



**Washington State
Transportation Commission**

**WASHINGTON STATE
ROAD USE CHARGE**

**2016 STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING #1
*WEBINAR***

JULY 27, 2016

WEBINAR AGENDA

- ▶ **Welcome and introduction of new SC Members and Project Team**
- ▶ Update on happenings since legislative session ended
- ▶ STSFA Federal Grant Program
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UPDATES SINCE ADJOURNMENT OF LEGISLATURE

- ▶ Steering Committee Member reports
- ▶ State activities and news

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUNDING ALTERNATIVES (STSFA) FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM

- ▶ Summary of Washington State's STSFA Grant Proposal
- ▶ Summary of other state STSFA grant proposals

WASHINGTON STATE'S STSFA GRANT PROPOSAL

STSFA Program overview:

- ▶ FAST Act provides \$95 M for grants to states over next four years for alternative funding pilot projects
- ▶ FHWA administers the program. Must obligate at least \$15 M by October 1, 2016.
- ▶ States must match 50% (in-kind, soft match and toll credits all acceptable)
- ▶ Competitive solicitation drew at least 7 proposals with a cumulative funding request exceeding \$20 M in year 1.
- ▶ FHWA will be announcing their selections soon.

WASHINGTON STATE'S STSFA GRANT PROPOSAL

Washington's Proposal

Seeks \$7.5 M (max award) to implement a statewide pilot as recommended by SC, with a few new features.

From 2015 Pilot Recommendations:

- ▶ Statewide test, 2,000 participants, 3 to 5 regions within the state
- ▶ Four different mileage reporting methods (including a time-based permit)
- ▶ A year-long test period to pick up any seasonal variations in travel patterns.

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Washington's Proposal

Specific Unique Features in Washington's Proposal:

- ▶ International interoperability test with Surrey, B.C.
- ▶ A small-scale test of exchange of funds between two RUC systems (WA/OR), testing financial interoperability
- ▶ Special recruitment and participation from EV drivers through Seattle Electric Vehicle Association
- ▶ RUC pilot deployed in parallel with DOL's new vehicle IT system upgrades – mutually beneficial
- ▶ Mobile phone app “hackathon” to solve a unique challenge: ability to deduct out-of-state miles

OTHER (KNOWN) STSFA GRANT PROPOSALS

Hawaii DOT

Oregon DOT

California DOT

Minnesota DOT/Univ. Minnesota

**Western Road Usage Charge Consortium –
(Washington, California, Colorado and Oregon for
Planning; California and Oregon for live pilot)**

**I-95 Corridor Coalition – Delaware, Connecticut,
Pennsylvania, Vermont and New Hampshire.**

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OVERVIEW 2016 WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Recap:

Washington legislature re-appropriated \$500k of fed funds to WSTC to develop a pilot project implementation plan.

Status:

- ▶ WSTC issued RFQ and selected consultant team
- ▶ Contracting has been delayed while awaiting release of federal funds
- ▶ Transportation Committee Chairs will allow delivery by January 6, due to the delayed funding availability
- ▶ Revised target start date: August 1 (same as last year)

OVERVIEW 2016 WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Five Work Streams (broad tasks)

1. Pilot Implementation Plan

- ▶ Identify essential agency roles in a pilot
- ▶ Review and finalize mileage reporting technologies and services to be tested
- ▶ Evaluate target number of pilot participants (demographics)
- ▶ Develop specific pilot evaluation criteria
- ▶ Develop a pilot project expenditure plan
- ▶ Develop a procurement strategy to deliver pilot project services

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2. Develop a Communications Plan:

- ▶ Develop a Participant Recruitment Plan
- ▶ Develop a Plan to Communicate about the Pilot Launch

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3. Interagency Consultation and Coordination

- ▶ Coordinate with agencies that have a role in pilot
- ▶ Consult with Interagency Group (includes State Treasurer, Department of Revenue, WSDOT, DOL)

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4. RUC Steering Committee Engagement

For this 2016 work, only two meetings:

- ▶ This webinar meeting, and
- ▶ Wednesday, November 9 all-day in-person meeting

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5. Presentations and Final Reporting

- ▶ Presentation of draft report to WSTC in December 2016
- ▶ Presentation of final report to Washington State Legislative Committees during 2017 session

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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- ▶ Next Steering Committee Meeting:
November 9, 2016 in Seattle