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

Source: WSDOT
Source: Community Transit
Population growth remains strong

- 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
2022 Regional Transportation Planning Process

**RTP FOUNDATION**
- Transit
- Bike/Pedestrian
- Special Needs
- TDM
- ITS
- Freight
- Technology
- Highways

**RTP CORE PLANNING & ANALYSIS**
- Access to Transit Strategy
- Future Transit Network and Service Typology
- Active Transportation Plan
- Coordinated Plan
- Regional TDM Action Plan
- ITS Inventory
- Freight Inventory
- Innovations in Technology
- State Facilities Action Plan

**BIG PICTURE SCENARIO PLANNING**
- Conceptual Planning and Analysis
- Transit Assessment
- POF Routes and Terminals
- Intercity Rail Assessment
- Aviation Concepts
- High Speed Rail Concepts

*Based on Current RTP Projects

**CLIMATE - EQUITY - SAFETY – FINANCE**

Thematic elements associated with all parts of the RTP
VISION 2050 & 2022 RTP will inform local comp plans
Launch Plan Scope of Work Preliminary Plan Analysis SEPA Analysis and Draft Plan Plan Adoption

- Identify major scope, key focus areas
- Breakout sessions on key topics
- Public Outreach/SEPA Scoping

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Draft Plan Update Schedule
Questions?

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