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This Unified Planning Work Program identifies the work to be completed by the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS

The Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) did not issue new Primary Emphasis Areas formal guidance for SFY 2009, but suggested a continued focus on SAFETEA-LU requirements. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) suggested a focus on compliance with SAFETEA-LU planning requirements. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) tasks are outlined in three categories, general duties, those relative to GMA Comprehensive Plans and State transportation policy goals. GMA-specific tasks are in the context of required local Comprehensive Plan updates due at the end of December 2011. State transportation policy goals are set forth in RCW 47.04.280 and include preservation, safety, mobility, environment and stewardship.

WSDOT guidance also emphasizes a need to address six issues of statewide significance: Energy independence and climate change, Economic vitality, Federal Surface Transportation Act renewal, Statewide plans, Freight needs and Preparation for the 2010 Census.

WSDOT has also provided Transportation Goals:

- Focus on system preservation
- Promote safety
- Improve mobility
- Promote energy conservation, healthy communities and environmental protection
- Encourage transportation system quality, effectiveness and efficiency

WCOG GOALS BY CATEGORY

Transportation Demand Modeling

- Continue refinement and use of the Whatcom Bi-national and Regional transportation demand models to forecast future transportation demand in the region
- Assist Whatcom County, its cities, WSDOT and other interested parties including consultants in using and applying the WCOG transportation demand model.
- Consult with cities, County and others in updating model base year to 2009 including TAZ boundary alignment and centroid selection
- Consult and work with cities, County and others in obtaining fresh, timely and accurate traffic counts
- Use the model to forecast future regional and cross-border demand for commercial operations and provide forecast results for with federal, regional, State, local and other interested parties
- Collaborate with County and cities to complete travel demand forecasts specifically for GMA Comprehensive Plan updates
- Continue enhancement of the technical capacity of MPO/RTPO staff through formal and informal training and education

Freight Mobility

- Support WSDOT Freight Strategy and Policy office efforts to increase focus on freight transportation demand and operations
- Work with local system users in bringing focus to regional and cross-border freight mobility needs and issues
- Encourage multi-modal freight transportation planning among regional and local parties
- Monitor and report on U.S. – Canada commercial trip trends and assess future demand
- Coordinate and facilitate local, State and Federal entities in emphasizing system improvements that are related to freight mobility including implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies
- Complete 2010-2015 Regional and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to accurately reflect the region's project priorities and funding sources

- Develop information and data, for use by MPO/RTPO members and others, to ensure regional freight mobility is considered in infrastructure planning and decision-making
- Refine the WCOG travel demand model to more accurately portray and forecast freight movement demand at the Whatcom County portion of the Washington – BC border.

Management and Operations

- Help fund and develop a border operations model as a component of the Whatcom transportation demand model to forecast need for border capital improvement programs
- Expand the concepts being used in the current Traveler Information Kiosk project to provide current information to the traveling public about transportation options and alternatives
- Seek better border system operations by working with border stakeholders including security and enforcement agencies
- Encourage Whatcom Transportation Authority to enhance rider-ship through operational and system management improvements such as provision of cross-border transit services in cooperation with British Columbia, Canada operators

Safety and Security, including Facility Safety, in Transportation Planning

- Through the International Mobility and Trade Corridor project, consult with agencies responsible for physical security at ports of entry such as airports, seaports and border crossings to help identify ways to ensure safe and secure public travel.
- Help implement safety and security improvements in the region by seeking funding from federal, state and other programs intended to support transportation safety and security.
- Build safety and security into all MPO/RTPO transportation-planning activities by continuing to ensure these considerations are reflected in regional project selection criteria.
- Plan for emergency vehicle access as an integral part of all, long range, MPO/RTPO plans.

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Revise and update the Whatcom region's adopted ITS architecture to improve its use as a guide in implementing ITS projects in the region by incorporating it into the Whatcom Transportation Plan
- Advocate use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and other technologies in conjunction with, and where practical, in lieu of new road construction through implementation of the principles identified in the ITS architecture
- Incorporate ITS strategies in long and short range planning efforts.
- Continue working with officials of local jurisdictions to encourage ITS technologies in plans and projects by adding ITS policies to the transportation chapters of their GMA Comprehensive Plans
- Encourage Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) to use ITS technologies to integrate safety and security into public transit operations
- Cooperate and collaborate with partner agencies; including cities, County, and state; on projects relating to Interstate 5, by encouraging integration and implementation of ITS technologies in the interest of overall system efficiency, safety and security
- Add an ITS chapter in the Whatcom Transportation Plan

