## **Integrated Transportation Plan**

JIM Briefing 12 - 9 - 14



#### Meeting Objectives

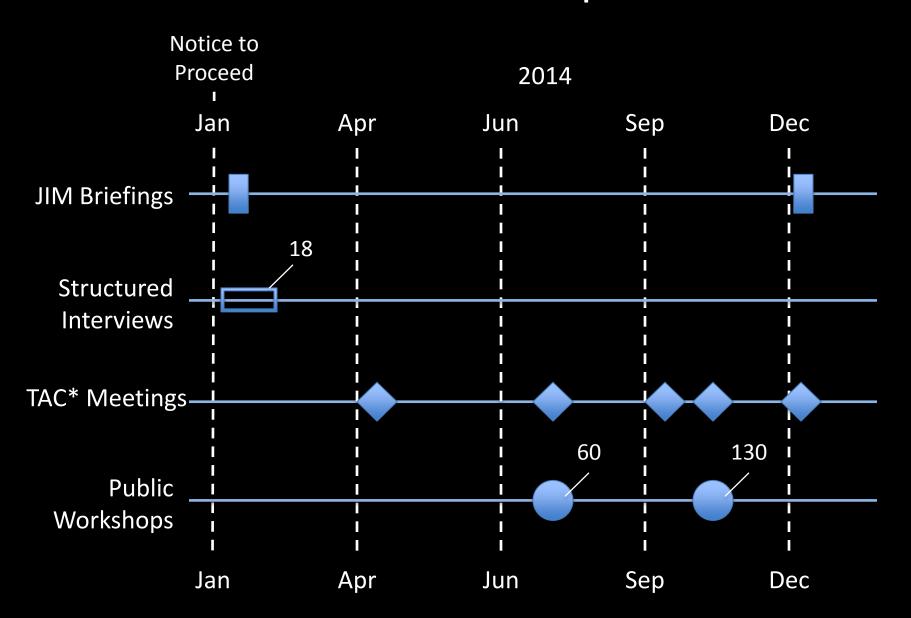
- Provide thorough briefing for elected leaders
- Preview implementation recommendations
- Discover issues, concerns, missing elements
- Set stage for adoption process

#### Agenda

- Plan Development Process
- Structure and Approach
- Indicators and Benchmarks
- Baseline Scenario
- Plan Scenario
- Implementation
- Revenue

## Plan Development Process

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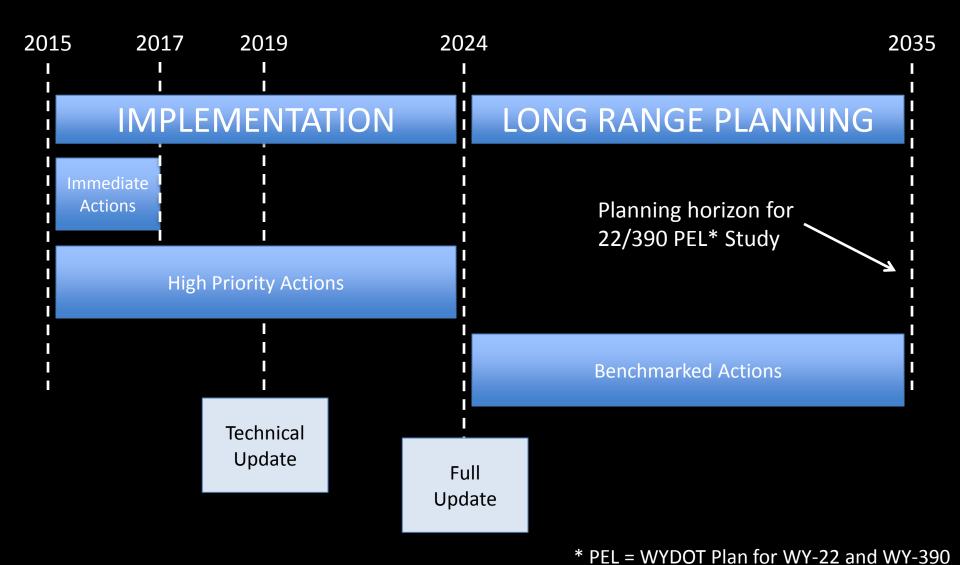
<sup>\*</sup> TAC = technical advisory committee

