

Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization

The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) is the RTPO for Clallam, Jefferson, Mason and Kitsap Counties. It is a voluntary association of cities, towns, counties, ports, Tribes, transit agencies and major employers which work together to develop transportation plans.

Thank You for Your Funding Support

The Peninsula RTPO appreciates the dedication and support of its legislative delegation to successfully secure funding for important regional transportation projects. The past and future work by the legislature is the needed, and much appreciated commitment for transportation.

Priority Project: US 101 – Elwha River Bridge Replacement Project



Due to the dramatic changes happening to the Elwha River, significant scouring and erosion is occurring around the bridge foundations. A reliable US 101 crossing over the Elwha River is essential to the well-being of the communities on the Olympic Peninsula. Replacing this bridge ensures that US 101, which is the economic lifeline and emergency evacuation route for Olympic Peninsula communities, is preserved. The existing Elwha River Bridge was built in 1926, and is structurally deficient. This 3-span, 388-foot concrete arch bridge has served the community for over 90 years.

Funding Needs Statement

Peninsula RTPO members request that Legislators protect, maintain, and increase state funding and grant programs for public transit. In addition, we ask Legislators to also maintain committed to the Connecting Washington project funding and schedule.

Priority Transportation Needs



Policy and legislation to incentivize the purchase and operations of zero-emission transit vehicles

The Peninsula RTPO supports policies and legislation to provide greater incentives to lower the cost in the capital purchase and operations of zero-emission vehicles.

Rural Transit Needs

Public transportation connects people to their jobs and vital community services. Regional connectivity and cross boundary transportation is essential to the residents of the Olympic Peninsula. Over the past five years, ridership has steadily increased, while State funding for transit has declined dramatically.



Access to Transit in Rural and Urbanized Areas

Research the development of a statewide grant program to improve non-motorized access to designated transit routes in rural areas and within urban growth areas (UGAs). A lack of safe and comfortable access to transit routes is a deterrent to potential transit users. The increased use of existing transit services or through innovative transit service design will increase the financial sustainability of transit routes through increased fare revenues.



Washington State Ferries & Kitsap Transit Passenger-Only Ferries

The economy and social environment in this region is inextricably tied to the ferry service provided between Kitsap County and downtown Seattle. Kitsap Transit provides a Passenger-Only ferry service from Bremerton and Kingston to downtown Seattle in 30 minutes or less. This vital ferry service provides an important link for the Peninsula RTPO communities with the Central Puget Sound and the rest of the state. The WSF system is the east/west highway system over the waters of Puget Sound. The Peninsula RTPO supports legislation that provides a sustainable ferry system, which has long-term reliable funding and provides the region's communities affordable and reliable ferry service.

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Priority Transportation Projects

SR 16/3 Gorst – Add Mainline Capacity, Non-Motorized Connectivity, and Resiliency



Add mainline capacity, non-motorized connectivity, and resiliency to SR 3 and SR 16 through Gorst vicinity of Port Orchard, Bremerton, and the Bremerton Airport. This project is the first phase of Gorst priority projects identified in 2018 "SR 16, Tacoma Narrows Bridge to SR 3 Congestion Study."

Port Angeles - Peabody Crk/ Lincoln St. Culvert Restoration



Repair the culvert's failing invert, stabilize adjacent soil and improve fish passage. This is a critical culvert that runs under Lincoln Street and US 101; and it has a high potential for property damage and loss in the event of a collapse. Project cost: $3.2 million.

US Highway 101 East Sequim Corridor Improvements



This project includes completion of the Simdars Road interchange, construction of a frontage road connecting Palo Alto and Happy Valley Roads to the new interchange, and landscaping of the Sequim Bypass. This project will improve safety, highway mobility, and support economic development on the east side of Sequim. The City of Sequim, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and Clallam County are requesting $3 million in funding from the legislature to perform engineering design and permitting of the project.

Jefferson County SR 19/20 from the SR 116 Intersection to the Port Townsend Entryway Improvements



WSDOT's 2011 *SR 19/SR 20 Corridor Plan* identifies projects of special interest for mobility, safety and economic vitality (M/S/EV). Improvements include:

- Port Townsend Entryway intersection study for consolidation;
- Intersection control for access to the Airport, Four Corners, Irondale, and Port Hadlock.

