The Abbreviations & Acronyms List spells out short forms of words and phrases commonly used in transportation and related fields. The list will be updated periodically, and we welcome your suggestions for improving it.

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A

AAAE
American Association of Airport Executives

AADT
Annual Average Daily Traffic

AAG
Assistant Attorney General

AAMVA
American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

AAR
Association of American Railroads

AASHTO
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

A/B
Able Bodied

ACHP
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

ACI
American Concrete Institute

ACP
Asphalt Concrete Pavement

ACS
Adaptive Control Software
ADA
Americans with Disabilities Act

ADC
Automated Data Collection

ADT
Average Daily Traffic

AGC
Associated General Contractors

AIA
American Institute of Architects

AIDA
Advanced Incident Detection Algorithm

AIRS
Automated Infrared Roadside Scanning

AISC
American Institute of Steel Construction

ALP
Airport Layout Plan

ALPR
Automatic License Plate Reader

AMD
Asphalt Mix Design

AMTRAK
National Rail Passenger Corporation

ANSI
American National Standards Institute

AOCI
Airport Operators Council International

AOPA
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

APAW
Asphalt Paving Association of Washington
APD
Airport Planning District

APTA
American Public Transit Association

APWA
American Public Works Association

AQCR
Air Quality Control Requirements
Air Quality Control Regulations

ARA
Assistant Regional Administrator

ARB
Agency Request Budget

ARM
Accumulated Route Mileage

ARRA
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

ARTBA
American Road and Transportation Builders Association

ARTCC
Air Route Traffic Control Center

ASA
Aggregate Source Approval

ASCE
American Society of Civil Engineers

ASCII
American Standard Code for Information Interchange

ASR
Alkali-Silica Reactivity

ASTM
American Society for Testing and Materials

ATA
Airline Transport Association
American Trucking Association
ATMS
Automated Training Management System

ATR
Annual Traffic Report

AVA
Air Void Analyzer

AVMT
Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled

AWC
Association of Washington Cities

AWDT
Average Weekday Traffic

AWDVTE
Average Weekday Vehicle Trip Ends

AWS
American Welding Society

AWV
Alaskan Way Viaduct

B

BASS
Bid Analysis and Statistics System

B/C
Benefit Cost

BEIST
Bridge Engineering Information System

BIA
Bureau of Indian Affairs (U.S.)

BLM
Bureau of Land Management
BM
Bench Mark
Bureau of Mines (U.S.)

BMP
Beginning Mile Post
Best Management Practice

BOD
Basis of Design

BOE
Basis of Estimate

BPA
Bonneville Power Administration

BST
Bituminous Surface Treatment

BTA
Bridge Technical Advisor

BTS
Bureau of Transportation Statistics (U.S.)

C

CA
Certification Acceptance

CAB
Civil Aeronautics Board

CAC
Collision Analysis Corridor

CACHS
Citizens' Advisory Committee on Highway Safety

CAD
Computer Aided Drafting

CADD
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
CAE
Computer Automated Engineering

CAL
Collision Analysis Location

CAP
Civil Air Patrol

CAPS
Contract Administration and Payment System

CAT
Cooperative Automated Transportation

CBD
Central Business District

CBRT
Committee for Balanced Regional Transportation

CCA
Coarse Concrete Aggregates

CCI
Construction Cost Index

CCIS
Construction Contract Information System

C-D
Collector-Distributor Road

CDC
Center for Disease Control and Prevention

CDF
Controlled Density Fill

CE - NEPA
Categorical Exclusion (U.S.)

CE - SEPA
Categorical Exemption

CESCL
Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead
CEQ
Council on Environmental Quality

CFR
Code of Federal Regulations

CICAS
Cooperative Intersection Collision Avoidance Systems

CLAS
Collision Location and Analysis System

CLB
Current Law Budget

CLCF
County Location Coding Form

CMAQ
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality

CMAR
Context and Modal Accommodation Report

CMD
Concrete Mix Design

CMP
Corridor Management Plan

CN
Construction

CO
Carbon Monoxide

CO2
Carbon Dioxide

CO2E
Carbon Dioxide Equivalents

COE
Corps of Engineers (U.S.)

