



## DUTIES OF THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

As MPO and RTPO for the region, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council shall:

- Maintain a **continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process** for developing plans and programs that consider all modes of transportation
- Ensure that interstate transportation issues are coordinated between Washington and Oregon
- **Certify the transportation elements of comprehensive plans** adopted by the region's counties, cities and towns conform with the requirements of RCW §36.70A.070 [Growth Management Act of 1990]
- Develop, adopt and biennially review a long-range **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**. The plan is developed in accordance with the federal transportation legislation and consistent with the comprehensive plans of the counties, cities and towns within the region and with the state transportation plan. The Plan:
  - identifies transportation facilities that should function as an integrated regional transportation system
  - includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the long-range plan can be implemented
  - assesses capital investment and other measures necessary to ensure preservation and efficiency of use of the existing metropolitan transportation system to relieve traffic congestion and maximize the mobility of people and goods. Proposed transportation enhancement activities are indicated.
- Coordinate the long-range Plan with federal **Clean Air Act** requirements including air quality State Implementation Plan.
- Provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation departments and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Plan
- Develop a **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** for the area. The Program includes a priority list of projects and project segments to be carried out within the 4-year period after adoption of the TIP and a finance plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented
- Monitor the **Congestion Management Process** which provides for effective management of new and existing transportation facilities eligible for federal funding through the use of travel demand reduction and operational management strategies