

Washington State Map



map displays all 281 Washington cities with populations, Amtrak routes, 12 city insets with street detail and elevation shading from the USGS.

Our cartographers and researchers have driven every inch of Washington State highways and stake their reputation on 100 percent accuracy.

Companies like McGraw-Hill and AAA of Washington request copies of the map to check the accuracy of their own Washington maps.

In 2004, WSDOT produced 1.3 million maps; in 2006 it produced 1.1 million maps. Higher costs caused WSDOT to scale back the number of printed maps to 800,000 in 2008. The cost to produce the map is 16 cents per copy.

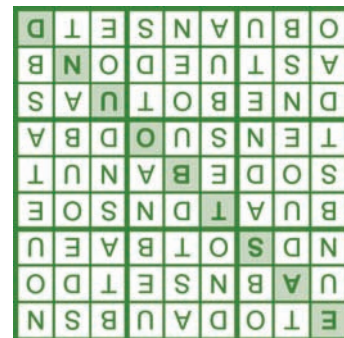
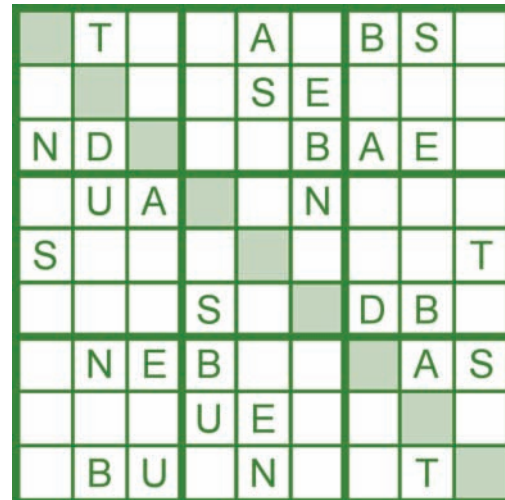
You can get a free Washington State map during WASHTO by stopping by the information booth at the Bell Harbor Conference Center.

While it's not like waiting in line all night for the latest version of Twilight or the newest iPhone, people do get excited about the biennial release of the Washington state map. WSDOT has produced these hard copy maps since 1931. During this time of GPS, Garmin and Map Quest, Washingtonians still like to have the Washington State Map in the glove box of their car.

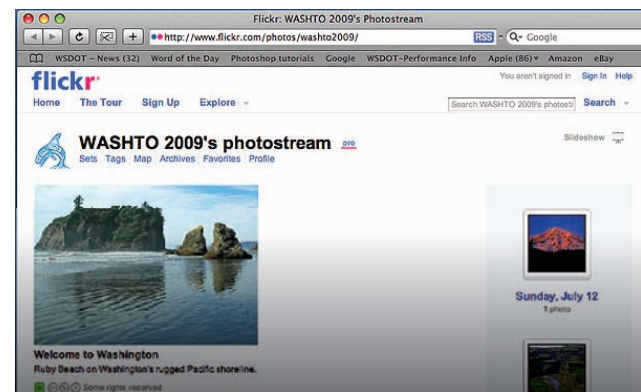
The Washington State map, produced by WSDOT's in-house cartography team, is unlike any map you can get anywhere. What can you find on the WSDOT map that you can't find on any other map? The

Puzzle: A SOUND BET

Each row, column and 3x3 square contains the letters in the phrase exactly once. The hidden word or phrase is spelled down the diagonal.



WASHTO Conference Photos are on Flickr!



Photos of each day's activities are available for viewing on Flickr. Go to www.flickr.com/photos/washto2009/



Today's Events

Monday, July 13

CEO Breakfast Meeting (Invitation Only)
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Cyber Café
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitors' Trade
7:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Opening Session
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Opening Session Continued
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Session One
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Session Two
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

AGC Caucus Meeting – Marriott, Grand Pacific Salon A
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Begin boarding buses, front of Bell Harbor Conference Center
5:45 p.m.

Washington State Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



Monday, July 13, 2009

Welcome Reception a success

WASHTO delegates received a rainy Washington welcome at Sunday's Welcome Reception, held at Seattle's world-famous Space Needle.

Hundreds of delegates and guests mixed and mingled and enjoyed a 360 degree panoramic view of Seattle from 100 feet up in the Skyline Banquet Room.

The highlight was when guests took the elevator up even higher to the Space Needle's 520-foot Observation Deck and took in the breathtaking Seattle skyline.

This year's Welcome Reception was one the most well attended WASHTO opening events in recent memory.

Transportation officials from 18 states reconnected while dining on Pacific Northwest cuisine.



Guests sample Pacific Northwest cuisine

"Coming to Seattle is like coming home," said AASHTO Executive Director John Horsley, a Washington native. "I want to get the west revved up about the need for future highway capacity."



Washington State Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond welcomes AASHTO President Allen Biehler, WASHTO President Will Kempton, and AASHTO Executive Director John Horsley

Top Notch companies participate in this year's trade show

This year's WASHTO trade show floor will feature leading-edge industry knowledge and perhaps some good old fun and excitement too.

The 2009 WASHTO Committee strongly encourages you to visit with each and every trade show participant over the three days. You stand to gain a great deal of knowledge, meet new and interesting business associates and most importantly, possibly forge a business opportunity that would otherwise not be there.

WASHTO is unique in that delegates, exhibitors and sponsors openly and actively network amongst themselves, gaining knowledge of the latest in industry products, trends and services. This year will be no exception with more than 50 leading companies from the transportation industry.

The Passport Program, available in your welcome packet, adds a "fun factor" to the already exciting atmosphere with 12 destinations on both the Lobby and International Promenade exhibit floors.

