



**Puget Sound Regional Council  
*Freight Advisory Committee***



# What is FMSIB?

- The Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) is a 17-member Board appointed by the Governor held accountable to create a comprehensive and coordinated state program to facilitate freight movement between and among local, national, and international markets which enhances trade opportunities.
- The Board is also charged with finding solutions that lessen the impact of the movement of freight on local communities.

**\$707 billion**

The amount of cargo  
Washington handles annually

**35%**

Proportion of the state's  
gross domestic product  
(GDP) generated by  
freight-dependent  
industries

**\$213 billion**

State GDP generated by  
freight-dependent industries in  
2019, the last year for which  
there is reliable data

**45%**

Proportion of jobs  
in the state created by  
freight-dependent  
industries

**1.5 million**

Workers employed  
in the state by  
freight-dependent industries

# Requirements of the Six-Year Investment Program under RCW 47.06A.020

Freight mobility improvement efforts must prevent or minimize community impacts in areas of high freight movements and must encourage the active participation of communities in the early stages of proposed public and private infrastructure investments.

- Projects must be on a strategic freight corridor
- Project sponsors must demonstrate a plan for:
  - Sufficient engagement with overburdened communities impacted by the project; and
  - Evaluation of project alternatives and mitigation measures addressing the impacts on these communities to the greatest extent possible;
  - Benefits to the state's freight system;
  - Funding that has already been secured for a project, and
  - Project readiness for construction

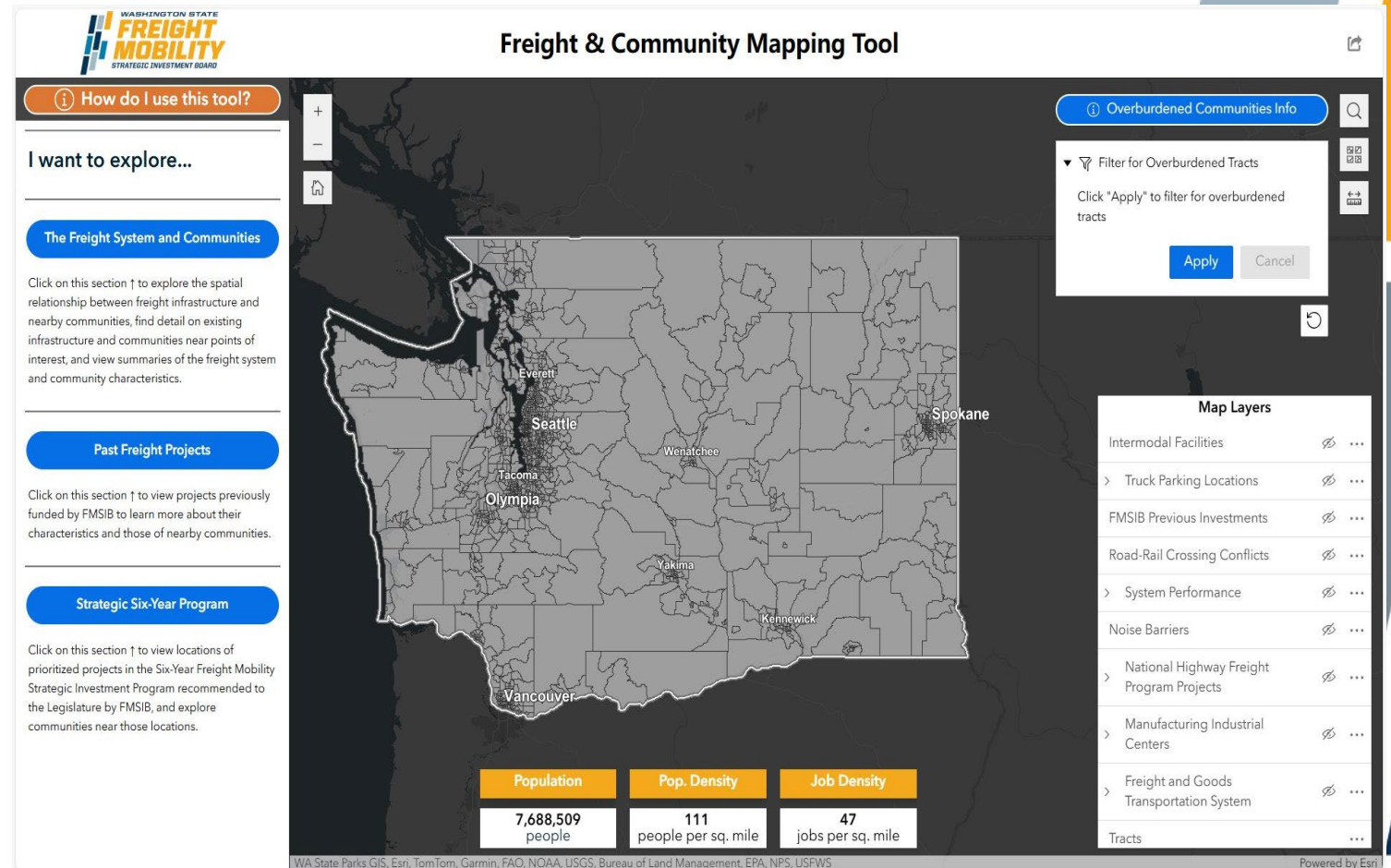
# Six-Year Investment Program

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- A total of 34 projects have been identified supporting regional diversity and the economic needs of Washington State while balancing the impacts on overburdened communities.
- Program updated every biennium.
- Plan to update and refine the program to respond to emerging freight needs.
- Ongoing engagement and outreach to stakeholders is needed. This includes educating project applicants on utilization of newly developed tools.

# Integrating Community Considerations in Freight Investments

- Engaged with BERK Consulting and Cascadia Consulting Group to conduct a research-based study and develop practical tools to help FMSIB, applicants, and project sponsors integrate consideration of overburdened communities in strategic freight investments



FMSIB Mapping Tool - DRAFT v3




**The movement of freight is essential to Washington's economy, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs and creating billions of dollars in the state.**

**This study demonstrates that well-designed freight infrastructure investments both enhance these benefits and deliver significant benefits to nearby *overburdened communities* that have historically experienced disproportionate negative impacts of freight infrastructure.**

An *overburdened community* describes a census tract where vulnerable populations face multiple environmental harms and health impacts, or which includes Tribal lands.



# Toolkit and Worksheets



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## Worksheet 2: Primary Project Purpose and Potential Community Impacts

What is the primary purpose of the project? For FMSIB application, how will the project advance strategic freight mobility and support the Washington State economy?

How is construction anticipated to impact the community?

What post-construction impacts (economic, environmental, and other; intended and unintended; positive and negative) might the project have on the community?

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## FREIGHT-RELATED IMPACTS

- Will the project increase freight volumes through the area?
- Will the project affect congestion and/or idling?
- Will the project separate freight and non-freight traffic?
- Given anticipated changes in traffic volume, traffic flow, mode or fuel shift, and other factors, what will be the net impact on air, noise, water, safety, and other factors?
- Does the project advance climate goals by supporting freight transport mode shifts or the use of alternative fuels?

## FREIGHT WORKERS

- How will the proposed project affect truckers and others who work in the freight industry itself?



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**OF FREIGHT**



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