Regional Transportation Plan: Requirements

- Minimum 20-year planning horizon
- Updated every 4 years
- Integrated multimodal transportation system
- Reasonable financial strategy to fund investments
- Latest available estimates for growth, travel, and economic activity
- Performance measures and targets
- Address federal planning factors
Regional Transportation Plan: What is in the Plan?

- $196.8 Billion in investments across the region
- Key focus areas include
  - Implementation of new funding packages and projects
  - Advance maintenance & preservation
  - Update financial strategy
- Regional integrated transit network and access to transit strategy
- State Facilities Action Plan
Programs included in the plan

Counties

Cities

Local Transit

Sound Transit

State Ferries

State Highways

Other Regional
What’s Happened Since 2018

- Transit ridership increasing faster than other regions
- Completion of Road Usage Charge (RUC) pilot study
- Completion of key projects, e.g. -
  - SR-99 tunnel, Swift Green line
- VISION 2050 nearing completion
  - Transit-focused regional growth strategy
  - Additional focus within transportation on climate, equity, new mobility options
Population growth remains strong

Annual Population Change in the Central Puget Sound

- Regional population of 4.20 million in 2019
- 68,700 added to region in 2018-19 (1.7% increase)
- Almost 368k new people have been added to the region in the past 5 years (9.4% increase)

Source: OFM, April 1, 2019 Population of Cities, Towns and Counties
Regional Growth

A robust regional economy

Annual Employment change as of May, 2014-2019

- 52k wage & salary jobs were added to the region last year (2.4% increase)
- Over 430k jobs have been added to the region since 2010

Source: ESD, WA Employment Estimates (seasonally adjusted) May 2019
Needs & Ongoing Challenges

- Addressing VISION 2050 regional growth strategy
  - Additional growth to 2050
  - Focused near transit
- Continued maintenance & preservation backlog
- Technology & new mobility challenges and opportunities
- Local agency resource needs
- Increasing congestion, mobility challenges

In 2019, 58% of the National Highway System was congested in the morning or afternoon peak.

Source: National Performance Measurement Research Data Set (NPMRDS), May 2017, 2019
New Planning Opportunities

• VISION 2050 regional growth strategy focus areas for transportation
• Identify new and expanded transit opportunities to address growth to 2050
• Expanded data collection and analysis of conditions to inform plan update
• New and ongoing studies:
  • Passenger only ferry study
  • Aviation baseline study
  • State Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission
  • High speed rail
  • Intercity rail
VISION 2050 & 2022 RTP will inform local comp plans
Draft Plan Schedule

**Preparatory Plan Work**
- January – June 2020
  - Identify key focus areas and preliminary alternatives

**SEPA Scoping**
- Summer 2020
  - Public input on approach, environmental review, major issues to address

**Preliminary Plan Analysis**
- Fall 2020 - Summer 2021
  - Scenario analysis, refinement of alternatives, policy discussions; public engagement

**SEPA Analysis and Draft Plan**
- Fall 2021 – Winter 2022
  - Release of Draft SEPA analysis for public comment; Release of draft plan for public comment

**Plan Adoption**
- May 2022
Questions?

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2022 Regional Transportation Planning Process

**RTP FOUNDATION**

- Transit: Access to Transit Strategy
  - Future Transit Network and Service Typology
- Bike/Pedestrian: Active Transportation Plan
- Special Needs: Coordinated Plan
- TDM: Regional TDM Action Plan
- ITS: ITS Inventory
- Freight: Freight Inventory
- Technology: Innovations in Technology
- Highways: State Facilities Action Plan

**RTP CORE PLANNING & ANALYSIS**

- Planning and Analysis of Needs and Opportunities Out to 2050*

*Based on Current RTP Projects

**BIG PICTURE SCENARIO PLANNING**

- Conceptual Planning and Analysis
  - Transit Assessment
  - POF Routes and Terminals
  - Intercity Rail Assessment
  - Aviation Concepts
  - High Speed Rail Concepts

**CLIMATE - EQUITY - SAFETY – FINANCE**

Thematic elements associated with all parts of the RTP