



WSDOT Community Planning Portal - quick start guide

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What is the Community Planning Portal?

The WSDOT Community Planning Portal (Portal) provides access to state transportation data for general planning purposes. The intent of the Portal is to help local and regional planners, decision-makers, and citizens better understand their state transportation system. We hope sharing this data will lead to more collaborative planning so that together, we can identify opportunities to operate our shared transportation system more efficiently, manage demand effectively and where appropriate fund strategic capacity improvements.

How do I get started?

Start by typing the following address in your web browser:

<http://wsdot.maps.arcgis.com>

Select the Interactive Maps option, then navigate to the Community Planning Portal.

You can also go directly to the application from our website:

wsdot.wa.gov/engineering-standards/planning-guidance/community-planning-portal

For more information on using the Portal, go to the application and click the Help button in the upper right hand of the window.

Navigating the Portal

Search for a location To search for a location on the map, click the box with a magnifying glass in the upper right. Type in an address or place and press enter.

View a layer To see data layers on the map, use the map layers list on the left of the screen. Search for a layer using the search bar or select the arrow alongside the layer groups to expand the layers within each group.

Once you've found the layer you want to see, click on the eye symbol on the right of the layer name that appears when you hover over the layer to show the layer. Click it again to hide it.

View the legend The map legend is located in the bottom left of the application. If multiple layers are visible on the map, use the scroll bar in the legend to scroll between different layers in the legend.

Open a pop-up To learn more about a feature on the map, click on it to bring up the pop-up information.

Toggle between pop-ups If you click on the map and there are multiple features under your mouse, you can use the arrows in the bottom left of the pop-up window to toggle between features.

Open data table To see the data that is on the map in table format, click on the green arrow at the bottom middle of the screen. View specific layers in the table

by clicking the three dots to the right of a layer name in the layer list then clicking Add to table. Some layers are group layers and need to be expanded before adding them to the table.

Changing the appearance of the map

Change the basemap To change the basemap, click the button with four boxes in it in the upper right corner under the search button. Scroll to see different basemaps, such as terrain, imagery, and imagery hybrid. Click on them to select them.

Other options Some layers give you the option of adjusting the transparency, applying filters to screen out a portion of the data, and exporting data. If these options are available, you will see them when you click the three dots on the right of a data layer.

Learn more

Learn details about using the Portal In the upper right hand corner, click the Help button to go to the Community Planning Portal's manual.

Learn more about a layer To view details about a layer or group of layers, click on the three dots to the right of the layer name, then click on details. This will take you to the ArcGIS Online webpage for that dataset. Expand a group layer to learn about specific layers within it. This is a good place to learn details about the data such as when it was



collected, limitations on its use, and explanations of abbreviations used.

Adding data to the map

Add data to the map The Add Data widget in the upper right allows you to add your own layers and data to the map including:

- Other ArcGIS Online layers
- Layers or web services by URL
- Files in shapefile, CSV, GeoJSON, KML or GPX formats.

Choose what type of data you want to add, then add it by finding it on ArcGIS Online, by pasting in a URL, or uploading a file. If you are searching for a particular layer that is on ArcGIS Online that you already have found, add it by copying the item ID and searching for the item with the full ID. This allows you to search for the layer in a larger window and then find the exact same layer in the small Add Data widget.

Draw on the map To draw or write on the map, click on the Draw widget in the upper right. Select if you would like to draw points, lines, polygons, rectangles, circles, or write text. Clear all drawings with the erase button

and select features with the different drawing selection options. Drawings will appear on printed maps and will be removed when the web page is refreshed.

Printing and sharing maps

Print Click the Print button in the middle of the tool bar at the top of the screen to print your map.

Choose the size and orientation of the map when saving it. You can provide a title for the map as well. The map will include a legend and other standard map features.

Downloading data layers

You can download the individual data layers used to create the Portal to use with your own desktop software.

To download data, click on the three dots next to a layer name in the Map Layers list on the left of the Portal. If the layer is a group layer, you will need to select a sub-layer and then click on the three dots to the right of the layer name.

Next, click export. You can export data as CSV, JSON or GeoJSON. This will download the data to your default download folder on your computer.

Finding help More details about the Portal can be found by going to the Help page linked with a button at the top right hand of the screen or by pressing the “Help” button when first loading the Portal.

The manual provides general guidance, step-by-step instructions for all features and frequently asked questions.

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