Transportation Project Funding

- Continue long-range financial planning, including assessment of existing conditions, identification of future needs, and assessment of fiscal ability to meet future needs
- Search for and identify new and innovative resources, actively seek and react quickly to any new, diverted, or innovative funding sources for projects beneficial to the region
- Increase project completion in Whatcom County by working with WSDOT staff and officials to cooperate on funding projects on both local and State facilities
- Provide sustained leadership and administration of International Mobility and Trade Corridor (IMTC) project to identify and fund border-related projects that increase cross-border mobility, security and safety
- Advise and assist MPO and RTPO members in seeking non-traditional resources to complete needed transportation projects.
- Assist Whatcom County and its cities, as well as other entities, in seeking funding for projects that contribute to transportation safety, efficiency and modal choices for system users

- Ensure the region's TIP projects meet SAFETEA-LU Final Rule requirements

Public Participation in Transportation Planning

- Update WCOG Public Participation Plan to expand efforts and methods for involving the public in meaningful and informed participation in processes used to identify all transportation-related needs, issues, and solutions. Include consultation with elected officials of non-Metropolitan planning areas
- Promote wide use of WCOG's Transportationtown.com web site to increase public understanding of transportation issues
- Provide on-going leadership and administration for the Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG), a geographically representative group of citizens with widely varied interests, whose community-envisioned charter is to provide a broad base of community perspectives for transportation planning and project implementation. CTAG will continue working with other citizens and advising the Whatcom Transportation Authority and the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board.
- Using Transportation Demand Management programs and tools such as Commute Trip Reduction, the Whatcom SmartTrips program, Transportationtown.com and other methodologies, broaden public roles and information access in determining the future look of the Whatcom transportation system.

Non-Motorized and Public Transportation

- Partner with local agencies and other organizations in offering multiple opportunities for bicycle safety education for all ages, such as Bike month, everybodyBIKE, and human services transportation.
- Complete current Coast Millennium Trail projects during the 2010 fiscal year, and work with Whatcom and adjacent Counties and cities in planning for subsequent phases.
- Recommend, encourage and work with adjacent jurisdictions toward transit-, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly improvements both as stand alone projects and as components of road-related transportation improvements associated with regional development patterns
- Continue work with the County and its cities in encouraging a regional system approach to transportation and recreational trails as a means to attract tourism and provide local transportation options
- In working with Whatcom Transportation Authority, continue emphasis on connections with other modes, counties and transit providers
- Coordinate non-emergency human service transportation by working with existing human services organizations such as Northwest Regional Council, Whatcom

Transportation Authority, Whatcom Department of Health, DSHS and others to identify gaps in access to transit and seek means of closing those gaps. Implement the regions recently-adopted Human Services Plan (EACH).

Coordination with Others

- Participate whenever and wherever possible and work with State staff to promote consistency among the Whatcom Transportation Plan; Washington Transportation Plan; Regional, County and Bellingham Commute Trip Reduction Plans and the Human Services Plan to ensure a comprehensive approach in contribution to meeting Statewide transportation needs
- Consult with local officials through the Whatcom MPO/RTPO Transportation Policy Board and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, as well as through direct contact with elected and appointed officials such as city and County Council members, Planning Directors, Operations Managers, Public Works Directors and staff of non-MPO cities, and other entities
- Maintain and enhance communication, cooperation and coordination between WCOG and WSDOT, FTA, FHWA, WTA and other entities as directed by the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
- Work with Whatcom County and Bellingham staff in meeting CTR Efficiency Act planning requirements
- Continue leading the International Mobility and Trade Corridor project (IMTC)
- Plan and continuously develop a coordinated, all weather, multi-modal, transportation infrastructure with integrated Intelligent Transportation System technologies, based on the Whatcom Regional Architecture and priorities identified by the IMTC coalition
- The border system conjoins Washington State and British Columbia through the Cascade Gateway, and is the portal through which substantial trade and tourism enters and departs the U.S. and Washington, so it is critical to continue work intended to ultimately provide efficient access and mobility for people and goods by reducing travel delay while maintaining safety and security
- Track major transportation projects that are being implemented from the region's 2008 and 2009 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)
- Provide timely assistance to MPO/RTPO members including WSDOT with any updates or revisions of functional or other classification of Whatcom County's road system.

