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- 3,127 Lane Miles
- 493 State-Owned Bridges
- 3 Major Mountain Passes
- 6 WSDOT-Operated Airports
- 9 Transit Systems
- 7 Miles Dedicated Bike Lanes
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Metropolitan and Region Planning
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Connecting Nations

The Puyallup Tribe
of Indians
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COVID – 19 Pandemic

• Business as usual is not appropriate or realistic
  We are a front-line service provider impacted by a global public health emergency.
  – Eight of our colleagues died, hundreds sickened
  – Vulnerable employees left to avoid risk
  – Crews exposed to co-workers who tested positive required to quarantine – 1,700+ employees, 17,390 total days lost to quarantine (as of Oct. 2021)
  – All saw impacts to family, friends, co-workers

• Return to office won’t look like it used to
  – Employees want options and flexibility and opportunity for a better work/life balance
  – Agency telework transformation – 50% during pandemic
  – Future goal – 30% to 40% teleworking on any given day
  – Increased dependency on resilient IT systems and infrastructure
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### COVID – 19 Pandemic

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The Secretary’s goal six years ago:
Avoid jumping to costly expansion projects, instead work to identify the right investment, at the right place, at the right time

Where we are today:
• Improved understanding of the need to preserve and maintain what we have, focusing on operational efficiency and demand management for mobility needs
• Improved project development with better consideration of multimodal transportation, lower-cost operational efficiency and demand management strategies incorporated into final projects
• Continued emphasis on transparency and partnerships
• Continued work to embed practical solutions into our business practice

What comes next:
Build on this foundation of work and leverage this approach to focus on a resilient transportation system
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Strategic Plan

Diversity, equity and inclusion

• Culturally competent agency
  – Diverse workforce
  – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program
  – Construction workforce development

• Equity Journey
  – AASHTO/WASHTO resolutions
  – WSDOT Anti-Racism Executive Order
  – Equity baseline study
  – Equity plan
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Diversity Advisory Group

**JANUARY IS...**

**I HAVE A DREAM**

January 16th Marks Martin Luther King Day. Today marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s vision. We continue to recognize the role of Dr. King in our community. We celebrate his dream and his legacy. We support the work of the South Central Region Diversity Advisory Group and its mission to promote diversity and inclusion in our organization.

**FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

February 27th Marks Black History Month. The theme this year is Genealogy. This year, we reflect on the contributions of African Americans to our society. We celebrate their achievements and honor their legacy.

**March Is Women's History Month**

March 1st Marks Women's History Month. This year, we focus on the contributions of women in the transportation field. We recognize their hard work and dedication.

**WSDOT LEADERSHIP PANEL**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 11:00a TO 12:00p**

Please join the Eastern, North Central, and South Central Region Diversity Advisory Groups in celebrating Women’s History Month. This year, the Eastern Washington DAs are hosting a panel discussion with four women from WSDOT leadership throughout our agency. We will discuss important decisions and opportunities in their careers and professional development opportunities, work-life balance, and their perspective on the WSDOT’s growth and goals on representation and employment that reflect the communities we serve.

Keep an eye out for a reminder email from us next week that will include additional information on our panels. Also think of questions you would like to ask our speakers! The MS Teams meeting will include a question-and-answer session, but if you would like to share questions for our panelists ahead of the event, please send them to SCDAG@wsdot.wa.gov. Hope to see you there!

**OUR PANELISTS:**
- **Allison Comden** - Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Development and Delivery Division (MDDQ)
- **Amy Farmo** - Deputy Director of Human Resources
- **Charlene Kay** - Regional Planning and Strategic Community Partnerships Director
- **Kim Mueller** - Fish Passage Program, Delivery Manager
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DBE Delivery

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**SCR Program Totals**

7.39% 13.82% 187%

7.39% = average of the DBE goals (commitment) of all contracts listed.
13.82% = total paid to DBE vs total amount paid to Prime.
187% = percentage of DBE goal (commitment) attained.
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Fleshman Way Interchange Improvements
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SR 128 Red Wolf Bridge Rehabilitation
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SR 129 Buford Creek - Fish Passage Improvements
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Diagonal and Bridge Streets
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SR 129 Clarkston – ADA Improvements
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Main Street Safety Action Plan – City of Dayton
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Touchet Valley Trail – Waitsburg and Dayton
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Trail Connection south of Clarkston
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The Grain Train
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Highway lane miles “Due” for rehabilitation

Area 1 35% = 240 Lane Miles

Area 2 50% = 392 Lane Miles

Area 3 30% = 313 Lane Miles

Area 4 67% = 383 Lane Miles
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Preservation Challenges

Overall 43% due or 1,327 lane miles
(99 lane miles will be addressed in 2022)
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Preservation Needs - SR 127 Central Ferry Bridge
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Preservation Needs – Lewiston & Clarkston Bridge
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Preservation Needs – Maintenance
Highways Construction Program - 2022 Budget vs. 2021 Budget
2021-23 through 2027-29

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Highways Total

Highways Expansion

Highways Environmental

Highways Preservation
Preservation...What does full funding mean

Any backlog Preservation needs:
✓ Ramps
✓ Sections less than 45 MPH
✓ Shoulders
✓ VMS
✓ Sign Bridges
✓ Signs
HEAL Act and Equity

Move Ahead Washington provides the foundation of a transformative approach in managing state highways, including:

- $1.5 B down payment on Highways Preservation, which allows for WSDOT to implement full Preservation
- Inclusion of Complete Streets with nearly all transportation projects
- Funding to implement the Fish Passage Delivery plan to comply with the injunction through 2030
- $500 M in stormwater retrofit funding
- Implementation of a “Dig Once” approach to support increased broadband access.
- Incorporation of Environmental Health Disparities (EHD) rankings into scoping tools (WebWSPMS, GIS)
- Ready to incorporate HEAL Act analyses as completed
Complete Streets Defined

“Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. Those include people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders.”
– USDOT
Complete Streets

What Do Complete Streets Look Like?

- Apply to EVERY context
- One size does NOT fit all
- Not every corridor will have sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit

There is no magic formula
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Facility Needs – Clarkston Maintenance Facility
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People Living in WSDOT Right of Way

A situation exacerbated by COVID-19

• We’re working with our partners
  – Offer shelter, social services to people who are homeless
  – Store personal belongings
• Work with law enforcement and others to remove encampments when they pose an immediate safety risk to people on the right of way, or to those traveling
  – Clean up property
  – Take actions to deter re-establishment
• Real solution is affordable housing, opportunities to become productive members of the community – will require coordination of many resources
MAINTENANCE CHALLENGES
Recent Break-ins and Vandalism
FUTURE REGION RESILIENCY
WSDOT Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations
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ZEVIP Charging Stations
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ZEVIP & Other Charging Stations
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Rethinking Old Models

• Work with partners and stakeholders to recommend solutions.
• Re-examine how we use our transportation infrastructure – accommodate all people and modes.
• Ensure our policy and program decisions are equitable and inclusive.
• Adapting transportation investment to the modern work environment.
• Emphasize resilience and select flexible, adaptable investment strategies that can be effective in an uncertain future for all assets including WSDOT facilities and right-of-way.
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