CPDM
Capital Program Development & Management
CPMS
Capital Program Management System

CRAB
County Road Administration Board

CRASH
Collision Reporting and Statistical History

CRGC
Columbia River Gorge Commission

CS
Control Section

CSBC
Crushed Surfacing Base Course

CSG
Council of State Governments

CSTC
Crushed Surfacing Top Course

CTA
County Transportation Authority

CTR
Commute Trip Reduction

CVE
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

CVISN
Commercial Vehicle Information Systems & Networks

CVPS
Commercial Vehicle Pass System

D

DAHP
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
DART
Days Away, Restricted Duty, or Job Transfer

dB
Decibels

DBE
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

DBR
Discretionary Bridge Replacement

DDHV
Directional Design Hour Volume

DEIS
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

DHRD
Division of Human Resource Development

DHV
Design Hour Volume

DIS
Department of Information Services

DMI
Distance Measuring Instrument

DNR
Department of Natural Resources

DNS
Determination of NonSignificance

DOA
Department of the Army (U.S.)

DOE
Department of Ecology (Washington State)

DOH
Washington State Department of Health

DOL
Department of Licensing
DOP  
Department of Personnel

DOT  
Department of Transportation

DP  
Data Processing

DSHS  
Department of Social and Health Services

DVMT  
Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled

EA  
Environmental Assessment

EAA  
Experimental Aircraft Association

EB  
Eastbound

EBASE  
Estimate Bid Analysis Systems (Replaces BASS)

ECM  
Electronic Content Management

ECR  
External Civil Rights Branch, a suborganization of the Equal Opportunity Office

ECS  
Environmental Classification Summary

EDM  
Electronic Distance Measurers

EDWMS  
Electronic Document Workflow Management System

EEO  
Equal Employment Opportunity
EIS
Environmental Impact Statement

ELT
Electronic Locator Transmitters

EMP
Ending Mile Post

EOB
End of Biennium

EOC
Emergency Operations Center

EOR
Engineer of Record

EPA
Environmental Protection Agency

ESA
Endangered Species Act

ESAL
Equivalent Single Axle Load

ESD
Employment Security Department (Washington State)
Educational Services District

ETC
Employee Transportation Coordinator

F

FA
Federal Aid

FAA
Federal Aviation Administration

FAI
Federal Aid Interstate
FAME
Freeway and Arterial Management Effort

FAP
Federal Aid Primary

FAPG
Federal Aid Policy Guide

FARS
Fatality Analysis Reporting System

FAS
Federal Aid Secondary

FASP
Federal Aid Safety Program

FAST Corridor
Freight Action Strategy for the Everett-Seattle-Tacoma Corridor

FAU
Federal Aid Urban

FAUS
Federal Aid Urban Systems

F&B
Finance and Budget Management Division

FBP
Ferry Boat Program (funded through MAP-21)

