

Tolling Work Session

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2009 Legislative Action Related to Tolling

- **I-405 Eastside Corridor study on express toll lanes**
 - Outreach includes open houses, committee meetings; phone survey, on-line survey, four focus groups, updated video for website.
 - Second round of open houses scheduled for November 3 in Kent and November 5 in Kirkland.
 - Report due to legislature and Governor January 2010.
- **Columbia River Crossing**
 - Outreach includes open houses, committee meetings; on-line survey.
 - Next committee meeting is December 7.
 - Report due to legislature and Governor January 2010.
- **Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement**
 - Traffic and revenue study on the viability of tolls contributing up to \$400 million toward project.
 - Report due to legislature and Governor January 2010.
- **SR 167 extension to Port of Tacoma, and**
- **SR 509 extension from SeaTac**
 - Preliminary toll feasibility studies currently being conducted on the viability of using tolls to fund some of the project costs.
 - Traffic and revenue studies will be undertaken in the future.
 - Reports due to JTC on September 30, 2010

2009 Legislative Action Related to Tolling SR 520

- **Enacted ESHB 2211**, which authorized tolling the existing SR 520 bridge and requires that the toll revenue is used to replace the existing floating bridge and necessary connections.
- Directed the Joint Transportation Committee to assemble an **Expert Review Panel** to review costs and strategies for electronic toll collection, with a specific focus on tolling SR 520.
- Authorized the issuance of up to \$1.950 billion **general obligation bonds** first payable from toll revenue and excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels as part of ESHB 1272 (Capital Budget).

JTC Expert Review Panel Recommendations

- More fully develop business rules to accommodate the infrequent traveler.
- Place a greater focus on the prepayment of tolls using license plate accounts.
- Consider a two-phase interim approach that would allow for tolling SR 520 early, while allowing sufficient time to thoroughly consider the ultimate long-term tolling solution.
- Modify the RFPs to minimize the risk of conversion from the existing service center.
- Remove restrictive language that might limit the number of bidders.

WSDOT Actions Addressing ERP Recommendations

- Completed and posted more comprehensive business rules.
- Exploring further a range of payment options for users of SR 520, including pre-paid transponder and license plate accounts.
- Adjusted timeline to provide for tolling on 520 to start as early as November 2010 and as late as June 2011.
 - The sooner vendors propose to open, the more incentives they can earn.
 - Incentives for early delivery call for \$100,000 per week, with a cap of \$3 million. There are liquidated damages of \$350,000/week if they fail to meet the date they propose.
- Addressing contingencies to ensure a smooth transition to a statewide back office.
- RFP process resulted in five competitive bidders for each RFP.

Responses to Statewide Tolling RFPs

Toll Collection System bidders:

- ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc. (ACS)
- Electronic Transaction Consultants (ETC)
- Telvent Caseta
- TransCore
- TRMI Systems Integration

