



# **Washington County Transportation Study**

## ***Draft Study Approach for Public Comment***

***defining 20 - 50 year transportation investment choices***

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# History

- Funding originally pursued by City of Hillsboro
- Last Summer, the legislature approved \$1.5 million study funding for Washington County, due to study's intended county-wide assessment
- The county did not prepare a scope of work in advance because it was uncertain if the funds would be forthcoming
- County staff has been working to develop a study approach; draft is ready for review and public comment

# What the Study Is (and Is Not)

- **What It Is:**

- A long term look (20-50 years out) to evaluate a range of transportation solutions, using best data available

- **What It Is Not:**

- Transportation System Plan
- A “West Side Bypass” study

# Opportunities

## **The study will provide the opportunity to:**

- think big and look far beyond the Transportation System Plan's 20-year horizon
- take a look back at previous studies (including West Side Bypass/LUTRAQ) and see how projections made in the past materialized
- study evolving demographic and economic conditions, development trends and travel patterns
- evaluate pros and cons of alternative transportation investment scenarios
- position us for continued success in the future

# Proposed Approach

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# Proposed Approach

## Phase 2 - Taking Stock *Summer-Fall 2014*

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### **Deliverable:**

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# Proposed Approach

## Phase 3 - Looking Ahead

*Fall 2014-Summer 2015*

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# Proposed Approach

## Phase 4 - Reporting out *Fall 2015*

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Public Input

# Roles and Responsibilities

- Department of Land Use & Transportation (LUT)
- Board of County Commissioners
- Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC)
- Advisory Committee
- Consultant
- Technical Staff
- Other stakeholders
- Public

# Current Status and Next Steps

- **Current status:**

- Public comment period on Draft Study Approach ends January 28, 2014

- **Next Steps:**

- After January 28, assemble comments and return to Board to finalize study approach and move forward with consultant process
- Form project technical teams as needed