### Structure and Approach

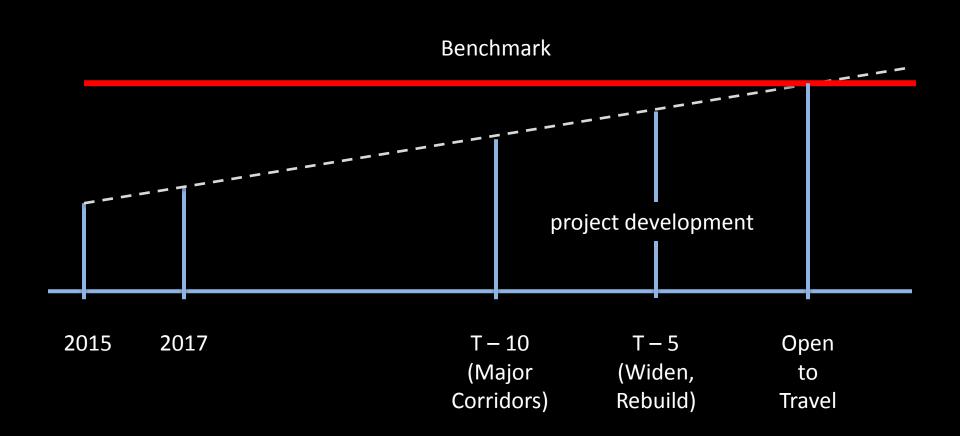
# Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Guidance

- Base the Integrated Transportation Plan on adopted Comprehensive Plan
  - Policies are already set
  - Focus on strategic implementation
- Simplify analytical process
- Make information transparent and accessible
- Rely on a lean, focused public process

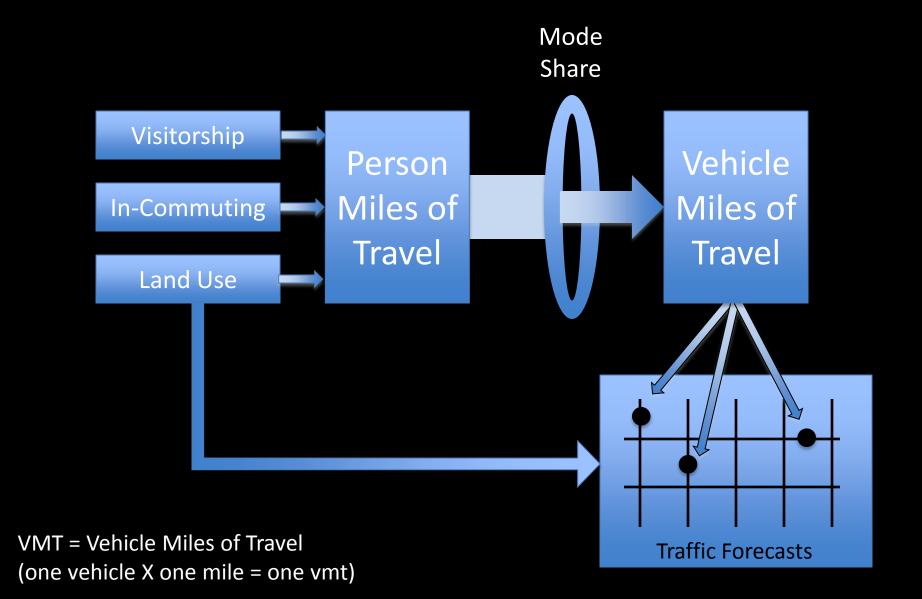
#### **Planning Horizons**



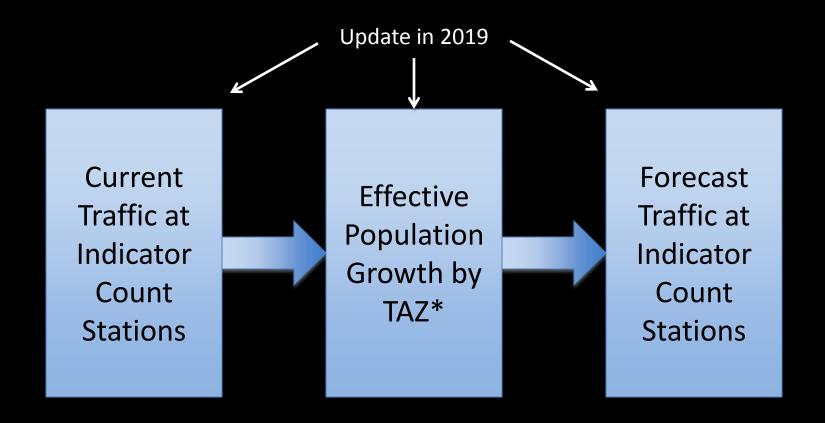
#### Strategic Approach to Major Projects



