

# Washington Transportation Investment Strategy Committee

## Guiding Principles for Collaboration

In order to achieve the vision for the future, the committee also identified several guiding principles that WSDOT and the state's MPOs and RTPOs are committed to:

1. All parties will maintain open dialogue with clear, timely, and transparent communication among member agencies, WSDOT divisions, WSTC, and the Legislature.
2. All parties will ensure that the public and other stakeholders are consulted and engaged, acknowledging the roles of the local agencies, private groups such as the chambers or other advocates, as well as the MPOs and RTPOs.
3. All parties will educate state leaders on local perspectives and priorities.
4. All parties will educate local partners about state and federal policy goals.
5. All parties will provide flexibility to accommodate the needs of small, rural communities in the process to identify regional and statewide transportation priorities.
6. WSDOT will provide estimates of current revenues available, including funding commitments, debt service payments, and other relevant information in order to consider fiscal constraints in the prioritization process.
7. WSDOT will educate and inform RTPOs and MPOs on the budget/funding process to develop a common understanding.
8. WSDOT will provide estimates of the benefits of State transportation projects and programs being considered, through some level of performance evaluation, to prioritize available funds.
9. WSDOT will more fully engage in the Regional Transportation Plan processes to provide a better understanding of needs and better representation in the creation of legislative funding packages.
10. RTPOs/MPOs will strive to think regionally, and consider their local jurisdiction needs in the context of their fellow member RTPO jurisdictions needs, to reach consensus on transportation investment priorities (revised).
11. RTPOs/MPOs will serve as conveners of the regional process and will develop and establish regional transportation investment priorities.
12. RTPOs/MPOs will participate collaboratively in a process to identify statewide investment priorities, including the development of evaluation criteria and desired outcomes.
13. RTPOs/MPOs will provide accurate data and trade-offs to assist those making decisions about transportation investments.