2019 Active Transportation Plan Update

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WSDOT's multimodal commitment: Options for all

- **WSDOT Vision:** Washington travelers have a safe, sustainable and integrated multimodal transportation system.

- **WSDOT Mission:** We provide safe, reliable and cost-effective transportation options to improve communities and economic vitality for people and businesses.
Active transportation in the future

Walking and bicycling transportation connections are complete and comfortable. As a result, Washingtonians of all ages and abilities can walk or roll to get where they need to go, with safety and mobility improvements for everyone.
Active Transportation Division mission

Strategically integrate walking, bicycling and accessibility into business practice and investments for WSDOT work and that of our partner agencies to promote sustainable, healthy, equitable transportation for all ages and abilities.
What is the Active Transportation Plan?

It’s one set of tools in a growing list of activities across the agency to embed multimodal policy, practice, and problem-solving.

- Multimodal updates to manuals
- Pedestrian Crossing Action Plan
- Highway Permeability Study
- Speed Management Policy Work Group
What is the Active Transportation Plan?

The 2019 ATP Update will help guide and implement investments and policies for increased access, safety and mobility to enable Washingtonians of all ages and abilities to walk, bike and roll.
Ongoing planning improves our statewide transportation options

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Context for the state AT plan

Regional plans
Transportation, economic development, climate, health, etc.

Other relevant statewide plans

State and federal requirements

Transportation decisions start at the front door. All of these affect which options you have available when and where you need them.
Other planning/policy activities

- **Target Zero Strategic Highway Safety Plan**
  Draft open for comment through May 29, 2019
  [https://www.wtscppartners.com/tz-update](https://www.wtscppartners.com/tz-update)

- **RCO Recreational Assets of Statewide Significance**
  Survey open now

- **DOH State Health Improvement Plan**
  Just getting under way; watch for involvement opportunities

- **Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Advisory Council**
  (merger of Cooper Jones Bicyclist SAC + Pedestrian SAC) produces annual legislative report
Investments and policies for increased access, safety and mobility
Active transportation benefits everyone

- **Active transportation serves 100% of Washington.** The minute someone gets out of a motor vehicle, they’re using pedestrian connections.

- **Complete connections reduce exposure to a potential crash.** The number of people seriously injured or killed in Washington while using active transportation has gone up every year for 9 of the past 10 years. Safer roads for walking/rolling are safer for everyone.

- **Active transportation infrastructure adds value.** Sense of community, home values, retail sales, health and air quality all improve in places with good sidewalks, bike lanes, paths and trails.

- **We need strategic investments in the state’s active transportation network now more than ever.**
Spread the word so people engage: AT Plan affects projects, policy, people

► Plans affect projects. When you identify important gaps and opportunities, you tell us which projects matter most for future designs and investments.

► Plans affect policy. Elected officials and agencies listen to public priorities expressed through plans.

► Plans factor into funding decisions. We need strategic investments in mobility, safety and accessibility for people who walk and roll now more than ever.

► A state plan affects how WSDOT works with regional and local partners. When we all align around shared priorities, we’re stronger and more effective stewards of a system that works for everyone.
People driving know what to do
People feel confident and comfortable walking, biking and rolling
We address unacceptable rise in crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities

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<td><strong>Total pedestrian &amp; bicyclist traffic fatalities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Percent pedestrian &amp; bicyclist traffic fatalities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total statewide traffic fatalities = 100%</strong></td>
<td>462</td>
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Putting safety in context
Washington State 2018

10 times a day

10 times a day a motorist collision involved someone walking or rolling.

Every 14 Hours

Every 13.65 hours a motorist struck and seriously injured or killed someone walking or rolling.

Every 3 Days

On average, a driver killed someone walking or bicycling every 2.96 days.
Active Transportation Plan Ingredients

What’s in the toolkit

- Network Analysis
- Prioritization Framework
- Performance Measures
- Asset Management
- Usage and Demand
- Funding and Policy Review
- Community Outreach Tools
Active Transportation Plan Timeline

► **Mar – Apr 2019**
  DIY Outreach Toolkit launch
  Network analysis
  Prioritization framework

► **Apr – Jun 2019**
  Round 1 outreach
  Video + online survey release
  Performance metrics
  Funding assessment

► **Jul – Aug 2019**
  Share outreach + survey results
  Asset management
  Policy review

► **Sep – Oct 2019**
  Round 2 outreach

► **Oct – Nov 2019**
  Review + refine draft ATP
  Public comment on draft ATP

► **Dec 2019**
  Distribute final ATP
Active Transportation Plan
Public Outreach

▶ Goals
Show what a good, connected, active transportation network looks like and why it’s important

Inform updated goals, objectives and strategies for walking and rolling

▶ Approach
Leverage WSDOT’s relationships with community partners statewide

WSDOT project team provides DIY engagement toolkit and offers ongoing support
You shape the AT Plan at every step

► Your voice matters. Every comment and survey response will help shape the final recommendations for policy, funding priorities, and projects.

► Your friends and neighbors listen to you. When you tell them they should get involved, it’s more powerful than when we ask.

► Taking the survey tells us what matters to you for walking and rolling more places, more safely, more conveniently in your community and state.
Stay connected!

► Take the survey!  
(Open through June 30, 2019)  
bit.ly/WSDOT-ATP2019-Span  
Coming soon: Russian, Korean, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese

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► Pass news along to friends and family, colleagues and community
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- **AT Plan Resources + Links to Surveys**  

- **AT Plan E-News**  

- **WSDOT Walk and Roll E-News**  
Thank you!