



## Kittitas County Transportation Element 2018-2038\*

\*The Kittitas County Transportation Element is in draft mode and will be posted upon completion.

The Kittitas County Transportation Element seeks to provide a safe, balanced, and efficient multi-modal transportation system that serves anticipated local and regional growth. Guidance from County staff and the Policy Working Group helped identify five goals, which serve as the foundation for this element:

1. **Safe-** Create a transportation network that can be shared safely by all users and provides sufficient access for emergency response and designated evacuation routes.
2. **Efficient and Accommodates Growth, but Respects Rural Character-** Provide a transportation system that works hand-in-hand with existing and planned land uses, supports farm-to-market and recreational tourism needs, but respects the rural character and wildlife that residents cherish.
3. **Complete, Multimodal, and Accommodates Outdoor Recreation-** Fill gaps in the system to accommodate safe and enjoyable travel by those choosing to walk, bike, or use transit, including recreational users.
4. **Leveraged by Active Partnerships-** Coordinate with a broad range of groups (including local, state, and regional agencies, airports, businesses, and the public) to develop and operate the transportation system.
5. **Sustainably Funded and Maintains What We Have-** Plan for a financially-viable system that considers the full lifecycle costs of infrastructure and leverages outside funds, while maintaining existing transportation facilities in a state-of-good-repair to ensure their continued function.

The Transportation Element sets a framework for creating a transportation network that will help Kittitas County achieve its vision.

The County's last major Comprehensive Plan update, in 2008, was reviewed and key projects that were not yet completed, but still considered viable, are included in the 20-year project list for this Transportation Element.