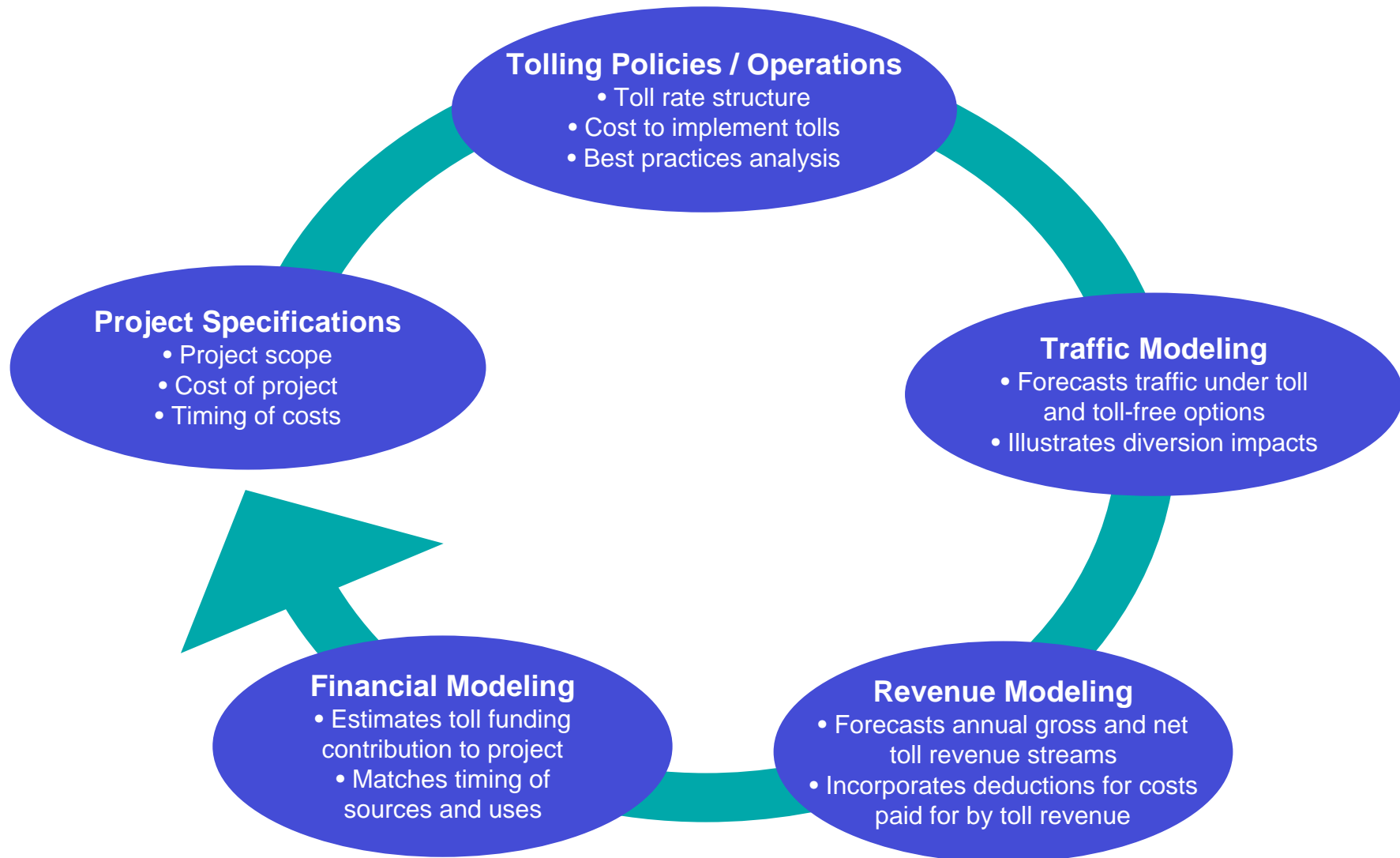
Customer Service Center bidders:

- ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc. (ACS)
- Electronic Transaction Consultants (ETC)
- IBM
- Telvent Caseta
- TransCore