As you collect passport stamps, you have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes during breaks and food functions taking place on the trade show floor. Prizes this year include the latest Taylor Made and Callaway golf drivers, cutting-edge Oakley Sunglass Eyewear, Apple iPods, Waterford Crystal Professional Writing Pens, and high-end digital cameras.

Throughout the conference, the odds are good that participants can walk away with a nice travel gift. Many of the firms on the trade show floor also jump on board with their own booth-side prize give-a-ways.



Kevin from ODOT fishes for prizes at the WASHTO 2009 booth.

Space still available –Technical Tours



Washington State Ferry on Puget Sound

This is your opportunity to explore outside the city and take in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest. The WSDOT tours will expose you to the scenic landscape outside Seattle whether you're touring Puget Sound aboard a Washington State Ferry or traveling on a cross-state highway slicing through the majestic Cascade Mountain range.

I-90 Mountain Pass and Project Tour

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will improve approximately five miles of I-90 as it runs deep into the Cascade Mountains. This project is the first step toward improving safety, reducing congestion and preserving the natural environment along the I-90 corridor. Join WSDOT's Region Administrator, Don Whitehouse, for a scenic tour along I-90 Snoqualmie Pass to learn more about this project. Pre-registration and a 25\$ fee is required.

Ferry Tour and Program Presentation

Washington State Ferries operates the largest ferry fleet in the United States. Twenty-eight ferries cross Puget Sound and its inland waterways, carrying over 26 million passengers to 20 different ports of call. Join our Assistant Secretary for WSDOT's Ferries division, David Moseley, for a one-hour round trip sailing to Bainbridge Island and back. Learn what it takes to operate the largest ferry system in the nation while enjoying the beauty of the Puget Sound. Pre-registration **before noon Monday** and a \$25 fee is required.

Welcome from WASHTO President Will Kempton

Welcome to the 2009 WASHTO Annual Meeting in the beautiful city of Seattle, Washington.

Last year was a productive one for the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. This year's Annual Meeting will serve as an important transition point to new leadership and to next year's activities that promise to continue the significant progress made during the past twelve months.

In describing WASHTO activities during the past year, "engagement" is the operative word. During the past year we came together to address key needs of the organization that will help us to advocate and promote transportation solutions for our local, state, regional, and national transportation systems.



Will Kempton

We have reorganized our WASHTO leadership and Standing Committees so as to function at a more effective level within WASHTO, with other regional organizations, and AASHTO as well. We have initiated efforts to put WASHTO at the table of vitally important issues such as federal funding authorization, greenhouse gas emission policy, and federal stimulus activities.

We have provided a forum for each of the member

states to engage with one another and to discuss their important issues. We have begun an outreach intended to solidify our working relationship with the Western Governors' Association. A similar effort with FHWA will result in the sharing of federal scientific research pertaining to climate change.

We continue to work with one another to find innovative ways to address workforce issues such as employee development, quality, worker safety, and incorporation of disadvantaged business opportunities into the work that we perform.

In an effort to more fully engage with the individuals comprising the organization, we have undertaken, with the expertise and help of the Texas Department of Transportation, the

challenge of upgrading our WASHTO Web site and have established an online Reference Manual that will more readily permit updates and additions.

No doubt in this coming year we will continue to build upon the momentum currently underway. Please consider how you might engage, utilizing your particular talents to help WASHTO member states collectively improve our transportation infrastructure.

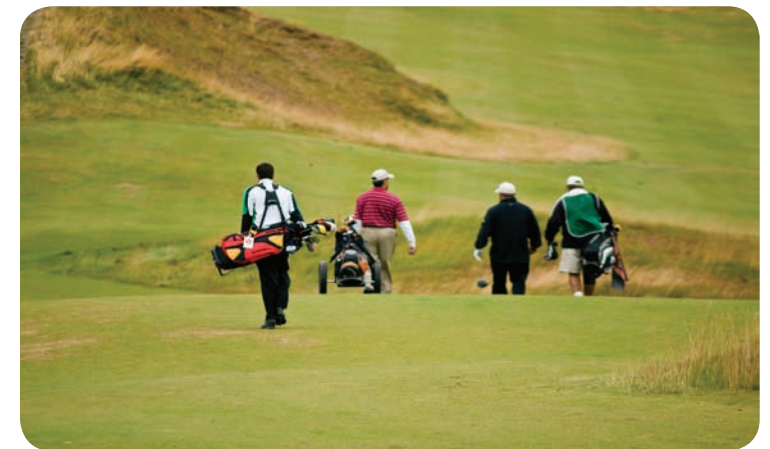
As we sit poised ready for change in transportation policy and technology, WASHTO has established a relevancy at the national stage and is well-positioned to continue to help guide policy and issues. Thank you to all who have worked toward that objective, and welcome to those who will soon find themselves similarly involved.

Beautiful setting for this year's WASHTO Golf Tournament

Golfers hit the links Sunday morning for an exquisite golfing experience at the WASHTO Golf Tournament at Chambers Bay Golf Course in Tacoma, an hour south of Seattle.

Despite a weather delay due to lightning, guests enjoyed an impressive course on breathtaking Puget Sound. Golfers walked nearly eight miles

driving and putting on one of the most challenging courses in the Northwest. Chambers Bay was chosen to host the 2015 U.S. Open Championship. Since opening last June, Chambers Bay has received a number of accolades and raving reviews from players. We also received several comments from our guests about this incredible setting.



WASHTO golfers wonder what's in store for them on the next hole.