## **Connecting Washington**

### Transportation needs in Washington State

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### Washington's transportation system - a valuable asset

#### **Highways**

- Carry 86 million vehicle miles/day (on 18,500 state highway lane miles)
- 309 lane miles of a planned 320-mile HOV freeway system (Including transit and HOV treatments on arterials and ramps)
- More than 3,600 bridges and structures

#### **Ferries**

 Carry 22.3 million passengers/year (on 22 ferry vessels, 20 terminals, and 505 daily sailings)

### Passenger rail

 Carries over 800,000 passengers/year (Partner in Amtrak Cascades state passenger rail)

#### **Aviation**

• 17 WSDOT-managed airports, (statewide 138 public-use airports)

### Freight rail

- Grain Train delivers over 1.2 million tons of grain, 100 tons per car in 2010. (Since 1994, grain train runs 118 cars, including 29 added in 2010)
- WSDOT owns 296 miles of short-line railroad (Shipping during 2010 on the Palouse-Coulee City rail system increased 20% over 2009 to 8,000 carloads.)
- 3,600 miles of public and private freight railroad move 116 million tons of freight. (2008 data)

### **Transit support**

- Employer commute programs support more than 810,000 commuters statewide (170 million vehicle miles traveled reduced annually)
- Vanpool program includes more than 2,400
   Vans (Washington has the largest public vanpool fleet in the nation)











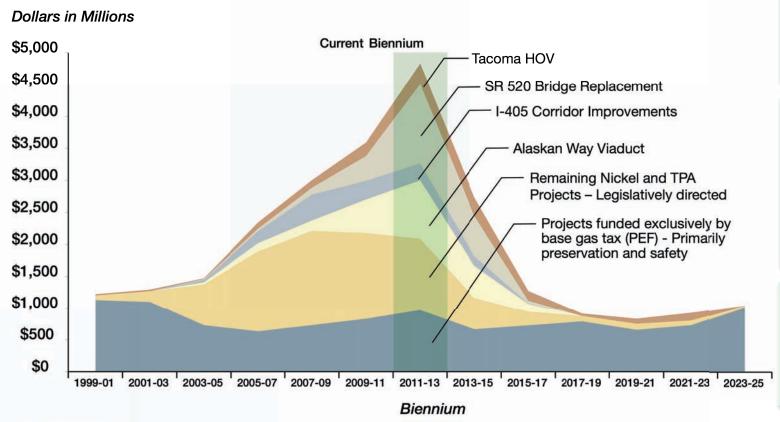




### WSDOT highway construction program

### All funds from the 2003 and 2005 gas tax increases are committed

2011 Governor-proposed budget request - program total with select mega-projects highlighted



74% of highway program dollars are contracted to the private sector.

\$6B of the \$15.5B in Nickel and TPA will be delivered through our design-build program.

54% of the design effort for Nickel and TPA was delivered by consultants.



### WSDOT is delivering Nickel and TPA projects

The **2003 and 2005 revenue packages** supported **\$15.5 billion** in **infrastructure improvements**.

Nickel and TPA delivery performance (as of June 30, 2011)

- •Of the 303 projects completed, more than 90% are "on time," and 92% are "on or under budget."
- •By 2011-13 biennium's end, 92% of the projects will be either complete or under contract.

### Nickel and TPA projects create jobs

- •The vast majority of the jobs supported by the Nickel and TPA are performed by the private sector.
- •The **2003** and **2005** gas tax funding packages are estimated to support an average of **10,000** direct, indirect, and induced jobs each year over a 10-year period.



Improvement projects are meeting or exceed expected benefits for the public

• Fatality accidents on Washington's roadways continue to decline from 2005, with a 6% reduction in one year from 2008 to 2009.

### State pavements

 Over 93% of Washington's highways are in fair or better condition.

### • Bridges:

- 98% of the 3,658 bridges are in fair or better condition.
- 77% of the bridges funded by the 2005 revenue package for seismic retrofit are either completed or under construction.
- Travel delay declined by 21% on all state highways in 2009 compared to 2007.







