



Move Skagit 2050 Appendix A: Compliance Checklist



Compliance Checklist

The following tables document how the RTP addresses all relevant federal and Washington state statutes, regulations, and policy requirements for the 25-year planning horizon. This compliance checklist:

- Lists all controlling statutes and regulations;
- Identifies where each requirement is addressed in the RTP (by chapter and subsection); and
- Creates an auditable record of compliance for the RTP update.

The summary tables below show the current compliance status for each regulation, noting their inclusion in the RTP, the relevant chapters/subsections, and supporting notes that demonstrate alignment.

In some cases, requirements are addressed throughout the RTP as part of the overall planning framework, goals, and strategies, even if not confined to a single section. The entire RTP is structured to ensure comprehensive compliance with all federal and state mandates.

Table 1. Federal Requirements

Regulation	Description	Cited in Plan	Notes
23 CFR § 450	Metropolitan planning requirements (MPO formation and long-range transportation plan; continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive process)	-	Federal metropolitan planning requirements applied to the RTP through SCOG's MPO planning context and the long-range transportation plan function identified in Title 23 USC § 134. The RTP documents a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process and defines how the plan was developed, including coordination mechanisms, documentation practices, and how plan decisions were supported by technical work and partner input. The RTP documents the planning framework and plan development approach, including how the RTP aligns with metropolitan planning process expectations referenced in 23 CFR § 450.306.
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58)	IIJA policy emphasis	Chapter 2: Planning Context (Federal and State Transportation Planning Requirements); Plan Development Process; Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (Goals & Policies)	The RTP updates the federal policy context from FAST Act (2015) references to the current federal authorization under IIJA. The RTP reflects IIJA emphasis areas in plan narrative and framing, including resiliency, safety, system reliability, carbon reduction, and emerging technology. The RTP aligns federal policy references used in the guiding framework with the current authorization and updates plan text where prior FAST Act language appeared in the current plan background.

Regulation	Description	Cited in Plan	Notes
Title 23 USC § 134	Metropolitan transportation planning (financial assumptions, fiscal constraint)	Chapter 7: Transportation Improvements & Programs; Chapter 8: Funding Strategy	The RTP documents reasonable financing assumptions and fiscal constraint over the plan horizon, accounting for existing and expected revenue sources over the timeframe of the RTP. The RTP documents the financial framework and constraints in the adoption materials, including how funding assumptions were used to distinguish between funded (fiscally constrained) elements and additional identified needs. The RTP documents the basis for revenue assumptions and cost estimation at a level appropriate for a long-range plan.
Title 49 USC § 5303	Metropolitan transportation planning (FTA planning)	Chapter 2: Planning Context (Coordination with Other Planning Efforts); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System (Transit System)	The RTP documents the federal public transportation planning context and reflects coordination with public transportation providers as part of plan development and documentation. The RTP incorporates transit system considerations into regional planning products and plan narrative, including how transit priorities and needs were reflected in plan strategy and project identification where applicable. The RTP documents this coordination through the plan development record and references the MPO role in developing transportation plans and programs for applicable urbanized areas.
Title 23 USC § 135	Statewide planning coordination and consistency	Chapter 2: Planning Context (Federal and State Transportation Planning Requirements; Coordination with Other Planning Efforts); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System	The RTP documents coordination with statewide planning and describes consistency with WSDOT planning direction and statewide targets. The RTP documents relationships to statewide plans and how regional projects and strategies align with WSDOT planning products, including references to the WTP and related statewide planning updates. The RTP documents cooperation with WSDOT in the plan development record and incorporates the minimum long-range planning horizon concept through the RTP's horizon-year framing.

Table 2. State Requirements

Regulation	Description	Cited in Plan	Notes
RCW 36.70A	Growth Management Act (GMA) integration	Chapter 1: Introduction	The RTP documents integration with Washington State's Growth Management Act framework and describes how regional transportation planning aligned with land use assumptions and local planning context. The RTP reflects updated GMA context in the plan narrative and incorporates multimodal considerations referenced in the update, including discussion of MMLOS in the plan's guiding framework. The RTP documents GMA integration, including how growth and land use context informed the plan's needs and strategy framing.
RCW 47.80.030	Regional Transportation Plan requirements	Chapter 1: Introduction; Chapter 2: Planning Context (Federal and State Transportation Planning Requirements); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System; Chapter 7: Transportation Improvements & Programs	The RTP documents SCOG's RTPO role and described plan preparation in cooperation with WSDOT, ports, transit operators, and local governmental agencies in the region. The RTP documents this cooperative development context and reflected interagency coordination in the plan development record. The plan documents how the RTP serves as a regional framework to guide coordination and consistency across jurisdictional transportation plans and programs.
WAC 365-196-840	Transportation concurrency and accommodating development impact	Chapter 2: Planning Context (Concurrency); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System; Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints	The RTP documents the relationship between regional transportation planning and concurrency expectations under GMA, including how transportation facilities necessary for development are addressed through the regional planning context. The RTP documents this relationship and describes how local concurrency mechanisms and transportation element frameworks relate to the regional system and regional priorities. The RTP documents how the RTP accommodates development impacts in the regional planning narrative and links the RTP to local implementation context.
RCW 47.06.140	Level of service standards for state highway and ferry systems	Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System (Highways, Ferry System); Chapter 5: Regional MMLOS Standards	LOS standards for the state highway and ferry systems are described in the RTP.

Regulation	Description	Cited in Plan	Notes
State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) RCW 43.21C	SEPA compliance	Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints; Appendix J: Environmental Review	A SEPA checklist is complete and included in the RTP as an appendix.
Climate and Resilience Planning (HB 1181)	Climate/resiliency requirements	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (Goal 6: Environment, Goal 8: Transportation Resilience); Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints (Climate Change)	The RTP documents climate and resilience planning requirements and incorporated climate and resiliency considerations into plan strategies and narrative. The RTP includes climate change action strategy framing consistent with reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled as described in the plan context, and documents how the RTP addresses the state requirements referenced in HB 1181 (enacted in 2023). The RTP documents the climate/resiliency approach within the plan narrative and linked it to the RTP's policy and strategy structure.
RCW 70A.02	Evaluation of environmental health disparities under the HEAL Act	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (Goal 6: Environment); Appendix E: Public Involvement Plan	While the HEAL Act does not directly apply to SCOG as a regional agency, the RTP includes policies related to community engagement consistent with the HEAL Act. The RTP also included development and implementation of a public involvement plan that addressed overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.