

# Strategizing to Improve Mobility throughout Skagit County

The Skagit Council of Governments is partnering with local communities and entities to develop the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The completed RTP will list transportation priorities that support the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout Skagit County.

# What is the Regional **Transportation Plan?**

#### A LONG-TERM PLAN

that helps identify and prioritize future transportation needs in Skagit County.

#### A LIST OF REGIONAL PROJECTS

and potential funding options to address transportation needs in Skagit County.

#### A POSITIONING OF PROJECTS

Recommended to become eligible to receive local, state, tribal, and federal funding.

#### THE FIRST STEP

in implementing vital improvements to the transportation system in Skagit County to better serve its travelers and economy.

Flip over for additional info on the RTP



#### Plan Priorities

The previously adopted RTP includes the priorities listed below. They align with the state's transportation priorities and are proposed to be carried forward in the 2050 RTP. Additional priorities can be added.

#### **Economic Vitality**

Develop transportation systems that support a prosperous economy.



#### **Mobility**

Improve the predictable movement of goods and people in Skagit County.



#### Preservation

Extend the life and utility of prior transportation investments.



#### **Environment**

Invest in transportation that protects communities and the environment.



## Safety

Improve the safety and security of travelers and the transportation system.



### Stewardship

Maintain quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation system.



## **Plan Timeline**

**Project Update Travel** 

**Conduct Analysis &** Launch Demand Model Draft Regional Transportation Plan

**Public** Comment **Period** 

Adopt Plan

2025 Q1 2025 Q2 2025 Q3 2025 Q4 2026 Q1

# How will the Regional Transportation Plan be updated?

Skagit Council of Governments is gathering public input and coordinating with local, state, tribal and federal authorities to review and update the current RTP. The current RTP looks out to the year 2045; the update will look out to 2050.

www.scog.net/MTP-RTP/2021/2024-Amendment/ Skagit2045RTP-Amended-2024.7.17.pdf

# How can I share my input about transportation priorities in Skagit County?

- 1. Contact a project team member by phone or email.
- 2. Contribute to the mapping activity on moveskagit2050.com.
- We will seek feedback through existing local committees and community organizations, and by connecting with the people of Skagit County at meetings this summer and fall.

In early 2026, the draft plan will be published for public review and comment.

# What are challenges addressed by projects from the Regional Transportation Plan?

- Connectivity gaps between different modes of transportation
- Limited access to goods and services for underserved communities
- Environmental and ecological impacts of the current transportation system
- Congestion on local streets and highways
- Safety concerns for all modes of transportation
- Degrading transportation infrastructure including roads and bridges
- Project funding constraints and barriers
- Effects of climate change on transportation infrastructure

# What projects will be included in the Regional Transportation Plan?

Some projects are already included in the 2045 RTP and will be carried over to the 2050 version.

Examples of projects included in the 2045 RTP that could be carried over to the 2050 RTP include:

- Blackburn Road Extension
- Cascade Trail East Extension
- SR 20 Safe Access Improvements
- Anacortes Terminal Replacement

As part of RTP development, estimated costs as well as estimated available revenue for these projects will be calculated. Limited funding will require tradeoffs, and some projects may be unaffordable, based on future financial estimates.





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