

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**T**he Washington Transportation Plan, Phase 2 – Implementation 2017 - 2040 (Phase 2) is a blueprint to guide our evolving statewide multimodal transportation system in order to accomplish the Vision laid out in the Washington Transportation Plan 2035 - Policy, Phase 1 (Phase 1). The future is uncertain and no one can accurately predict how technology, climate change, natural disasters, and other factors could affect the transportation system and accomplishing the Vision; but what can be done is assess potential outcomes of those factors and prepare for those outcomes. Phase 2 therefore utilizes scenario planning to achieve resiliency by establishing Action Items that will move Washington toward the Vision regardless of how an unknown future unfolds.

Through community engagement with the public, government agencies (federal, tribal, state, local), organizations and various transportation interests, Phase 2 not only provides a framework for accomplishing the statewide Vision for transportation but also provides flexibility for communities to reflect their local context. The major themes from community engagement are:

- There is inadequate funding for preservation and maintenance.
- Traffic congestion is a problem in suburban and urban areas.
- Safety is a concern for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists on, across, and adjacent to rural two-lane highways.
- Coordination would be improved if all jurisdictions made public their twenty year financially- constrained project list.

These themes are consistent with the Focus Areas and Action Items developed throughout Phase 2.

Phase 2 includes information on federal and state requirements for a statewide transportation plan. The plan addresses important policy areas such as population and economic growth, an assessment of the statewide transportation system, funding, climate change vulnerability, natural disasters, and technology;

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– Vision established in Phase 1



as well as other trends and challenges facing the statewide transportation system over the next 20+ years. The Phase 2 engagement efforts identified four Focus Areas, which are the pillars of the plan:



The Focus Areas encompass unresolved statewide policy issues that are vital for reaching the statewide Vision for transportation. These Focus Areas shaped the Scenario Planning effort and are the organizing concepts for the Action Items, which will:

- Achieve the Vision.
- Implement the policy recommendations from Phase 1.
- Support a resilient plan for an uncertain future.
- Make decisions based on data.
- Have consensus from partners.
- Track and report results.

Implementing the Action Items will involve a collaborative effort between many partner organizations. The implementation efforts of Phase 2 Action Items may identify a need to amend or identify new policies, rules, and laws as well as issues for consideration in future plan updates and other planning efforts. The process, tasks, and products outlined below provide a path forward for implementation of the Phase 2 Action Items.

Figure ES-1: Phase 2 Action Item Work Plan Tasks



The work plan flowchart above outlines the key tasks that the Phase 2 Project Team (Project Team) and partners will undertake to implement the eleven Action Items. More detailed information on the work plan and progress updates are available on the project website: [www.washtransplan.com](http://www.washtransplan.com).

**Table ES-1: Vision, Focus Areas, and Action Items**

<b>THE VISION</b>			
By 2035, Washington’s transportation system safely connects people and communities, fostering commerce, operating seamlessly across boundaries, and providing travel options to achieve an environmentally and financially sustainable system.			
<b>FOCUS AREAS</b>			
<b>Maintain And Preserve Assets</b>	<b>Manage Growth and Traffic Congestion</b>	<b>Enhance Multimodal Connections and Choices</b>	<b>Align the Funding Structure with the Multimodal Vision</b>
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>			
<b>MP1</b>	<b>MG1</b>	<b>EC1</b>	<b>FS1</b>
Maintain, preserve, and operate assets and manage demand to meet desired performance on multimodal transportation systems before funding expansion projects	Promote transportation-efficient communities by coordinating and providing state agency technical assistance to emphasize the link between land use and transportation at all levels of government, the private sector, and other organizations	Work to achieve better travel time reliability and door to door multimodal connections for people of all backgrounds and abilities through continued application of practical solutions	Support funding flexibility to reduce barriers to creating an integrated multimodal system that achieves performance objectives
<b>MP2</b>	<b>MG2</b>	<b>EC2</b>	<b>FS2</b>
Support ways to help jurisdictions, transportation asset owners, and transportation service providers prepare for, respond to, and become resilient to emergencies and disasters	Prioritize access for people and goods instead of throughput for vehicles to improve multimodal options, livable communities, and economic vitality for people and businesses	Provide transportation facilities and services to support the needs of all communities, with a focus on equity for populations with specialized needs, those in rural areas, and those who are traditionally underserved	Work to diversify and strengthen transportation revenue sources to hedge against inflation and economic downturns
	<b>MG3</b>	<b>EC3</b>	<b>FS3</b>
	Research, evaluate, adapt to, and deploy technologies and innovations in all modes; share best practices	Adopt metrics for all modes to align with performance objectives	Address the constraints and opportunities for public-private partnership programs

