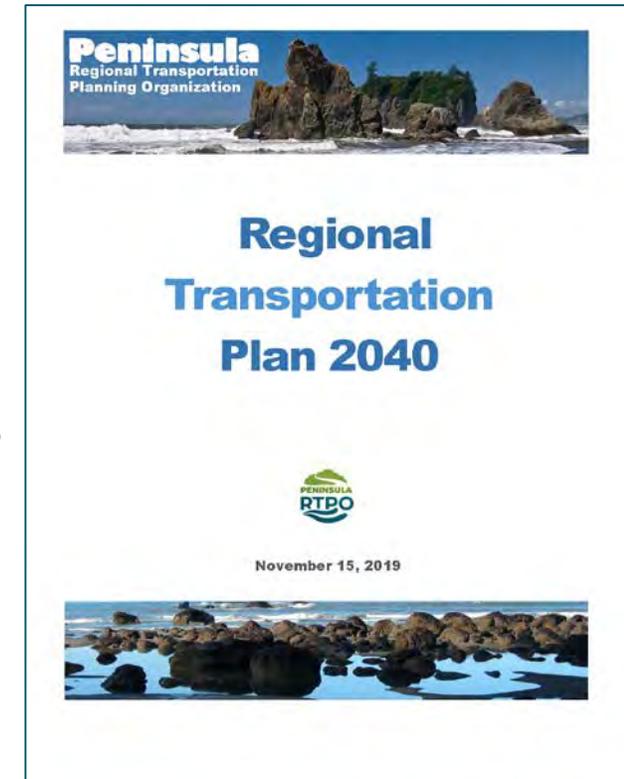
PRTPO – A Quick History

- Created in 1990 and administered by WSDOT
- SFY 2019 – WSDOT advises of need for change
- Year-long transition process
- July 1, 2019 – Independent Self-Governance
 - Kitsap Transit – Lead Planning Agency
 - Jefferson Transit – Lead Fiscal Agency
- Completion of Successful First Year
 - TAP Funding Awards
 - Board direction in work program – regional and statewide activities



RTP 2040 recognizes:

- Critical state highway corridors, the marine highway system, and coordinated transit services that complement the other two systems
- Relationships between transportation system efficiency, safety, reliability, access, and economic health in a rural setting
- Environmental priorities to mitigate transportation system impacts on habitats, both natural and human
- Interagency collaboration and coordination are key in providing seamless multimodal travel choices



Regional challenges include:

- Insufficient funding for core system needs
- Intractable congestion chokepoints, like SR 16/SR 3 in Gorst
- Inadequate funding flexibility for small rural agencies
- System vulnerabilities with a backlog of past-due bridge replacements and culvert retrofits, plus climate and seismic adaptation needs
- Limited route redundancy opportunities – SR 101, SR 3, SR 112



RTPOs need consistent, reliable funding to support regional planning mandates and growth management planning requirements.



Traffic crosses the Hood Canal Bridge along state Highway 104 on Wednesday evening. The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization is examining all modes of transit in its 2040 draft plan, which is open for public comment through Oct. 18. (Brian McLean/Peninsula Daily News)

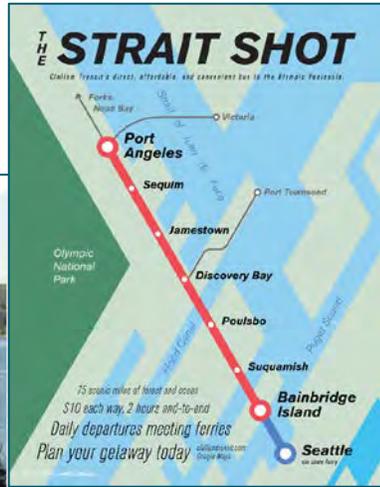
Transportation plan prioritizes four-county region

Group recommends projects to align needs

By Brian McLean
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PORT TOWNSEND — It's been a year of transition for the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization, a group with representatives from four counties that identifies project priorities and works with state officials to get them funded.

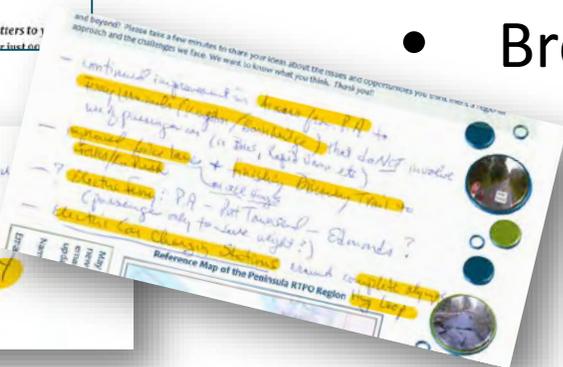
The organization (PRTPO) became fully independent, breaking away from the state Department of Transportation to create its own vision of how to improve the North Olympic Peninsula, said board member David Sullivan, one of three Jefferson County commissioners.



Possible new horizons for PRTPO work in 2021 and beyond:

- Promote more rural intercity public transportation
- Complete rural broadband coverage
- Increase system resiliency
- Accelerate system electrification
- Nurture economic opportunity
- Broaden opportunities for rural engagement

Truck route or cross town route through Port Angeles east toward Sequim. Morse Creek is only route between Sequim and Port Angeles. Increase redundancy in transportation network.



More information on PRTPO and its initiatives can be found at
<https://prtpo.kitsaptransit.com/default.htm>



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