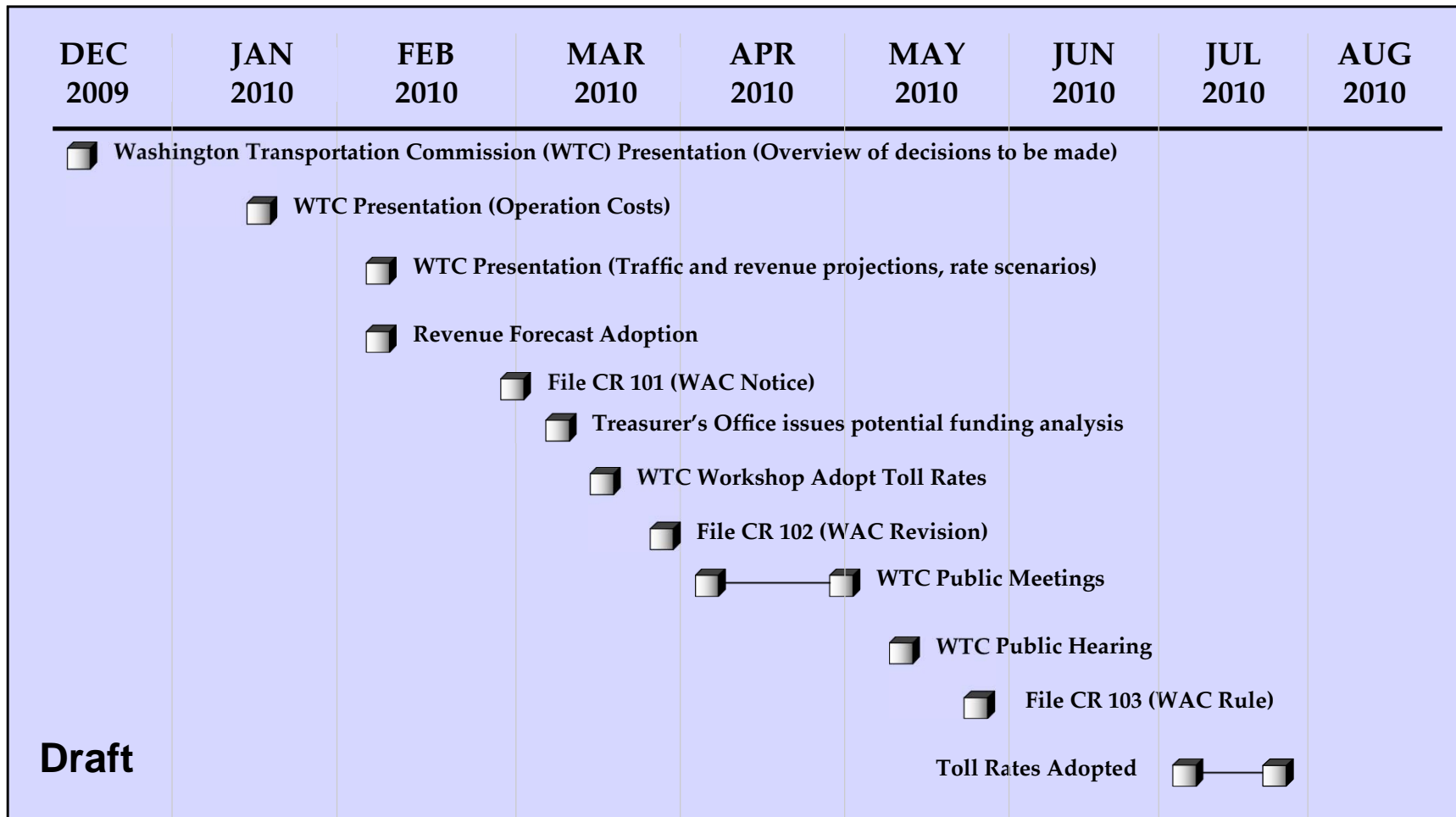


**Currently reviewing proposals,
with interviews scheduled for late October.
Both contracts will be awarded in late December, 2009**

Determining Project Costs and Funding



Proposed SR 520 Toll Rate Timeline 2009-10



Notes:

Public Meetings on 520 Toll Rates to be held in Seattle and in eastside communities (i.e. Bellevue, Kirkland)

Urban Partnership Agreement Key Provisions

- **Remaining \$31.4 million released on October 8, 2009.**
- **Date for toll commencement**
 - The UPA term sheet with FHWA has been amended from Sept. 30, 2009 to “no later than June 30, 2011.”
- **Exemptions for transit and HOV 3+ vehicle**
 - WSDOT proposed transit and registered vanpool exemptions with ongoing discussion regarding the operational challenges of allowing 3+ carpool exemptions.
- **Defining “free flow speed”**
 - One of the requirements of the UPA is to maintain free flow traffic: “maintain speeds at or above 45 miles per hour at least 90 percent of the time during the peak hours and generate funding without significantly altering the performance of nearby facilities”.



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