Region Wide Tribal Transit



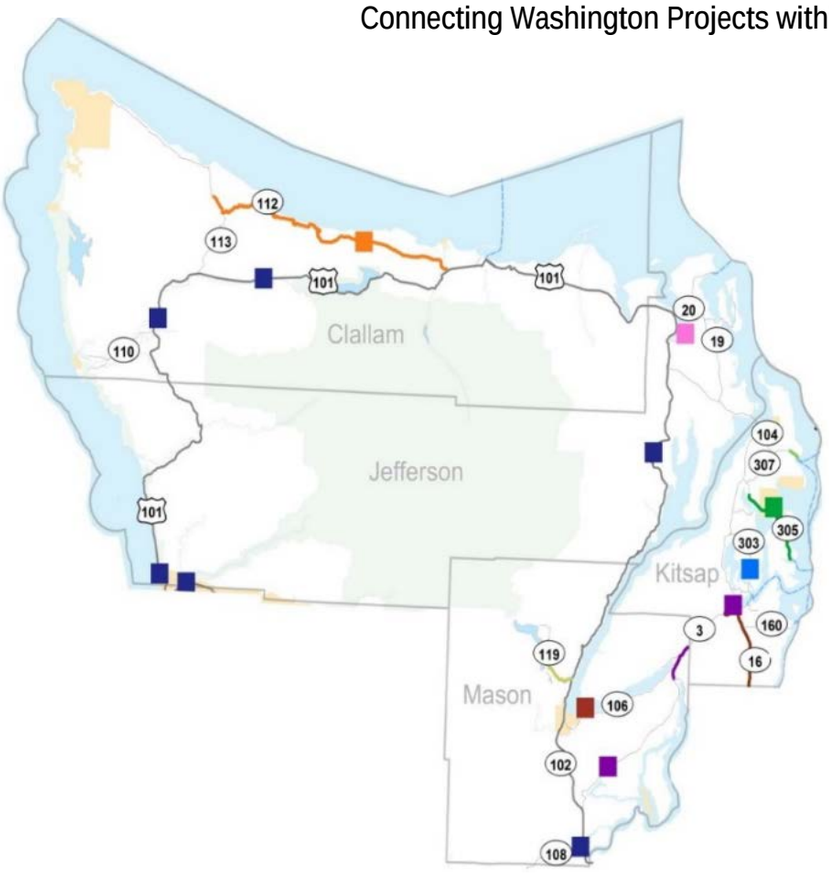
Tribal Transit programs are a vital transportation link for both tribal and non-tribal communities. Tribal Transits provides regular route service within reservation boundaries and also allow riders to access other transit systems and communities. Tribal Transit keeps the Tribes connected, and fosters the cultural community that is the essence of the Tribes. Tribal transit ensures that those Tribal citizens needing transportation are able to attend tribal functions and events, get to medical appointments, and commute to work and school.

SR 104 Paradise Bay Road to SR 3 Vicinity of the Hood Canal Bridge Improvements



When the Hood Canal Bridge opens for marine traffic, bridge traffic backs-up on SR 3 and impedes emergency vehicles, non-bridge traffic, and driveway access for property owners in the area. An operational feasibility study needs to be conducted.

Connecting Washington Projects within the Peninsula RTPO Region



- SR 3 Freight Corridor (Belfair Bypass) – New Alignment
- SR 3 Mason Transit's North Mason Park & Ride Lot
- SR 3 Restriping – COMPLETED
- SR 16 Corridor Congestion Study – COMPLETED
- SR 20 N Half Bridge Culvert Replacement – COMPLETED
- US 101 Sol Duc River Bridge Painting – COMPLETED
- US 101 Big Quilcene River Bridge Painting
- US 101 Queets River Culvert Replacement – CANCELLED
- US 101 Lynch Road Safety Improvements – COMPLETED
- US 101 Harlow Creek Fish Barrier Removal
- US 101 Variable Message Signs/Weather Info – COMPLETED
- SR 104 Balmoral Pl NE/Kingston Ferry Paving – COMPLETED
- US 106 McReavy Rd Vicinity Culvert Repair
- SR 112 Green Creek Bridge/US 101 Chip Seal – COMPLETED
- SR 112 Field Crk Fish Barrier Removal Project – COMPLETED
- SR 119 US 101/Lake Cushman Rec Area Chip Seal COMPLETED
- SR 303 Silverdale Transit Center
- SR 303 Wheaton Way Transit Center – DEC. 2019 COMPLETION
- SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge Painting
- SR 305 Winslow Ferry to Hostmark Safety Improvements

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