#### VMT Model (update in 2019)

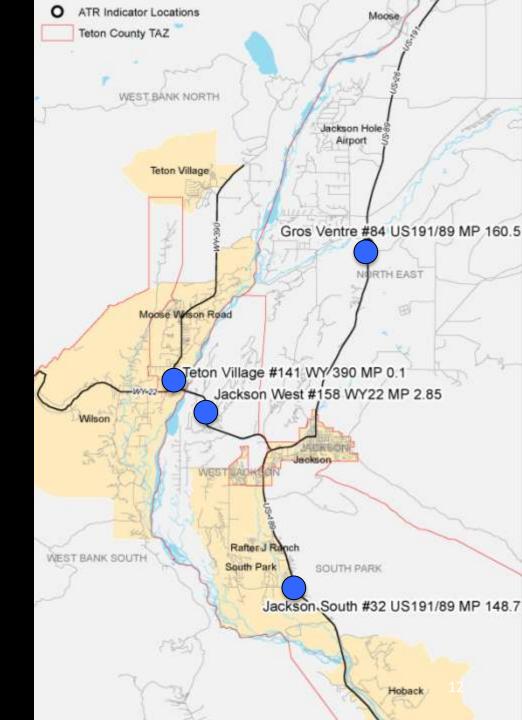


#### Traffic Benchmarks Model



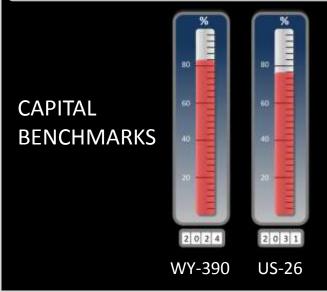
# Traffic Indicator County Locations

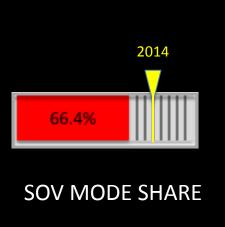
WYDOT Permanent
Traffic Recorder Locations



### Indicators and Benchmarks



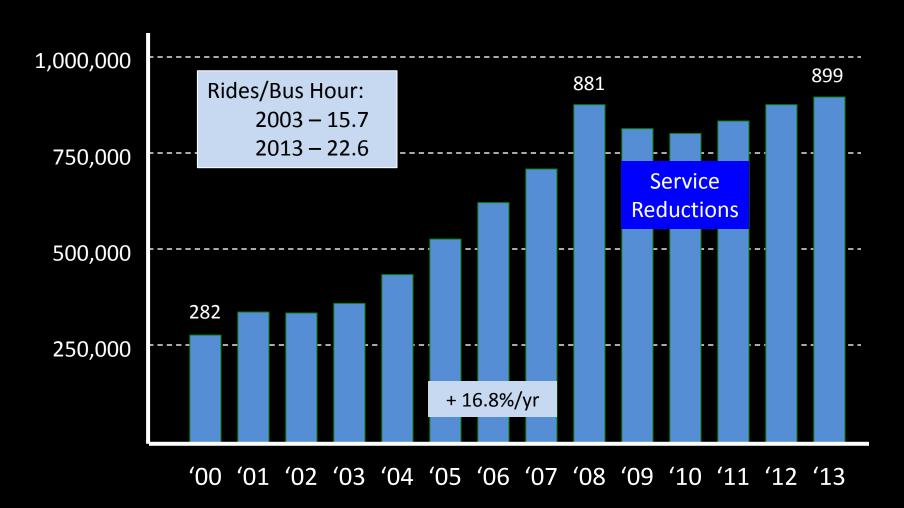






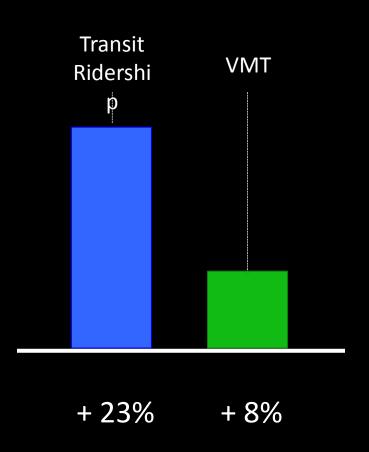
#### Transit Ridership Trend

(Annual Boardings)