# Washington's primary transportation revenue source is limited, committed, and doesn't keep up with inflation and growing demand

76% of all state transportation investments are financed by the gas tax

Per gallon Washington state gas tax rate as of July 1, 2008

261 specific transportation projects statewide\*
(2005 Transportation Partnership Projects)
Funded
160 specific transportation projects statewide
(2003 Nickel Package projects)

Base Gas Tax

-11¢ Supports cities and counties for local roads

-4¢ Supports debt service to reduce bond debt that funded past highway and ferry projects

Remains for maintenance and operations as well as preservation, safety improvements, and congestion-relief projects for state highways and ferries

<sup>\*</sup> Of the 9½ cents, 8½ cents is used by the state for highway projects, 1 cent goes to cities and counties for improvements to streets and roads.



# Strategy for an integrated 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation system



# Our strategy to address congestion... Moving Washington

### **Operating Roadways Efficiently**

Moving Washington improves the system's performance and generates revenue through variable pricing and other traffic-management tools.

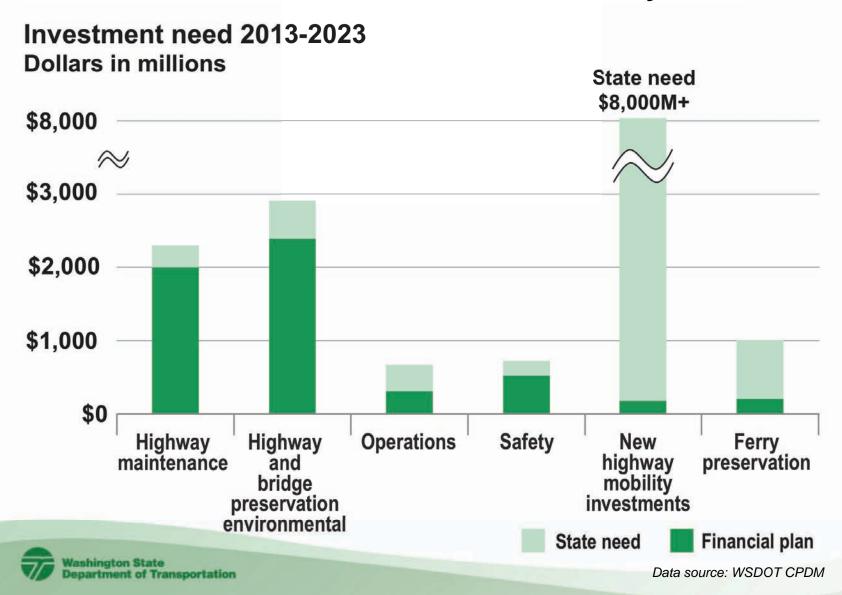
### **Managing Demand**

Providing more travel choices and options for people and freight helps improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our transportation system.

### **Adding Capacity Strategically**

Adding new capacity to our currently over-stressed transportation system is a critical component of Moving Washington.

# How much of our state highway, bridge and ferry needs will 8 cents address in the next 10 years?



# Our ability to build infrastructure and stimulate economic development is severely restricted in the future

### • Ferry system financial plan is not sustainable

- Since 2000, \$898 million has transferred from the motor vehicle and multi-modal fund to support the ferry system after the loss of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET).
- Aging vessel and terminals will mean more breakdowns and less reliability.
- Ongoing level of service will decline

### Washington's roadway conditions will decline

 In 10 years, pavement will deteriorate from 94% good/fair to less than 70%.

#### Roadway maintenance service levels will decline

- Level of service will drop from current average of B-/C+ to D/F.
- Only high-priority snow and ice removal activities.
- Rougher roads, poor striping and pavement markings, more litter and graffiti.
- Increased response times for incident response and accident clearance.

