

Outline

- Introduction to Sync
- Where we are and how we got here
- Key Sync Activities
- What's Next

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Improvement Today and a Foundation for Tomorrow...

Legislative Directive:

ESHB 1677 requires the Public Works Board to create an interagency multijurisdictional system improvement team to:

- Enhance communication and collaboration between state agencies and with local governments;
- Identify barriers and propose solutions;
- Reduce redundancies and streamline;
- Identify and improve mechanisms that ensure periodic, system-wide review; and
- Identify alternative financing mechanisms.


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Outcomes and Strategic Objectives

1. Eliminate barriers to access funding
2. Invest in high-impact projects
3. Give maximum value by building capacity for infrastructure management in local jurisdictions
4. Ensure long-term care and maintenance of state-funded infrastructure
5. Encourage coordination between local jurisdictions, state agencies, and private sector
6. Optimal use and leveraging
7. Explore and document alternative financing options

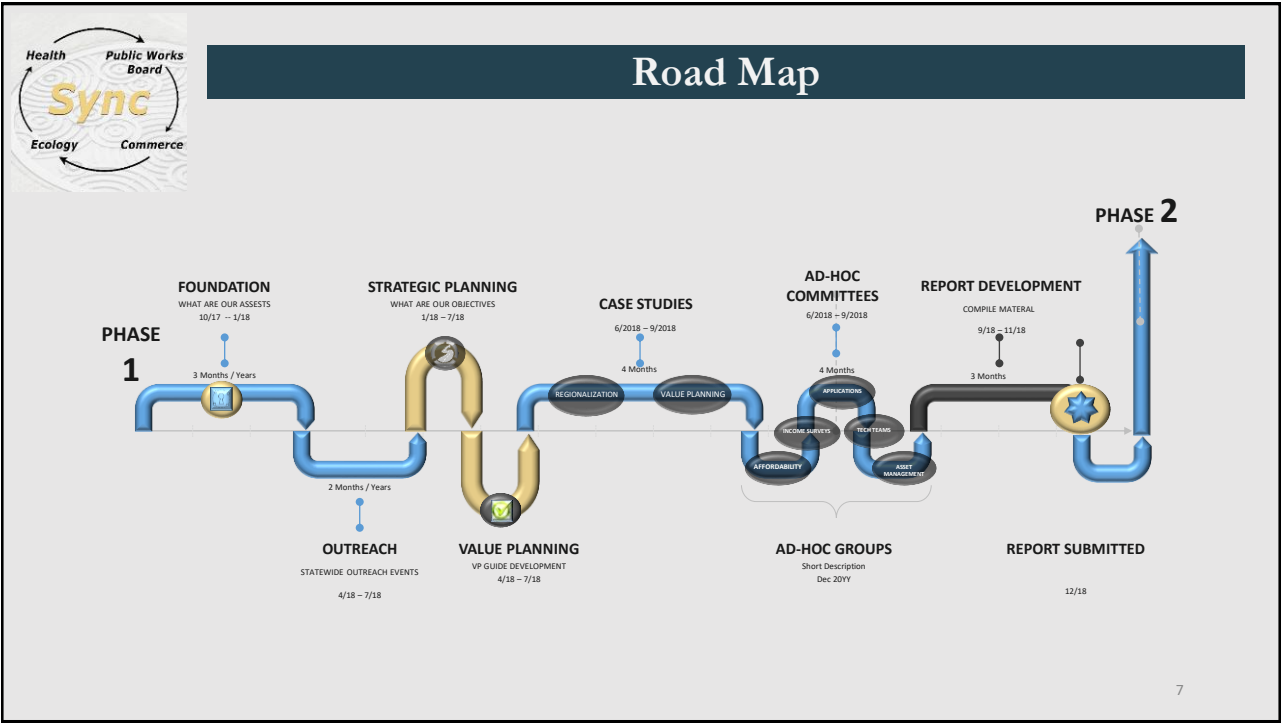
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Outreach and Survey Data

Category	Subtotal (n=124)	Thematic Barriers
Client Internal	6 (5%)	Lack of local staff to develop requirements and supervise projects
Collaboration	11 (9%)	Perception regarding lack of state agency collaboration
Consistent Financing	32 (26%)	Lack of state funds to support current local demand
Education/Outreach	15 (12%)	Lack of knowledge regarding availability and process of state loans/grants
Income Surveys	1 (1%)	Surveys are invasive, expensive, and not reimbursable
Policy External	5 (4%)	State processes and requirements are less complex than federal
Policy Internal	31 (25%)	Challenges with the loan/grant application process
Regional Governance	2 (2%)	Lack of trust between small communities and knowing how to begin
Tech Teams	3 (2%)	Trainer turnover, lack of availability, and shortage of technical expertise
Best Practices	18 (14%)	Lack of resources and technical expertise to plan and develop strategy

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	3. Asset Management
	4. Regional Governance and Local Resource Efficiency
	5. Decision Package Requests for Coordinated Technical Assistance
Sync Program Process Improvements	6. Affordability and Hardship
	7. Applications
	8. Electronic Access and Support Portal
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Tech Teams – Model Structure

- Define: Tech Teams vs Technical Assistance
- Report: Work Group Findings
- Phase II: Implement model tech team structure

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Affordability and Hardship

- Align: interest rate considerations
- Standardize: underwriting among state programs
- Phase II: Develop a common process for hardship determination

Figure 3
Federal Contribution to Total Infrastructure Spending

Year	Water Utilities	Highways	Aviation	All Transportation Infrastructure
1977	65%	45%	75%	55%
1980	55%	45%	65%	55%
1985	45%	45%	55%	55%
1990	35%	45%	55%	55%
1995	25%	45%	55%	55%
2000	15%	45%	55%	55%
2005	10%	45%	55%	55%
2010	10%	45%	55%	55%
2015	10%	45%	55%	55%

Source: CBO 2015

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Regional Governance & Local Efficiency

- Highlight: the power of Interlocal (or Intergovernmental) Cooperation Agreements (RCW 39.34)
- Study: current regional partnerships
- Phase II: Facilitate proactive collaboration


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Decision Package Requests for Coordinated Tech Assistance



- Identify: stakeholder feedback
- Report: additional SCI staff support
- Phase II: increase technical assistance staff


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Workforce Development

- Identify: Workforce gaps
- Support: Workforce educational opportunities
- Phase II: Consider outreach and education opportunities





Value Planning

- Identify: Value planning as a best practice
- Develop: Introductory value planning guide
- Phase II: Develop comprehensive value planning guidance


Think of value planning as a tool to:

- ✓ Build the right project
- ✓ For the right reasons
- ✓ At the right time
- ✓ Using the right technology
- ✓ At the right size
- ✓ And at the right level of complexity for your community

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Electronic Access and Support Portal

- Define: assumptions and constraints regarding a State multi-agency electronic portal
- Develop: tools and capabilities for a portal
- Phase II: Develop scope of work and explore opportunities to implement



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How you can get involved!

Questions?

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