

Transportation Futures Study  
4-24-15 Study Advisory Committee  
Self intro and Goals

Hello my name is Steve Larrance. I have spent much of the last 35 years actively involved in efforts to deal with the transportation problems and opportunities created by the growth in Washington County. My work began as a representative of a local community, included time on the County Commission, and has continued long after that working with numerous committees and studies.

From that involvement I have clearly heard the opinion from a majority of people living and traveling in our County: what we have been doing for the last twenty years is not working for them. The present plan and policies that allow an ever increasing amount of congestion is wasting their fuel and time and creating unnecessary personal tension in their lives. And foremost the public is not willing to financially support this system. I think we would all agree that there have been some small and localized successes but we do need to admit that the ability to move people and goods through our County continues to deteriorate.

The goal for this committee needs to be to help our elected officials adopt a long range transportation plan and realistic implementation measures that will:

- achieve publicly acceptable levels of service
- include all sizes and types of facilities including limited access roadways that will serve all forms of public and private vehicles and pedestrians
- protect residential neighborhoods from the trespass by cut through traffic looking to avoid congestion on through routes
- seize the opportunity with new urban areas to create regionally connecting limited access travel and utility corridors

I believe that this properly sized and complete system would not only create the smallest carbon footprint, but would be so acceptable to the public that they would be willing to support it financially.

Regarding the question: What item or issue will change the way building or travel occurs 20-50 years from now?

There will undoubtedly be many many more people here due to ample water and the industrial base founded in the last several decades. But even with more opportunity to work and school at home there will always be the need to effectively move people, goods and services and locate utilities within increasingly difficult to obtain public rights of way. Future technology including private computerized vehicles and more express public transit will be even more reliant not less reliant upon larger rights of way including limited access corridors to safely move through a more dense urban area. It the responsibility of our comprehensive land use and transportation plans to assure that we obtain that essential right of way for future public use.