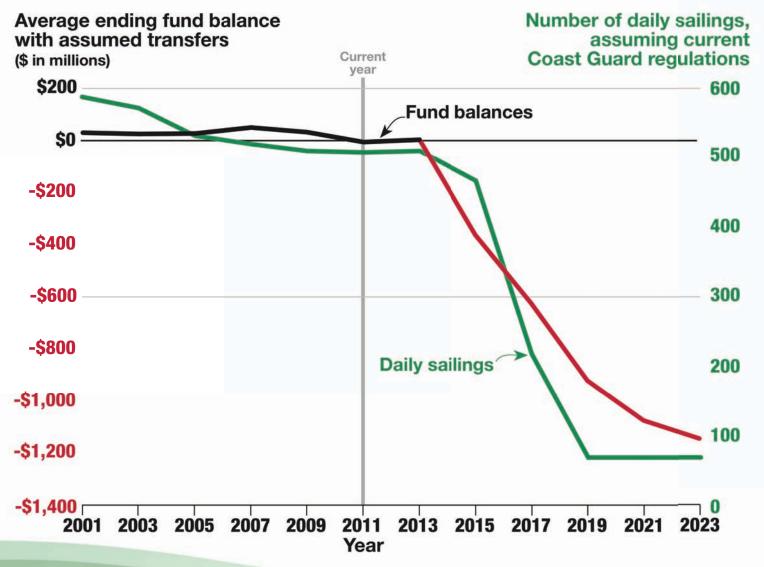






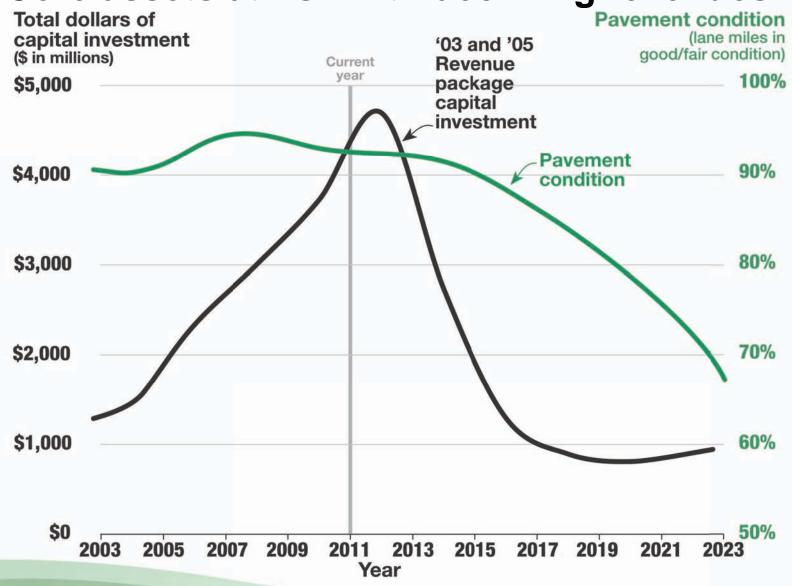


### Ferry service at risk with no new revenue





### Core assets at risk with declining revenues



# There are many unmet freight priority needs in marine, rail and the statewide highway system



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# No ability to complete mobility improvements in major corridors or start new projects

- Mega-projects will remain unfinished
  - SR 520 Bridge replacement
  - I-90 Snoqualmie Pass
- These projects will not start construction
  - I-5 Columbia River Crossing
  - SR 509 freight and congestion relief
  - SR 167 corridor extension
  - I-82 economic development improvements near
     Yakima and Union Gap
  - I-5 interchange safety improvements in Bellingham
  - SR 28 corridor improvements in East Wenatchee

- US 395 North Spokane Corridor
- I-405 corridor
- I-5 corridor through Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Ferry vessel, terminal preservation and replacement
- SR 522/US 2 corridor safety improvements
- US 12 safety and improved mobility near Walla Walla
- Support for special-needs transportation, transit grants and intercity passenger rail is limited