FC
Functional Classification

FCA
Fine Concrete Aggregates

FEA
Final Environmental Assessment

FEIS
Final Environmental Impact Statement

FEMA
Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

FFY
Federal Fiscal Year

FGTS
Freight and Goods Transportation System

FHPM
Federal-Aid Highway Program Manual

FHWA
Federal Highway Administration

FIC
Flight Instructor Clinic

FLB
Facilities and Lease Board

FMAC
Freight Mobility Advisory Committee

FMCSA
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

FMSIB
Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board

FONSI
Finding of No Significant Impact

FRA
Federal Railroad Administration

FRAP
Freight Rail Assistance Program

FRIB
Freight Rail Investment Bank

FS
Forest Service

FSS
Flight Service Station
FTA
Federal Transit Administration

FTE
Full Time Equivalent

FY
Fiscal Year

G

GA
General Administration, Department of

GAMA
General Aviation Manufacturers Association

GASB
Governmental Accounting Standards Board

GCOM
General Contractor/Construction Management

GHGs
Greenhouse Gases

GIS
Geographic Information Systems

GMA
Growth Management Act

GMAP
Government Management, Accountability and Performance

GNB
Gray Notebook

GOIA
Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs

GP
General Purpose

GPS
Global Positioning System
GRDO
GIS and Roadway Data Office

GSP
General Special Provision

GTEC
Growth and Transportation Efficiency Center

GVW
Gross Vehicle Weight

H

HAR
Highway Advisory Radio

HATS
Highway Activities Tracking System

HCM
Highway Capacity Manual

HCTS
High Capacity Transportation Study

HMA
Hot Mix Asphalt (aka ACP)

HOT
High Occupancy Toll

HOV
High Occupancy Vehicles

HPA
Hydraulic Project Approval

HPMS
Highway Performance Monitoring System

HQ
Headquarters

HSF
Highway Safety Fund (State)
HSIG
Highway Safety Issues Group

HSIP
Highway Safety Improvement Program

HSIS
Highway Safety Information System

HSM
Highway Safety Manual

HSP
State Highway System Plan

HSRC
Highway Safety Research Center

HSS
Highways of Statewide Significance

HTF
Highway Trust Fund (U.S.)

HVAC
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

I

I
Interstate (route)

IAC
Inter-Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

I/C
Interchange

ICC
Interstate Commerce Commission (U.S.)

IDC
Intra-Departmental Communication

IDR
Inspector's Daily Report
IDT
Interdisciplinary Team

IFR
Instrument Flight Rules

IGGA
International Grooving & Grinding Association

IHSDM
Interactive Highway Safety Design Model

IL
Instructional Letter

ILS
Instrument Landing System

ILT
Incident Location Tool

IMS
Intermodal Management System

IR
Incident Response

IRD
International Roadway Dynamics

IRI
International Roughness Index

ISTEA
Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, see also SAFETEA-LU, which updates this Act

ITE
Institute of Transportation Engineers

ITS
Intelligent Transportation System

IVHS
Intelligent Vehicle Highway System
JLARC
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

JOPS
Joint Operations Policy Statement

JTC
Joint Transportation Committee

K

KM
Knowledge Management

KIPS
1000 lbs.

L

LBC
Legislative Budget Committee

LEAP
Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program

L&I
Labor and Industries

LLCC
Lowest Life Cycle Cost

LNG
Liquefied Natural Gas

LMS
Learning Management System

LMY
Lane Mile Years

LOS
Level of Service
LOUPA
Letter of Understanding Project Award

LRFD
Load and Resistance Factor Design

LTAP
Local Technical Assistance Program

LTPP
Long Term Pavement Performance

LTC
Legislative Transportation Committee

MAISA
Multi Agency Interdisciplinary Stakeholder Advisory

MAP
Maintenance Accountability Process

MAP-21
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

MAPO
Metropolitan Area Planning Organization

MARAD
Maritime Administration (U.S.)

MBE
Minority Business Enterprise

MEF
Maximum Extent Feasible

METRO
Public Transit Authority of King County

MFRS
Mileage and Facilities Reporting System

MIC
Manufacturing and Industrial Center
MIRE
Minimum Inventory of Roadway Elements

MIS
Management Information Systems

MLMP
Mainline Milepost

MMIS
Manpower Management Information Systems

MMT
Million Metric Tons

MMUCC
Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria

MOA
Memoranda of Agreement

MOU
Memorandum of Understanding

MP
Master Plan
Milepost

MPO
Metropolitan Planning Organization

MQPR
Mid-Quarter Progress Report

MRSC
Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington

MSD
Metropolitan Service District

MSR
Merit System Rules

MSVWBE
Minority, Small, Veteran, or Women Business Enterprise

MTCO2e
Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
MTIP
Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

MTP
Materials Tracking Program

MUTCD
Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

M/V
Motor/Vessel

MVET
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

MVF
Motor Vehicle Fund

MVMT
Million Vehicle Miles Traveled

MWBE
Minority and Women's Business Enterprise

N

NAAQS
National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NARUC
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