Growth Management Act

- Review County and city GMA Comprehensive Plan Transportation Elements for consistency with the Whatcom Transportation Plan (WTP), and biennially review the WTP for currency updating and revising as needed and providing new information to the WSDOT Planning Office
- Work with city and County planning staff during Comprehensive Plan updates and revisions to ensure a high level of consistency with the Whatcom Transportation Plan
- Work with city and County planning staff to ensure consistency between County Wide Planning Policies and the Whatcom Transportation Plan
- Coordinate level of service methodologies with cities and County
- Evaluate and discuss how Comprehensive Plan transportation elements consider and support pedestrian and non-motorized transportation, efficient circulation, access, economic development and jobs, encourage mixed-use development, incorporate demand management and improve intermodal connections
- Evaluate and discuss how implementation of local transportation policies might affect regional facilities and how they align with the Whatcom Transportation Plan and other regional growth and transportation strategies

State Transportation Goals

- Focus on system preservation by coordinating with local agencies and underscoring the benefits of a well-maintained system
- Promote safety by integrating safety consideration into project selection criteria
- Improve mobility by underscoring the importance of completing systems to include all modes and freight considerations
- Promote energy conservation, healthy communities and environmental protection.
- Encourage transportation system quality, effectiveness and efficiency

WORK ELEMENTS

Work elements in this UPWP include:

- I. Management, documentation and communication**
- II. MPO and RTPO Program Management**
- III. Transportation Modeling, Data Collection and Technical Support**
- IV. Multi-Modal and Public Transportation Planning**
- V. Other**
- VI. Unfunded Work**

I. MANAGEMENT, DOCUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION

All planning and other requirements undertaken by WCOG, including activities mandated for MPOs and RTPOs identified in this Unified Planning Work Program, are accompanied by the need for associated clerical, financial and regulated record keeping as well as communication tasks. In most instances, this necessary work adds to the cost of completing any given project. This UPWP encompasses work tasks invoked by existing and new planning rules imposed by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations for Metropolitan Planning Organizations under SAFETEA-LU as well as the rules associated with Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) established under the Washington State Growth Management Act, as amended.

The rules described above also require establishment of specific advisory and policy decision-making bodies requiring additional project and program management. Preparation, reproduction, and dissemination administrative records and documents including the WCOG Indirect Cost Allocation, MPO Certification, Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), recorded financial management procedures and transportation plans prepared by WCOG in its role as MPO/RTPO are also required. Advisory and technical information provided to the general public and other participants, as well as recorded public hearings and meetings incur costs associated with, but not necessarily a direct part, of every project and task.

Activities outlined above also invoke certain mandated, prescribed and necessary procedural and management activities associated with transportation planning processes. Examples of mandated and necessary activities include organizational processes such as human resource and payroll functions, staff management, workspace procurement and maintenance, project organization and development, progress reporting, record keeping, training and business practices that must be accomplished by WCOG staff. WCOG staff

members must also strive for increasing levels of technical knowledge and expertise. Logistics associated with meetings of required bodies must also be considered. Substantial work is needed to assemble organize locate, summarize and communicate meetings of bodies identified as being required by pertinent rules, guidelines and laws.

****Elements II. through V. include increments for management, documentation and communication as outlined above. Products, or deliverables, associated with those tasks will be completed by June 30, 2010; or substantial progress will have been made as reflected in the resulting Annual Report.**

II. MPO AND RTPPO PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

a. Purpose and function

Meet state and federal requirements for maintenance and completion of regionally coordinated MPO and RTPPO tasks and planning. Act as coordinating body linking the transportation interests and preferences of jurisdictions within the region with the requirements of the FTA, FHWA and WSDOT.

b. Work tasks and products

- Ensure that all MPO products and processes are compliant with the requirements contained in the new 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 Final Rules published February 14, 2007.
- Ensure that all RTPPO products and processes comply with RCW 47.80.
- Work with WSDOT staff and leadership to ensure consistency between the Whatcom Transportation Plan and the 2027 Washington Transportation Plan.
- Comply with Commute Trip Reduction Planning requirements established under the 2006 CTR Efficiency Act.
- Complete a review and formal documentation of the process used to prioritize regional projects eligible for Surface Transportation Program funds that may be allocated to MPOs under authorization of a replacement Act for SAFETEA-LU.
- Monitor projects funded under the ARRA program.
- Encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development within and through urbanized areas.
- Work to implement transportation improvements intended to reduce travel delay.
- Monitor and report on emerging national and regional transportation issues.
- Schedule and hold meetings and present issues for consideration of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the MPO/RTPPO Policy Board.
- Facilitate and lead work of the Community Transportation Advisory Group in providing Whatcom community perceptions and input to the Transportation Policy Board as well as the WSDOT Planning and Policy Office
- Assist Whatcom County and its cities in updating GMA Comprehensive Plans especially Transportation Chapters.