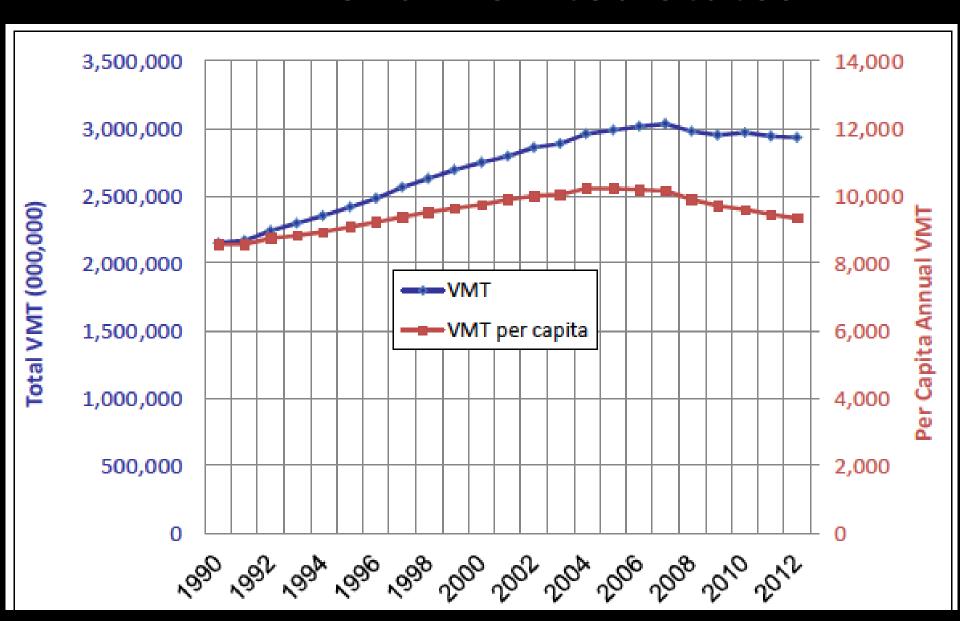
Source: START

# Growth in VMT & Transit Ridership United States 2000 - 2012

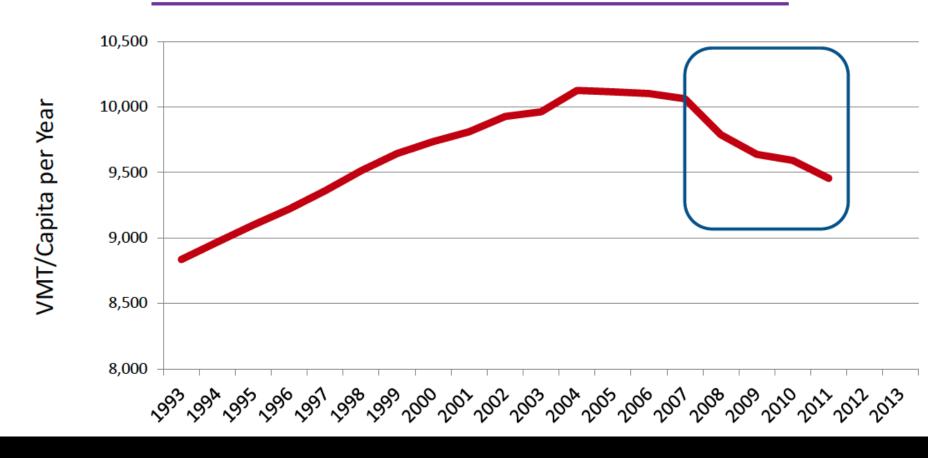


Source: FHWA and APTA

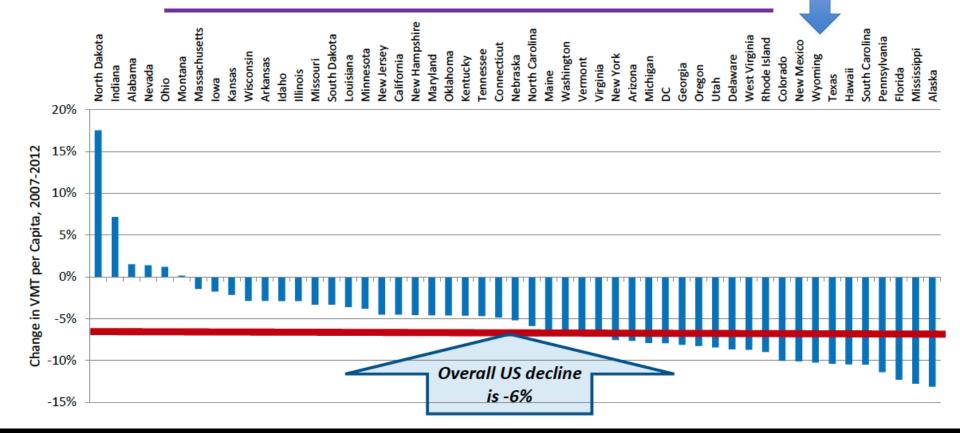
#### VMT Trend – United States



#### VMT per capita: an unprecedented change:

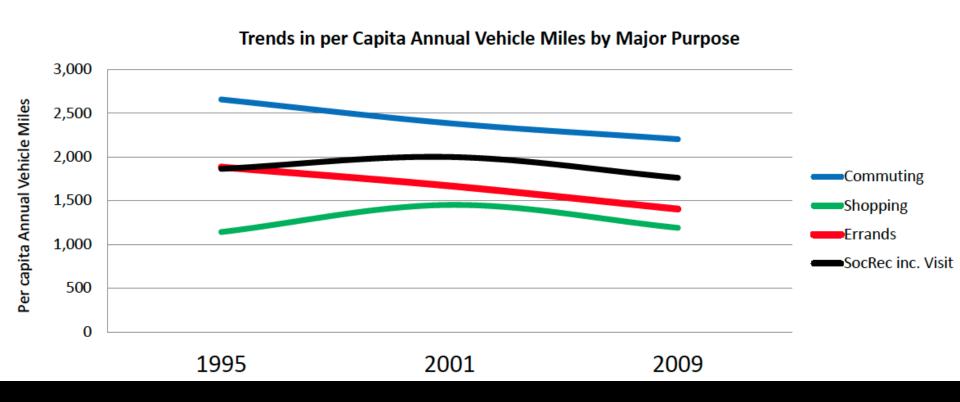


