



MOVE SKAGIT



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
Title 23 CFR § 450.306, 450.324, 450.326	Metropolitan planning requirements (MPO formation and long-range transportation plan; continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive process)	Chapter 2: Planning Context (Federal and State Transportation Planning Requirements; Coordination with Other Planning Efforts); Plan Development Process (Public Involvement and Consultation); Throughout the RTP	The RTP documents a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process consistent with 23 CFR § 450.306, including coordination with local governments, transit agencies, WSDOT, tribes, and the public. The RTP satisfies the content and development requirements for a metropolitan transportation plan under 23 CFR § 450.324, including system performance considerations, fiscal constraint, and policy framework. The RTP also documents coordination with programming and implementation processes consistent with 23 CFR § 450.326. Table 2 lists the 10 federal planning factors under 23 CFR § 450.306(b) and how the RTP addresses them.
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	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

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		Framework (Goals & Policies)	the current authorization and updates plan text where prior FAST Act language appeared in the current plan background.
Title 23 USC § 134	Metropolitan transportation planning (financial assumptions, fiscal constraint)	Chapter 7: Transportation Improvements & Programs; Chapter 8: Funding Strategy	The plan identifies existing and reasonably expected revenue sources over the RTP horizon and distinguishes between fiscally constrained (funded and planned) projects and additional illustrative needs. Cost and revenue assumptions are documented at a level appropriate for a long-range regional transportation plan and summarized in the financial chapter and supporting appendices.
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. Federal Planning Factor and RTP Approach

Federal Planning Factor (23 CFR § 450.306(b))	RTP Approach	Cited in Plan
(1) Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;	The RTP supports regional economic vitality by improving mobility for people and freight, enhancing access to key employment centers, industrial sites, ports, and tourism destinations, and prioritizing investments that strengthen freight corridors and interstate connectivity.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (economic vitality and freight-related goals and policies); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System (Freight, Highways, and Ferry sections); Chapter 7: Transportation Improvements & Programs (identification of regionally significant projects supporting economic development)
(2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;	The RTP prioritizes safety in line with Vision Zero, the Safe System approach, and the Skagit County Safety Action Plan. It aims to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries through roadway upgrades, safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists, and cooperation with law enforcement and education programs. Improvements focus on high-crash areas, and safety progress is measured by reductions in crashes, fatalities and injuries.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (Goal and policies for safety; commitment to Vision Zero principles); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System (identification of safety needs across highways, local roads, and active transportation networks)
(3) Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;	The RTP prioritizes transportation security through emergency preparedness, resilience planning, and redundancy. It focuses on protecting critical infrastructure with seismic retrofits, flood mitigation, and coordination for evacuation routes. These strategies help maintain essential operations during emergencies.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (policies on system resilience and security, including emergency response planning); Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints
(4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;	The RTP improves accessibility and mobility by advancing a multimodal transportation network. It integrates public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities (completing missing links and safe routes), ferry services, and roadway capacity and operations improvements to reduce congestion.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (policies promoting multimodal access, equitable mobility, and freight movement); Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System (detailed plans for transit, bicycle/pedestrian networks, ferry services, roadways, and freight corridors)
(5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State	The RTP integrates environmental stewardship and quality of life considerations throughout. It includes policies to protect natural resources and air quality, encourage energy conservation (e.g., promoting alternative fuels and electrification of vehicles), and support active transportation (walking, biking) to reduce vehicle miles traveled.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (Goal and policies for environment and climate change); Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints (analysis of environmental impacts, mitigation strategies, and climate action commitments)

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and local planned growth and economic development patterns;		
(6) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;	The RTP promotes integrated, connected transportation networks by coordinating improvements across all modes. It emphasizes better intermodal connections, and integration of regional and local transportation plans to ensure a seamless system. The planning process involved coordination with neighboring regions, state agencies, and local jurisdictions to align investments and connect key corridors and facilities for both passenger travel and goods movement.	Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System (strategies to connect modes); Chapter 2: Planning Context – Coordination with Other Planning Efforts
(7) Promote efficient system management and operation;	The RTP emphasizes efficient management and operation of the existing transportation system. The plan also stresses ongoing maintenance and system preservation as cost-effective strategies to improve efficiency and performance before considering capacity expansion.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (policies on system management, congestion management, and operational efficiency); Chapter 7: Transportation Improvements & Programs (identification of operational improvement projects and management strategies)
(8) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;	The RTP places a high priority on preserving and maintaining existing transportation assets. It includes strategies to direct funding towards maintenance, rehabilitation, and state-of-good-repair projects for roads, bridges, transit fleets, and other facilities to extend their useful life.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (policies prioritizing maintenance, asset management, and preservation of existing infrastructure); Chapter 8: Funding Strategy (financial plan allocations for system preservation and maintenance)
(9) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and	The RTP improves resiliency and reliability by addressing climate adaptation and emergency preparedness. It incorporates strategies to strengthen infrastructure against natural hazards and to maintain reliable transportation links during disasters. The plan promotes projects that improve system redundancy and supports measures to reduce stormwater impacts to enhance long-term reliability and sustainability of the region’s transportation network.	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (Goal and policies for transportation resiliency); Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints (identification of climate change impacts, flood risks, and mitigation strategies)
(10) Enhance travel and tourism.	The RTP supports travel and tourism by planning for transportation facilities and services that improve visitor access to key destinations in the region. It includes improvements to highway corridors and scenic routes that carry tourists, investments in the	Chapter 5: Regional Transportation System; Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework (policies linking transportation investments

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	ferry system which serves island and recreational travel, and enhancements to bicycle and pedestrian trails that attract tourism and outdoor recreation.	with economic development and tourism in the region)

Table 3. State Requirements

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RCW 36.70A	Growth Management Act (GMA) integration	Chapter 1: Introduction; Chapter 2: Planning Context	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.
RCW 47.80.023	Consistency with Countywide Planning Policies	Chapter 2: Planning Context; Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework	The RTP is consistent with adopted Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The RTP demonstrates consistency by aligning its policy framework with applicable CPP topics, including climate, multimodal level of service, and regional coordination.
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.

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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.
RCW 47.01.440	Per-capita VMT reduction benchmarks	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework; Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints	The RTP references state-established per-capita VMT reduction benchmarks and includes policies that support regional consistency with state climate and transportation efficiency objectives.
RCW 70A.45.020	Greenhouse gas reduction limits	Chapter 4: Transportation Policy Framework; Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints	The RTP includes policies supporting reduced transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.
State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) RCW 43.21C	SEPA compliance	Chapter 6: Environmental Constraints; Appendix J: Environmental Review	SCOG determined that the RTP will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and therefore issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the RTP pursuant to Chapter 197-11 of the Washington Administrative Code. The DNS was made after a review of the SEPA Environmental Checklist for the Plan along with other information on file with SCOG.
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.