- Certify that transportation elements of the GMA Comprehensive Plans adopted by Whatcom County and its cities reflect the guidelines and principles developed pursuant to RCW 47.80.26 (Regional Transportation Plans, transportation guidelines, and principles) and are consistent with the Whatcom Transportation Plan (combined Regional and Metropolitan Plan).
- Attend, lead where appropriate, and participate in multi-jurisdictional coordination meetings including those related to Canadian border crossing issues, transportation systems management and operations, freight and goods mobility, transportation demand management, and land use.
- Assist County, City and WSDOT staff in identifying regionally appropriate transportation system performance measures.
- Work with TTAC to identify appropriate level of service methodologies.
- Complete, and approve, through the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board, the 2010 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs.
- Coordinate, and cooperate with WSDOT on traffic analyses, system planning, MPO/RTPO coordination, alternate transportation modes, comprehensive plan review, development of the Washington State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and other issues as requested.
- Participate in activities associated with enhancement of mobility for people and freight within both the region and the state.
- Employ the recently updated bi-national/regional transportation demand model to forecast travel demand associated with land use and population growth scenarios in cooperation with all affected and interested local, State and federal agencies.
- Coordinate with WSDOT on transportation strategies identified in Washington and Whatcom 20-year transportation plans.
- Participate as a member of the Transportation Advisory Group established to make recommendations for developing a new Washington Transportation Plan scheduled for completion by the end of calendar year 2010.
- Participate in activities of the West Coast Corridor Coalition.
- Coordinate WSDOT's participation and input concerning transportation issues in Whatcom County with the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.
- Work with all transportation interests to determine the need, appropriate locations, and funding of transportation services and facilities supporting reduction of SOV use.
- Conduct and record public meetings as required and requested.
- Continue leading and administering the International Mobility and Trade Corridor Project (IMTC).
- Coordinate efforts with neighboring RTPOs on common issues, such as identification of all-weather road systems.
- Coordinate with other MPO/RTPOs in setting and achieving goals of the five-county coalition "Farmhouse Gang."
- Assist member jurisdictions in seeking Federal Functional Classification/re-classification of local roads on request.
- Participate in Transportation Research Board activities.

III. TRANSPORTATION MODELING/ DATA COLLECTION/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

a. Purpose and function

Employ the WCOG travel demand model to forecast transportation demand associated with impacts of future growth and land use scenarios. Continually improve the model as reliable data becomes available. Provide forecasts for member jurisdictions and outside agencies requiring that information as part of planning processes. Provide other data resources to jurisdictions on an as needed basis. Assist the region's jurisdictions in preparing their Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). Display transportation-related information, data and studies on the WCOG web site.

b. Work tasks and products

- Work with TTAC to identify appropriate level of service methodologies.
- Assist County, City and WSDOT staff in identifying regionally appropriate transportation system performance measures.
- Coordinate and work with WSDOT staff to ensure consistency between The Whatcom Transportation Plan and the 2010-2030 Washington Transportation Plan.
- Work with Whatcom County and its cities in applying the Whatcom Regional TransCAD transportation demand model and analyzing future land use scenarios.
- Work directly with MPO/RTPO partners including Canadian entities through the International Mobility and Trade Corridor project (IMTC) to identify and meet regional transportation demand modeling needs.
- Using TransCAD and Border Wizard or some other analysis tool, examine cross-border travel behavior relative to forecast bi-national travel demand.
- Collect data; such as freight movements, border delay, and regional traffic counts; for use in developing and updating Whatcom Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPS), and for use in improving local and State project decision-making processes.
- Whatcom Smart Trips, a program for marketing sustainable transportation choices to the entire community, is supported by the City of Bellingham, Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), Whatcom County, WCOG and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Whatcom Smart Trips is based on WCOG's experience with the worksite-based Commute Trip Reduction program.
- Gather, organize, and keep current, databases related to transportation plans and geographic information systems (GIS), as well as border-related information and data.
- Update the WCOG web site to increase its use in providing and portraying transportation information to the public.
- Provide technical assistance to jurisdictions and the public in the form of traffic counts, census data, border crossing data and other archival information in usable formats.

