

# **Progress Report Summary – July 2013**

## **Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Alternative Transportation Feasibility Study Phase II**

### **Background & Timeline**

**2007:** Transportation Assistance Group (TAG) visit and report (joint with Mount Rainier National Park).

**2008:** MBSNF applied for and received a Federal Transit Administration Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks (TRIP) Program planning grant for \$500,000.

**2011-2012:** Phase I of the Alternative Transportation Feasibility Study. Phase I was the scoping phase and was intended to identify how the remainder of the funding could be best used, given the multiple corridors and issues and limited resources. Phase I consisted of goal identification, data assessment, stakeholder meetings, and development of a statement of work for Phase II.

**2012-2013:** Phase II of the Alternative Transportation Feasibility Study.

<b>Tasks / Corridors</b>	<b>SR-542</b>	<b>US-2</b>	<b>I-90</b>	<b>SR-410</b>
Stakeholder and Public Outreach Strategy	X	X	X	X
Data Collection & Analysis*	Limited	Limited	X	
Traveler Information Assessment	X	X	X	X
Transit Feasibility Assessment			X	

\*Visitor data collection provided by West Virginia University (WVU).

### **Project Website**

The project website includes background information and links to key completed deliverables, including the Phase I report:

<http://www.volpe.dot.gov/coi/ppoa/publiclands/projects/mtbaker.html>

**Schedule and Status of Task Activities: July 2012 through December 2013 (green = deliverable; red = WVU task; blue = site visit)**

Task	Completed	Ongoing	Future
	July 2012 through May 2013	June through August 2013	September 2013 through December 2013
<b>Project Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of project website</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website updates</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholder and Public Outreach Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Revised stakeholder contact list</b></li> <li><b>Corridor meetings week of October 22, 2012</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of future outreach activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email updates to stakeholders</li> <li>Final stakeholder contact list</li> <li><b>Final report webinar/meeting</b></li> </ul>
<b>Data Collection &amp; Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Summer (August) and winter (February) parking occupancy data collection and analysis</b></li> <li><i>Summer visitor survey (I-90, SR-542, US-2) and winter visitor survey (I-90) (WVU)</i></li> <li><i>Focus groups for I-90 (WVU)</i></li> <li>Carrying capacity/visitor management meetings and tool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Documentation of surveys and focus groups (WVU)</i></li> <li>Documentation of carrying capacity/visitor management discussions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporation of findings into final report</li> </ul>
<b>Traveler Information Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Traveler information existing systems and gaps</b></li> <li><b>Identified strategies for further evaluation and recommendations</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder outreach</li> <li><b>Interim and final reports</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporation into final report</li> </ul>
<b>Transit Feasibility Assessment for I-90</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Existing Conditions</b></li> <li><b>Case Studies</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and assessment of alternatives</li> <li>Consideration of traveler information</li> <li><b>Stakeholder outreach and site visit</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Draft and final feasibility reports</b></li> </ul>
<b>Compilation of the Final Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Outline</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting of sections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Draft and final reports</b></li> </ul>
<b>Briefings of Forest Staff</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mid-project presentation</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Final report presentation</b></li> </ul>