

# APPENDIX B

## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM #2

### PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

#### PURPOSE

This memo describes the state's transportation performance program and includes links to additional reference materials.

#### BACKGROUND

Washington began tracking state funded performance in 2002 when the Washington State Legislature adopted ESHB 2304. This legislation required the Washington State Transportation Commission to develop performance measures that tracked progress towards achieving goals related to safety, pavement and bridge condition, traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled, non-auto share of commuter trips in urban areas, administrative costs, and public transit agency vehicle revenue costs. WSDOT reported to the Transportation Commission at this time and established the performance program, gathered and analyzed data, tracked progress, and developed reports.

#### CURRENT PROGRAM

The Washington State Legislature revised performance expectations in 2007 when it adopted transportation system policy goals and required WSDOT to adopt a performance program to track how state funded transportation investments attained these goals.

The attainment measures include qualitative goals such as “protect habitat” and quantitative goals such “percentage of ferry trips departing on time.”

WSDOT currently submits regular reports to the Washington State Office of Financial Management on progress towards attaining these goals. For the latest information see WSDOT's accountability publication, [The Gray Notebook](#).

WSDOT also submits regular reports to the Governor's Office.

Results Washington is the state's performance management system that outlines Governor Jay Inslee's priorities. This strategic framework sets the state's vision and mission, as well as the foundational expectations for state agencies to achieve goals collaboratively. Results Washington has five focus areas:

- World Class Education
- Prosperous Economy
- Sustainable Energy and a Clean Environment
- Healthy and Safe Communities
- Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government

For more information, visit <http://www.results.wa.gov/>.

## FUTURE PROGRAM

In addition to reporting the performance of state investments towards meeting state goals to the Office of Financial Management, WSDOT will soon be required to report the performance of federal investments to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Federal law Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) requires states (WSDOT) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to develop either joint or separate performance programs.

The goal of MAP-21 is to track how federal transportation investments meet the national goals in [23 U.S. Code § 119](#). The national goals are similar to the state goals in [RCW 47.04.280](#).

MAP-21 requires WSDOT to report on federal performance within one year of when the U.S. Department of Transportation issues each final rule.

The final rules are not adopted at the same time, which means that reporting deadlines are staggered. The first reporting deadline is May 2018, when pavement and bridge performance reports are due.

More information on the federal performance rules is available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/>.