- Provide transportation demand modeling services to regional partners.
- Organize local opportunities for technical training (e.g., TIP software, FHWA and APA webinars and etc.).
- Provide local agencies and the public with Census 2000 information and analyses.
- Distribute, and provide on demand, 2010 Census information and data as it becomes available.
- Seek training opportunities for WCOG to increase technical capacity.
- Continue updating and improving the WCOG web site.
- Develop alternative modes trip planner.

IV. MULTI-MODAL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

a. Purpose and function

Integrate public transportation considerations into the Whatcom Transportation Plan and, to the extent possible, jurisdictions' GMA Comprehensive Plans. Cooperate with local public transportation providers in long and short range planning efforts. Encourage non-motorized facilities.

b. Work tasks and products

- Work with Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) in striving for the best possible cost effective transit services, programs and ridership.
- Work with private sector transportation providers in augmenting public transit services.
- Work with WTA staff in obtaining a high level of public involvement in WTA decision- making processes through participation of the Whatcom Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG).
- Assist the WTA in acquiring data and information needed to best serve the regional community.
- Cooperate with WTA staff in identifying opportunities to increase transit ridership.
- Participate in implementing the WTA Strategic Plan to whatever extent possible.
- Encourage WSDOT and WTA management to include inter-city and international transit links in operational planning, and develop solution strategies.
- Work with Northwest Regional Council and other human services provider agencies to enhance access to human services transportation in accordance the WCOG Human Services Plan (EACH)
- In accordance with RCW 70.94.527 and rules established by WSDOT:

Develop a regional CTR plan, consistent with the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan (MTP/RTP) that includes:

- A description of the regional land use and transportation context;
- Regional program goals and targets for commute trip reduction in affected urban growth areas;

- A description of the way in which progress toward meeting the goals will be measured;
- A description of strategies for achieving the goals;
- A sustainable financial plan describing projected revenues and expenditures to meet the goals; and
- Develop criteria for jurisdictions and employers to opt-in to the regional CTR program.
- Perform a review of the consistency of affected jurisdictions' CTR plans.
- Prepare documentation for CTR plan certification.
- Respond to emerging CTR issues and provide participation venues in response to these issues.
- Submit the Regional CTR Plan and any related local CTR plans and certified GTEC programs to the state CTR Board for review and approval.
- Implement Whatcom Smart Trips program, a program for marketing sustainable transportation choices to the entire community. Whatcom Smart Trips is supported by the City of Bellingham, Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), Whatcom County, WCOG and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Whatcom Smart Trips is based on WCOG's experience with the worksite-based Commute Trip Reduction program.
- Begin implementation of the Neighborhood Smart Trips component of the Whatcom Smart Trips program:

WHATCOM SMART TRIPS PROGRAMS

Whatcom Smart Trips is a successful community-wide vehicle trip reduction program implemented by Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) and Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) in July 2006. Whatcom Smart Trips includes educational, assistance and incentive programs.

- Smart Trips Diary – allows adults living or working in Whatcom County to record walking, cycling, transit and ridesharing trips made, miles traveled and pollution prevented at www.WhatcomSmartTrips.org
- Smart Trips Incentives – include discount cards, gift certificates, cash prizes and recognition for Smart Trips participants as they reach Smart Trips milestones
- Emergency Ride Home – provides limited, free taxi service to bus riders and Smart Trips participants who experience an emergency or illness at work
- Smart Trips Employer Partners – provides assistance to employers who implement voluntary and/or CTR-required worksite trip reduction programs
- School Smart Trips – provides classroom activities for middle school students and their teachers to teach the benefits of using sustainable transportation choices
- EverybodyBIKE – provides educational opportunities for children and adults who want to learn how to ride bicycles as transportation www.everybodyBIKE.com
- Smart Trips Public Awareness Campaign – includes advertising and public presentations to make the community aware of all elements of the Smart Trips program

SMART TRIPS FUNDING

Successful partnerships have been developed with local and state agencies to create Whatcom Smart Trips. The following funding commitments are for the second three years of the program (7/09 – 6/11).

City of Bellingham	\$25,000
Whatcom Council of Governments	240,000
Whatcom Transportation Authority	275,000
Total project cost	\$540,000

V. OTHER (STUDIES, PROJECTS AND PLANS)

Transportation planning support may be needed or requested for site-specific studies, mode-specific studies, cross-border modeling, data gathering, circulation plans and other projects. Specific work products resulting from any efforts in this category will vary depending on specific requests for support. Findings resulting from any such activities will be incorporated in the Whatcom Transportation Plan, on the WCOG web site, or in IMTC planning products as appropriate.

