

Planning Commission Public Workshop

Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PERSPECTIVE

March 17, 2015

Today's Presentation

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- Regional Transportation Planning and relationship to County's Comprehensive Plan
- Regional Context – Growth/Forecasts, Coordination, Regional Plan
- Overview of Transportation Funding

Regional Transportation Planning

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- Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO)
- Prepares/maintains a regional transportation plan (RTP) (RCW 47.80.023)
 - ▣ RTPs are required to be consistent with countywide planning policies and with local comprehensive plans (RCW 47.80.023)
- Guide the development of local comprehensive plans (RCW 47.80.026)
- Certify the transportation elements of local comprehensive plans and countywide planning polices (RCW 47.80.023)
- GMA requires the transportation element of local comp plan to include a forecast of traffic for at least ten years (RCW 36.70A.070)

Plan Relationships

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- Cities and counties develop comprehensive plans
- Counties develop countywide planning policies
- Regional transportation plans are then developed to mesh with local plans and countywide planning policies
- The regional transportation plan is a guide for achieving consistency among the local transportation and comprehensive plans in the region

Plan Consistency

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- Regional Projects in local plans need to be the same as those in regional plan
- Link local plans to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Plans
- Skagit County plans use similar growth allocations
- Regional travel demand model used for travel forecasts in local plans

Initial Growth Allocations for UGAs - Agreed to by Growth Management Act Steering Committee

July 31, 2014

Population Allocation

UGA/Area	2012 Population	2012-2015 Growth	2015-2036 Growth (Used in GMA Plan)	2015 to 2036 Percent of Growth	Total Growth 2012-2036	Total 2036 Population	Previous 2025 Total Population	Change from Previous Allocation
Anacortes	16,090	308	5,895	16.5%	6,203	22,293	18,300	3,993
Burlington	10,393	71	3,808	10.7%	3,879	14,271	12,000	2,271
Mount Vernon	33,935	1,034	12,434	34.8%	13,468	47,403	47,900	-497
Sedro-Woolley	12,431	83	4,555	12.7%	4,638	17,069	15,000	2,069
Concrete	873	0	320	0.9%	320	1,193	1,350	-157
Hamilton	310	3	114	0.3%	117	428	450	-22
La Conner	898	-1	329	0.9%	328	1,226	950	276
Lyman	441	2	162	0.5%	164	605	550	55
Bayview Ridge	1,812	-2	72	0.2%	70	1,882	5,600	-3,718
Swinomish	2,489	15	912	2.6%	927	3,417	3,650	-233
Rural	38,277	238	7,150	20.0%	7,388	45,665	43,330	2,335
Total	117,950	1,750	35,751	100.0%	37,501	155,451	149,080	6,371

Employment Allocation /1

UGA/Area	2012 Employment	2012 to 2015 Growth	2015-2036 Growth (Used in GMA Plan)	2015 to 2036 Percent of Growth	Total Growth 2012-2036	Total 2036 Employment
Anacortes	8,166	238	2,076	13.0%	2,314	10,480
Burlington	9,467	429	3,516	22.0%	3,945	13,412
Mount Vernon	16,024	479	4,785	29.9%	5,264	21,288
Sedro-Woolley	4,594	158	1,572	9.8%	1,730	6,324
Concrete	347	11	109	0.7%	120	467
Hamilton	214	8	66	0.4%	74	288
La Conner	1,053	38	329	2.1%	367	1,420
Lyman	28	1	9	0.1%	10	38
Bayview Ridge	1,434	222	1,799	11.2%	2,021	3,455
Swinomish	925	32	290	1.8%	322	1,247
Rural	7,749	147	1,447	9.0%	1,594	9,343
Total	50,000	1,763	15,998	100.0%	17,761	67,761

Overview of Transportation Funding

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- Regional Transportation Plans are required to have a financial plan
- Metropolitan Component of Current 2035 Plan:
 - \$440 Million estimated revenue
 - \$429 Non-Capital Investments
 - \$54 to \$189 Million in Capital needs (\$54 Million high priority)
 - \$43 to \$178 Million funding gap
- Variety of strategies to address the gap

