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## Job Announcement Principal Transportation Planner

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**Hiring Range:** \$67,694 - \$80,470 DOQ  
**Opening Date:** March 28, 2014  
**Closing Date:** Position open until filled; first screening of applications on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

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### **Job Description:**

The [Whatcom Council of Governments](#) (WCOG) in Bellingham, Washington is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Principal Transportation Planner. The Principal Transportation Planner maintains and operates WCOG's TransCAD regional travel-demand model; performs micro-simulation modeling using TransModeler; conducts complex transportation, land-use and socioeconomic forecasts for WCOG's combined metropolitan/regional transportation plan; assists member jurisdictions in the development of the transportation element of their comprehensive plans; serves as lead planner in various regional and sub-regional transportation analyses, and; performs other related duties as assigned. The Principal Transportation Planner reports to the Director of Planning and supervises two transportation planners.

### **Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate will have at least ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in transportation planning specializing in travel-demand modeling and forecasting and hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university, with major coursework in transportation planning, traffic engineering, applied statistics, or a related field. In addition to outstanding analytical abilities, strong writing, speaking and graphic presentation skills are highly desirable.

### **Compensation:**

The hiring range for the Principal Transportation Planner position is \$67,694 - \$80,470. Candidates who do not meet the aforementioned experience or educational requirements but who have exceptional modeling experience may apply at the Senior Transportation Planner level, at a hiring range of \$59,662 - \$66,850. WCOG provides outstanding benefits, including family health, dental and vision insurance coverage; annual salary step increases and cost-of-living adjustments; contributions to a 457 retirement account (public-sector 401K); participation in the Washington State Public Employees' Retirement System; two weeks of paid vacation; 13 paid holidays; and more. Relocation assistance in an amount to be determined by WCOG may also be provided. Additionally, employees enjoy living in Whatcom County, one of the most desirable communities in North America. Bellingham, the county seat, is approximately 55 miles south of Vancouver, British Columbia and 90 miles north of Seattle. The region is internationally recognized for its beautiful setting and the abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities.

### **How to Apply:**

Please send a cover letter and résumé *by e-mail only* to Leslye O' Shaughnessy, Manager of Administration, at [leslye@wcog.org](mailto:leslye@wcog.org). No telephone calls, please.

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