



King County Bridges and Roads Task Force

Summary of Interviews with Task Force Members

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Purpose of Task Force Interviews

To provide King County a better understanding of:

- ▶ Expectations for this process
- ▶ Member familiarity with certain bridges and roads issues
- ▶ Individual perspectives on bridges and roads issues
- ▶ Commonalities and differences among members
- ▶ Status of existing member relationships

Interview Summary Details

- ▶ Based on 18 phone interviews
- ▶ Conducted between July 22 and August 11 2015
- ▶ Interview guide/questions and two background reports provided in advance
 - *Strategic Plan for Road Services and Road Services Division (RSD) Line of Business Plan*
- ▶ Detailed interview summary available electronically
 - Includes a complete interviewee list and interview questions

Major Takeaways

- ▶ Emphasis and focus on revenue sources
- ▶ Reducing infrastructure responsibilities
- ▶ Additional efficiencies
- ▶ Emphasize fairness and equity of impacts
- ▶ Collaboration/involvement with other jurisdictions
- ▶ Education/information-sharing for the public

Information Desired from King County

- ▶ Funding sources and limitations of use
- ▶ Impact of 2015 State transportation package
- ▶ Alignment of Task Force schedule with 2016 State legislative session
- ▶ RSD strategic priorities
- ▶ Data comparing maintenance costs for specific bridges and roads
- ▶ Long-term RSD revenue trend

Information Desired, Continued...

- ▶ Bridges and roads RSD has considered for closing and criteria used
- ▶ Current and projected future revenue and sources
- ▶ Components of current funding gap
- ▶ Determining road tiers
- ▶ Snow removal priorities
- ▶ Organizational efficiencies

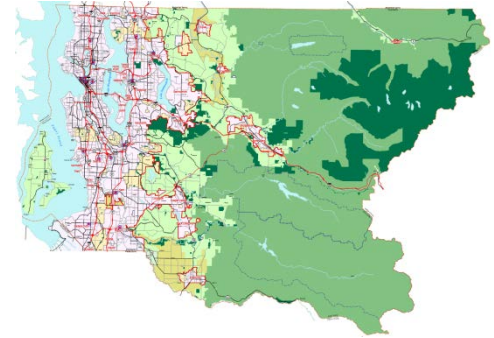
Specific Issues to Explore

- ▶ Funding/matching funds
- ▶ Multiple travel modes
- ▶ ADA accommodations
- ▶ Bike/pedestrian safety
- ▶ Natural hazard mitigation
 - Flooding and earthquakes
- ▶ Levee/revetment maintenance
- ▶ Union agreements
- ▶ Job training and job opportunities



Specific Issues to Explore, continued...

- ▶ Traffic concurrency
- ▶ GMA implementation consistency
- ▶ Design standards – county vs. city roads
- ▶ Relationship between roads, access, and housing affordability
- ▶ Aging infrastructure and impacts
- ▶ Updates to State statutes for public-private partnerships
- ▶ Signage consistency
- ▶ Social equity and social justice in decision making



Potential Concerns

- ▶ Urban vs. rural perspectives
- ▶ Cross-jurisdictional disputes
- ▶ Urban growth and development perspectives
- ▶ How/where roads are maintained
- ▶ Equity of revenue-based solutions
- ▶ Long-term housing needs
- ▶ Traffic concurrency implementation
- ▶ Balancing needs of cars, bikes, and public transportation



Desired Task Force Outcomes

- ▶ Consensus on funding priorities
- ▶ Coalition building for leveraging more state resources
- ▶ Identification of stable funding sources
- ▶ Increased internal efficiencies – without sacrificing safety
- ▶ Improved messaging to public
- ▶ Better understanding of how bridges and roads are used
- ▶ Greater emphasis on maintenance
- ▶ Data-driven decision making

Solution Categories

- ▶ **Greater internal efficiencies** – *less of a focus; more information needed*
- ▶ **Less infrastructure** – *some consideration but account for equity, unintended consequences; more information needed*
- ▶ **Increased revenue** – *primary task force focus*

Potential Solutions

- ▶ Build partnerships
- ▶ Leverage for more state funding
- ▶ Build city support for county roads funding
- ▶ Alternative funding
- ▶ Changing King County responsibilities

QUESTIONS?