No specific funding levels were budgeted for this category. Other funding sources such as grants and “earmarks”, however, may be available to provide funding for staff work in this category. One example of this type of work is the bi-national border stakeholder group: **IMTC (International Mobility and Trade Corridor) project**.

Specific tasks under this work element that are currently in progress include:

The IMTC Project, through the Whatcom MPO has obtained funds from SAFETEA-LU programs and earmarks and from TEA-21 and ISTEA prior to that for multiple IMTC-derived projects at and near the U.S. – Canada border area. Additional funds for those projects were assembled from other border stakeholders such as WSDOT, Transport Canada, BC Ministry of Transportation, and others. The following projects are currently in process: Sumas Truck by-pass ITS (\$110,000), Border Circulation study (\$115,000) and FAST marketing (\$16,000). Those projects will be in process during the period of this Work Program. The IMTC Forum and staff support (\$294,000) is on-going. Projects are always partnerships among agencies that vary with the project. The most responsible entity is usually project lead whether federal, State, Provincial or local.

WCOG has also been successful in securing federal funding for other projects that will be active during FY 2010 “Bike Month,” will enter its third year if funding is forthcoming. Currently this program is unfunded. Bike Month is series of annual educational events in the month of May promoting safety while encouraging active transportation (bicycling, walking, and taking the bus). The events culminate in Bike to

Work and School Day and the Bike Weeks Challenge.

WCOG has also been a founding partner in a five-county cooperative planning effort to identify and examine opportunities for regional transportation connections and alternatives. The cooperative is known as the North Sound Connecting Communities project, and is also known as the "Farmhouse Gang." WCOG's current role is one of administration and facilitation. A contract between WCOG and SCOG provides for this work and is funded through December, 2009 at \$25,000 per year for facilitation and will continue in an advisory role in this coalition and contribute 1/4 FTE of time for trails pedestrian and bike work.

WCOG is a Census affiliate, a designation enabling early access to Census based information and participation in process definition and methodology.

VI. PRIORITY UNFUNDED PROJECTS

a. Purpose and function

Accomplish additional work identified as significant and appropriate for the Whatcom MPO/RTPO by local, state or federal agencies. Seek funding for completion of these tasks from appropriate sources.

b. Work tasks

- Continue collecting and disseminating information concerning impacts and opportunities associated with the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia.
- Continue collecting and disseminating information concerning impacts and opportunities associated with the 2009 International Police and Fire Games in Vancouver, BC.
- Respond to requests for planning and preparing for system demands potentially incurred by 2010 activities.
- Develop an econometric model for the Whatcom Region to assist regional public and private interests.
- Other tasks assigned by MPO or RTPO members.
- New programs and or requirements imposed, but not funded, by Legislative action
- "Bike Month" is not funded for FY 2010.
- Neighborhood Smart Trips will provide home-based education and assistance to all interested individuals in Bellingham households. Coverage is dependent on funding levels.

BILLING PROCESS

All work detailed in this UPWP will be completed and recorded in time sheets and other records of work completed by WCOG employees. Billings for each month will be based on total work completed by WCOG permanent and temporary staff.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Table A. categorically summarizes SFY 10 & 11 funding associated with the WCOG MPO and RTPO work program described above.

TABLE A State Fiscal Years 10 & 11 Program Revenue Summary

PROGRAM	BUDGETED	CARRYOVER	MATCH	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$148,622	\$0	\$23,196	\$171,818
FTA Section 5303	41,551	0	10,388	51,939
WSDOT RTPO	87,967	0	0	87,967
Smart Trips	150,000	0	0	150,000
FHWA STP(U) [est.]	129,750	0	20,250	150,000
TOTALS	\$557,890	\$0	\$53,834	\$611,724

TABLE B State Fiscal Years 10 & 11 Anticipated Expenditures by Program (including match)

Program	Element II MPO/RTPO Program Management	Element III Transportation Modeling Data	Element IV Multimodal & Public Transportation	Element V Other	Cumulative Total	Total Program Budget
FHWA PL	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$13,818	\$8,000	\$171,818	\$171,818
FTA Section 5303	15,000	5,000	25,939	6,000	51,939	\$51,939
WSDOT RTPO	50,000	20,000	13,467	4,500	87,967	\$87,967
Smart Trips	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	\$150,000
FHWA STP(U) [est.]	56,000	56,000	26,000	12,000	150,000	\$150,000
TOTALS	\$196,000	\$156,000	\$229,224	\$30,500	\$611,724	\$611,724