

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Elizabeth joined the Washington State Department of Transportation in 1992, after working for several years in the Texas Department of Transportation. Elizabeth's 20-year career in transportation has spanned areas such as roadside issues related to erosion control and protection of endangered native plants, to environmental regulatory compliance and historic preservation, to corridor management planning for several historic and scenic byways and other routes, coordination with regional and local governments in transportation planning, statewide highway system planning including bicycle, pedestrian, and tourism needs. Elizabeth and her staff worked to establish the WSDOT's first context sensitive design policy and strategy. Now as Transportation Planning Manager, Elizabeth is responsible for the state's long-range transportation plan and related policy development, for statewide coordination with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) in the state, and for nurturing a newly created Tribal Transportation Planning Organization as a forum for the 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington. Land use and transportation issues are prominent in the work of the Transportation Planning Office. Elizabeth is also WSDOT's lead coordinator for our state's responsiveness to the 2010 Winter Olympics to be held in neighboring Vancouver/Whistler, British Columbia, on cross-border issues and transportation projects and operations.

Elizabeth holds Bachelor and Masters degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She grew up in Southeast Texas, and now makes her home in the Washington's capital city Olympia at the southern end of Puget Sound, within sight of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier (on a clear day).