Local Transportation Funding

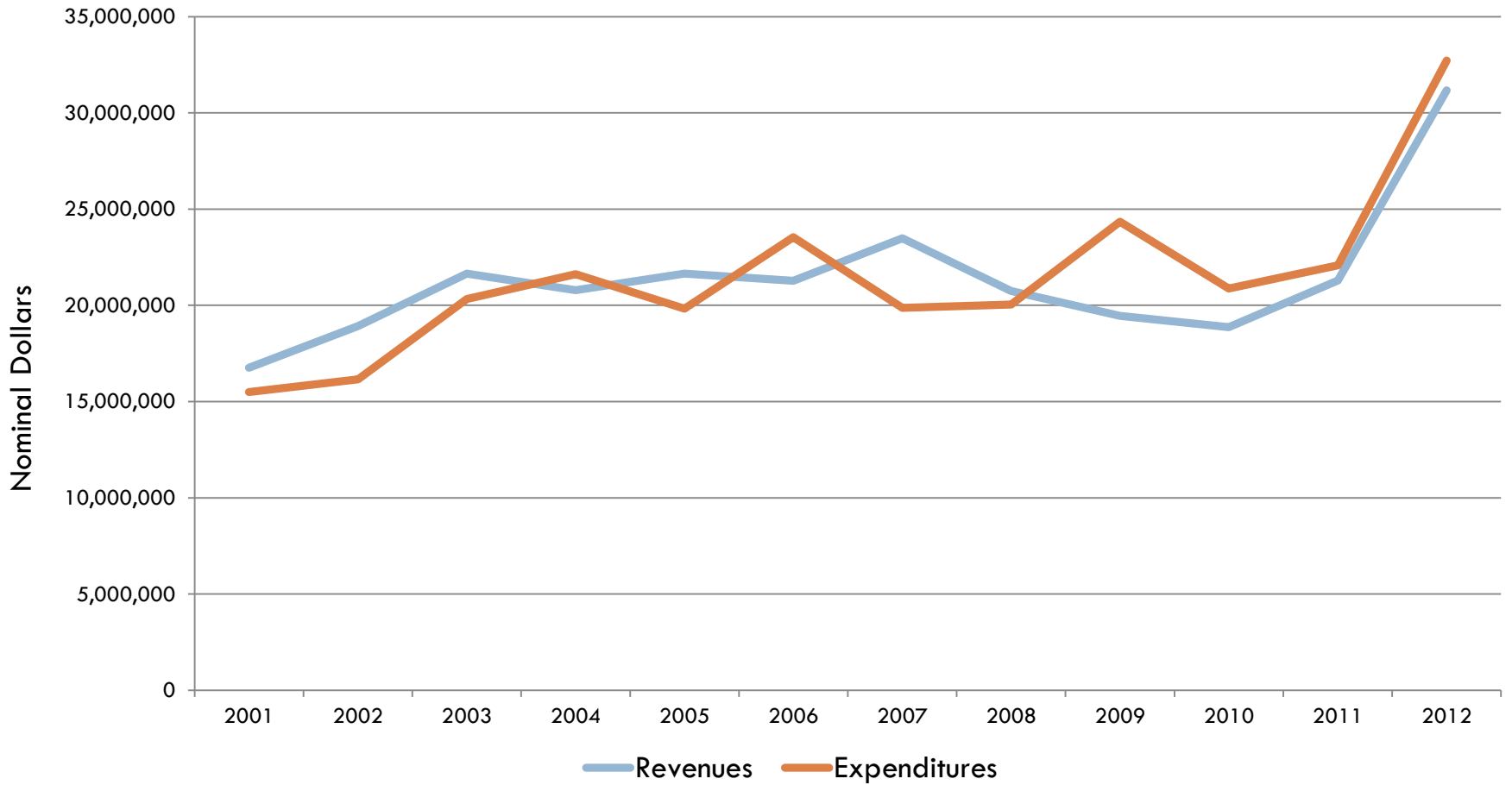
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- Transportation Elements have to include finance (RCW 36.70A.070) including:
 - ▣ Funding capacity compared to needs
 - ▣ Multi year financing plan
 - ▣ Discussion of how funding shortfall would be addressed

- Similar requirements to Regional Plan

County Revenues and Expenditures 2001 to 2012

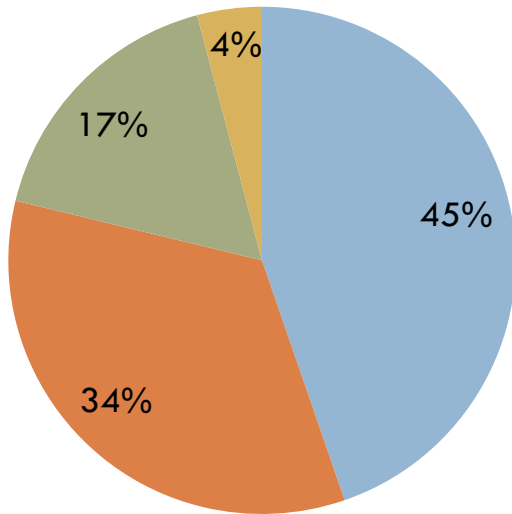
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County Breakdown - 2012

Expenditures

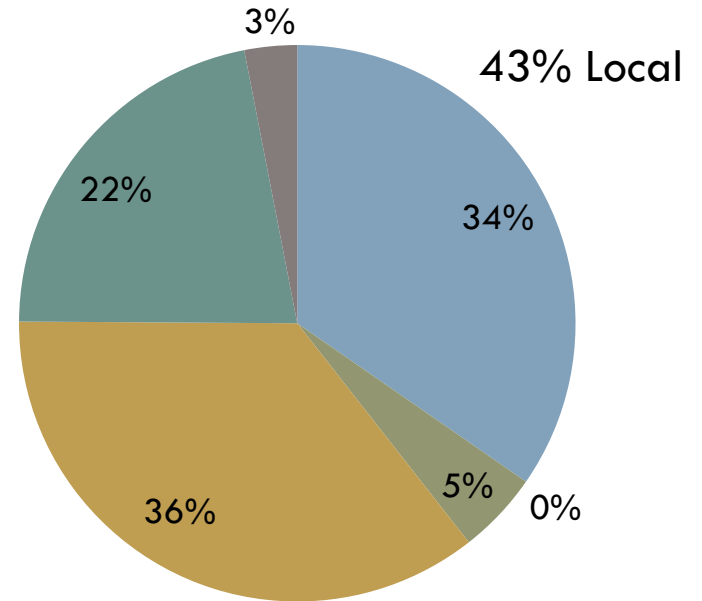
- Construction
- Maintenance & Preservation
- Operations, Admin, and Traffic
- Debt Service and Other



\$32.7 Million

Revenues

- Property Taxes
- General Fund
- Other Local
- State
- Federal
- Ferry



\$31.2 Million

Regional Plan Update

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- Initial Growth Allocations input to travel demand model – March 2015
- Financial Strategy – August 2015
- Draft Plan – release January 2016
- Final Plan - March/April 2016

Questions?

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