



Washington State Road Usage Charge Assessment

*DRAFT Feasibility Assessment,
Work Plan and Budget*
Steering Committee Meeting #4

January 11, 2013



Washington State Transportation
Commission



Washington State
Department of Transportation

**WELCOME,
INTRODUCTIONS, AND
MEETING OBJECTIVE**

What we Need to Accomplish Today

- **Review Transportation Commission comments**
- **Review changes to report**
 - » **Action item**
- **Review report rollout and communication plan**
- **Work plan highlights from January through June 2013**
 - » **Discussion potential policy topics and scheduling**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
COMMENTS AND
CHECK-FINAL DRAFT CHANGES
TO REPORT**

Transportation Commission Comments

- Explained nuances of road usage charging and fielded many questions
- Suggestions:
 - » Need to put road usage charging in perspective of other taxes
 - » The issue of rural/urban equity comes up frequently in informal discussions, so make sure this is addressed moving forward
 - » Communications is a critical element
 - » Further work on budget detail

Most significant changes to report

- **Clarification of discussion of declining gas tax yield (p. 6)**
- **Clarification of the work program, including the “upward arching arrow” (p 8, 9 and 28)**
 - » **Clarifying purpose of Phase 1 and 2**
 - » **Clarifying that the budget request for 2013-2015 is \$1.6M (Phase 1 only)**
 - » **Clarifying that implementation is after Phase 2**
- **Clarification that communication related to road usage charging needs to be cognizant of shorter term revenue plans (p. 32)**
- **Added clarification that Steering Committee did not review the budget request in detail (p. 50)**

Additional comments?

- **Written comments received from Anne Haley on 1/8/13**
- **Further comments?**

REPORT ROLLOUT AND COMMUNICATING FINDINGS

Path to finalize report

Steering Committee comments and direction

- (Completed in December 2012)

Transportation Commission Briefing and response to Steering Committee

- December 12, 2012 (Completed)

Create check-final Steering Committee report

- January 4, 2013 (Completed January 7)

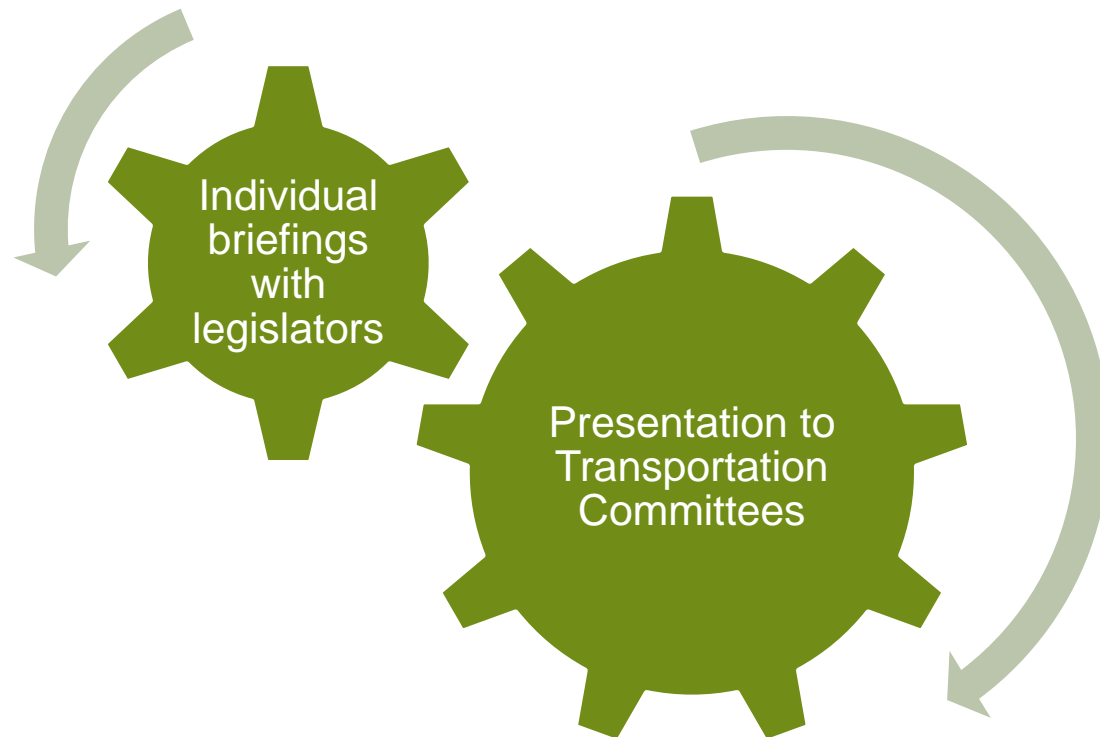
Approve Steering Committee report

- January 11, 2013 (Today)

Transportation Commission review and approval to send to Legislature

- January 23 or 24 at Commission meeting in Olympia

Briefing the Legislature *(Schedule to be Determined)*



**WORK PLAN FOR
JANUARY – JUNE 2013:**

**CONSULTANT/STAFF
SUGGESTIONS**

Work Plan after Today

January-June 2013

- **Finalize report based on today's comments**
- **Report to legislature (January/February)**
 - » **Transportation Committee briefings**
 - » **Individual legislator briefings**
- **Continuing Public Relations**

- **Plus – some combination of tasks from...**

Potential work plan elements

January-June 2013 (2 of 2)

- **Preliminary Policy Research (begin Task 4 of Work Plan)**
 - » Fleet and vehicle miles of travel composition trends, forecasts;
 - » Out-of-state travel by Washington residents;
 - » Travel in Washington by out-of-state travelers;
 - » Preliminary investigation of organizational capabilities
- **Preliminary Cost and Benefit Evaluation**
 - » Next level evaluation of different approaches
- **Begin Task 3 of Work Plan – Define Policy Objectives**
 - » One or two topics from work plan
- **Voice of Washington Survey**
 - » Small, special purpose survey

WORK PLAN DISCUSSION