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WASHINGTON TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2011-2030

The Washington Transportation Commission is pleased to release this DRAFT version of the Washington Transportation Plan 2011-2030 (WTP 2030) for public review and comment. WTP 2030 has been developed by the Commission with ongoing engagement and input from a diverse Advisory Group and other partners around the state. The next step is to gather additional input from key transportation planners, users and interested private citizens like you, to assist us in furthering the development of the plan so that it can truly represent the collective priorities for transportation statewide.

WTP 2030 is a high-level policy plan required under law to provide policy guidance and strategic recommendations across all transportation modes and regions in the state. WTP 2030 encompasses the 2011-2030 planning horizon, a period in which significant change is expected in the state's growth, economy, mobility, and infrastructure investment needs, along with changes to come at the federal level for transportation. This draft plan does not replace the current federally compliant 2007-2026 Washington Transportation Plan, but will serve as a policy update to that plan.

We know that there are significant challenges to meet the transportation needs statewide; the existing 2007-2026 Washington Transportation Plan identifies a need to invest more than \$67 billion over 20 years (2005 dollars), most of which is unfunded. The Washington State Transportation Commission and the Washington State Department of Transportation are working at the state and local level to develop more current estimates on the total investment need and this information will be incorporated into the FINAL version of WTP 2030 to be released in December 2010.

In September, the Commission will hold five Listening Sessions: Vancouver, September 9th; Yakima, September 14th; Spokane, September 23rd; Everett, September 29th; and Bremerton, September 30th. The purpose of these sessions is to share information about WTP 2030 and actively engage both public agencies and private citizens across the state to help shape the content and priorities of the Plan and to solicit input on key questions and policies. We also will seek local input and perspectives on transportation system needs, challenges and opportunities.

In addition to the attached hard copy, WTP 2030 is available on the Commission's website at http://wstc.wa.gov/WTP_New/default.htm. Comments on WTP 2030 are welcomed and encouraged through October 15, 2010. Please submit your comments to the Commission either by email: wtp2030@wstc.wa.gov or by mail: P.O. Box 47308, Olympia, WA 98504-7308.