NAS
Naval Air Station

NASAO
National Association of State Aviation Officials

NB
Northbound

NBAA
National Business Aviation Association

NCHRP
National Cooperative Highway Research Program
NCPP  
National Center for Pavement Preservation

NEC  
National Electrical Code

NEMA  
National Electrical Manufacturers' Association

NEPA  
National Environmental Policy Act

NGS  
United States National Geodetic Survey

NGVD  
National Geodetic Vertical Datum (1929)

NHCA  
National Hearing Conservation Association

NHPA  
National Historic Preservation Act

NHPP  
National Highway Performance Program

NHS  
National Highway System

NHTSA  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NIOSH  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NMFS  
National Marine Fisheries Service

NOAA  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NPIAS  
National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems

NPDES  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPRM
Notice of Proposed Rule Making

NPS
National Park Service

NRCC
Natural Resource Coordinating Committee

NRCS
Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRHP
National Register of Historic Places

NSC
National Safety Council
North Spokane Corridor

NTEP
National Transportation Product Evaluation Program

NTSB
National Transportation Safety Board

NTU
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

O

OAHP
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

O-D
Origin-Destination (survey or zone)

OEO
Office of Equal Opportunity

OFM
Office of Financial Management

OIG
Office of Inspector General (U.S.)
O&M
Operations and Maintenance

OMB
Office of Management and Budget

OMWBE
Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

ORIA
Office of Regulatory Innovation and Assistance

ORV
Off-Road Vehicle

OS
Ordinary Seaman
Operating System

OSC
Olympia Service Center

OSHA
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OUM
Office of Urban Mobility

O’XING
Overcrossing

PACE
Political Action for Concerned Employees

PAO
Public Affairs Office

PC
Point of Curvature

PCC
Palouse River and Coulee City
PCCP
Portland Cement Concrete Pavement

PCI
Pavement Condition Index
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute

PDE
Project Development Engineer

PDO
Project Development Office

PDR
Public Disclosure Request

PE
Preliminary Engineering
Project Engineer
Professional Engineer

PEF
Pre-Existing Funds

PHD
Preliminary Hydraulic Design

PIO
Public Information Office (or Officer)

PM
Project Manager

PMBOK
Project Management Body of Knowledge

PMRS
Project Management Reporting System

PMTS
Professional Membership Tracking System

POG
Priorities of Government

PPE
Personal Protective Equipment
PR&PT
Planning, Research and Public Transportation Division

PRIIA
Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act

PSCCA
Puget Sound Capitol Construction Account (Ferries)

PSCOOG
Puget Sound Council of Governments

PS&E
Plans, Specifications, and Estimate

PSFOA
Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account

PSRC
Puget Sound Regional Council

PT
Point of Tangent

PTBA
Public Transportation Benefit Area

PTE
Professional and Technical Employees

PTF
Public Transfer Facility

QA/QC
Quality Assurance/Quality Control

QPL
Qualified Products List

QPR
Quarterly Project Report

QR
Quality Response
Quick Response

RA
Regional Administrator

RAM
Request for Approval of Materials

RAP
Rural Arterial Program

RAP/RAS
Recycled Asphalt Pavement/Recycled Asphalt Shingles

RAPCON
Radar Approach Control

RATA
Rural Arterial Trust Account

RCFB
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

RCO
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

RCR
Recycled Concrete Rubble

RCW
Revised Code of Washington

RDP
Route Development Plan

RFP
Request for Proposal

RIR
Recordable Incident Rate

RMIS
Records Management Imaging Services
ROD
Record of Decision

RPM
Raised/Recessed Pavement Marker Maintenance

RR
Railroad

RRR (3R)
Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation

RRRR (4-R)
Highway Reconstruction, Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation

RSL
Remaining Service Life

RTA
Regional Transit Authority

RTIP
Regional Transportation Improvement Program

RTPO
Regional Transportation Planning Organization

RV
Recreational Vehicle

R/W
Right of Way

S

SA
State Aid

SAFETEA-LU
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users; see also MAP-21, which updates this Act

SAM
Statistical Analysis of Materials
SAO
State Auditor's Office

SAR
Search and Rescue

SB
Southbound

SBE
Small Business Enterprise

SCIP
State Capital Improvement Program

SD
Structurally Deficient

SEIS
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

SEPA
State Environmental Policy Act

SHPO
State Historic Preservation Officer

SHSP
State Highway System Plan also known as the HSP

SME
Subject Matter Expert

SOV
Single Occupancy Vehicle

SPCC
Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan

SPHA
State Patrol Highway Account

SR
State Route

SRP
Secondary Road Plan
SSP
Stormwater Site Plan

St. Aid
State Aid

STCDO
Statewide Travel & Collision Data Office (formerly known as the Transportation Data Office)

STIP
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

STP
Surface Transportation Program (funded through ISTEA)

SWPPP
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

T

TAC
Technical Advisory Committee

TCP
Traffic Control Plan

TDM
Transportation Demand Management
Travel Demand Management

TDO
Transportation Data Office (see STCDO)

TEA-21
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998

TEF
Transportation Equipment Fund

TEIS
Transportation Executive Information System

THPO
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
TIA
Transportation Improvement Account

TIB
Transportation Improvement Board

TIGER
Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery

TIP
Transportation Improvement Program

TNB
Tacoma Narrows Bridge

TOPICS
Urban Traffic Operations Programs to Improve Capacity and Safety

TPA
Transportation Partnership Account

TPO
Transportation Planning Office

TRAC
Washington State Transportation Center

TRB
Transportation Research Board

TRIS
Transportation Research Information Services

TSC
Traffic Safety Commission

TSM
Transportation Systems Management

TTAP
Tribal Technical Assistance Program

TWLTL
Two-Way Left-Turn Lane
UAB
Urban Arterial Board

UATA
Urban Arterial Trust Account

UBC
Uniform Building Code

UFAS
Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards

UMTA
Urban Mass Transportation Administration (U.S.)

UORR
Utility Object Relocation Record

UPC
Uniform Plumbing Code

US
United States (route)

USBR
United States Bureau of Reclamation

USC
United States Code

USCG
United States Coast Guard

USDOE
United States Department of Energy

USDOT
United States Department of Transportation

USED
United States Engineering Department (Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army)

USEPA
United States Environmental Protection Agency

USFS
United States Forest Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
USFWS
United States Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS
United States Geological Survey

UTC
Utilities and Transportation Commission

UTL
Unable to Locate

U’XING
Undercrossing

V

VMT
Vehicle Miles Traveled

VPH
Vehicles Per Hour

W

WAA
Washington Aviation Association

WAC
Washington Administrative Code

WACO
Washington Association of County Officials

WAMA
Washington Airport Management Association

WAPA
Washington Asphalt Paving Association

WAQTC
Washington Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction
WASHTO
Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

WB
Westbound

WBE
Women's Business Enterprise

WDFD
Western Direct Federal Division (FHWA)

WDFW
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

WDNR
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

WFF
Washington Flying Farmers

WITS
Washington Incident Tracking System

WOA
Work Order Authorization

WPA
Washington Pilots Association

WPCP
Water Pollution Control Plan

WPEA
Washington Public Employees Association

WPPSS
Washington Public Power Supply System

WSASP
Washington State Airport System Plan

WSDOT
Washington State Department of Transportation

WSECU
Washington State Employees' Credit Union
WSF
Washington State Ferries

WSP
Washington State Patrol

WSTA
Washington State Transit Association

WSTC
Washington State Transportation Commission

WSTP
Washington State Transportation Plan

WTP
Washington's Transportation Plan

WTSC
Washington Traffic Safety Commission

WUCC
Washington Utility Coordination Council

X
No Listing

Y

YTD
Year to Date

Z
No Listing