

Whatcom Region		Washington	United States	
<p><i>Prioritized regional transportation goals informed by the region's comprehensive plans, 2021 WCOG Regional Public Engagement Questionnaire, and approved by the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board.</i></p>		<p>Statewide transportation policy goals (RCW 47.04.280)</p>	<p>Planning factors 23 U.S. Code § 134(h)(1)</p>	<p>National goals 23 U.S. Code § 150(a)(b)</p>
1	Safety	<p>"Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system."</p>	<p>"(2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users."</p>	<p>"(1) Safety: To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.</p>
2	Provide All Types of Transportation (Multimodal)		<p>"(6) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight."</p>	
3	Climate (Greenhouse Gas Reduction) & Environmental Quality	<p>"Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance healthy communities, and protect the environment."</p>	<p>"(5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns." <i>Also, see (9) below regarding storm water impacts.</i></p>	<p>(6) Environmental sustainability: To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.</p>
4	Maintain Existing Infrastructure in Good, Operating Condition (Preservation)	<p>"Preservation: To maintain, preserve and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services."</p>	<p>"(8) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system." <i>Also, see (9) below regarding reliability.</i></p>	<p>(2) Infrastructure condition: To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.</p>
		<p>"Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation system."</p>	<p>(9) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation.</p>	
5	System Efficiency & Reliability (Mobility)	<p>"Mobility (congestion relief): To improve the predictable movement of goods and people throughout Washington state, including congestion relief and improved freight mobility."</p>	<p>"(7) Promote efficient system management and operation."</p>	<p>(3) Congestion reduction: To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.</p>
				<p>(4) System reliability: To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.</p>
6	Access, Equity, & Economic Opportunity	<p><i>Economic opportunity is part of the WA legislative policy goal of Economic Vitality.</i></p>	<p>"(4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight."</p>	
6	Freight & Economic Vitality	<p><i>Freight included as part of Mobility and Economic Vitality policy goals.</i></p>	<p><i>Freight included with FAST Act planning factors 4 and 6.</i></p>	<p>(5) Freight movement and economic vitality: To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.</p>
		<p>Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and goods to ensure a prosperous economy.</p>	<p>(1) Support economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.</p>	
			<p>(3) Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.</p>	<p>(7) Reduced project delivery delays: To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.</p>
			<p>(10) Enhance travel and tourism</p>	