Washington State Department of Transportation

Washington Transportation Plan Strategic Policies

PRESERVATION
Protect our investments by keeping transportation infrastructure in sound operating conditions. Emphasize infrastructure preservation and maintenance.

SAFETY
Emphasize traveler safety and security as a primary consideration in the planning, designing, constructing, maintaining, and operating of all transportation systems. Identify cost effective ways in which to achieve statewide safety goals in a comprehensive manner.

MOBILITY
- System Efficiencies - Operate state roadways for maximum throughput is the key to getting the most out of the system. Consider and implement where appropriate, operational changes that improve efficiency before expanding the existing transportation system.
- Congestion Relief - Develop policy and strategies to maximize traffic flows on the state’s congested highways.
- Aggressively pursue access management to protect operations of existing and future systems.

ECONOMIC VITALITY
Support the economy through reduced barriers to the movement of people, products, and information. Value the movement of freight and people equitability.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND HEALTH
- Meet environmental responsibilities. Minimize and avoid impacts to environmental and historic resources by transportation facilities.
- Support and encourage partnering with local communities to achieve mutual interests in promoting livable communities.