#### Changes in per capita VMT by State 2007-2012:



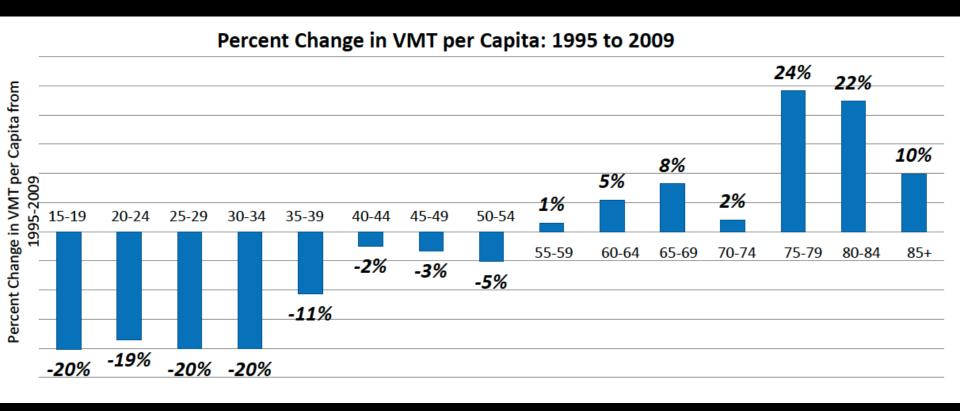
#### Private vehicle travel for all purposes has declined:

(Measured in VMT per Capita)

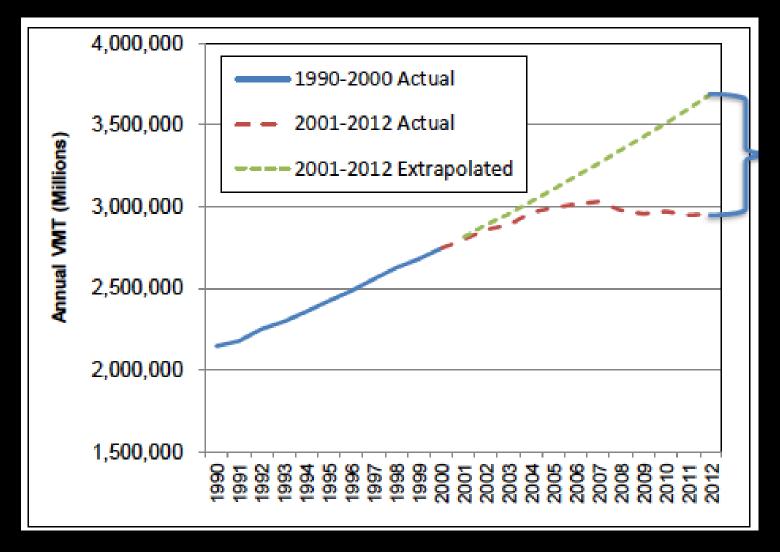


Source: United States Energy Information Agency

#### Not Just Millennials



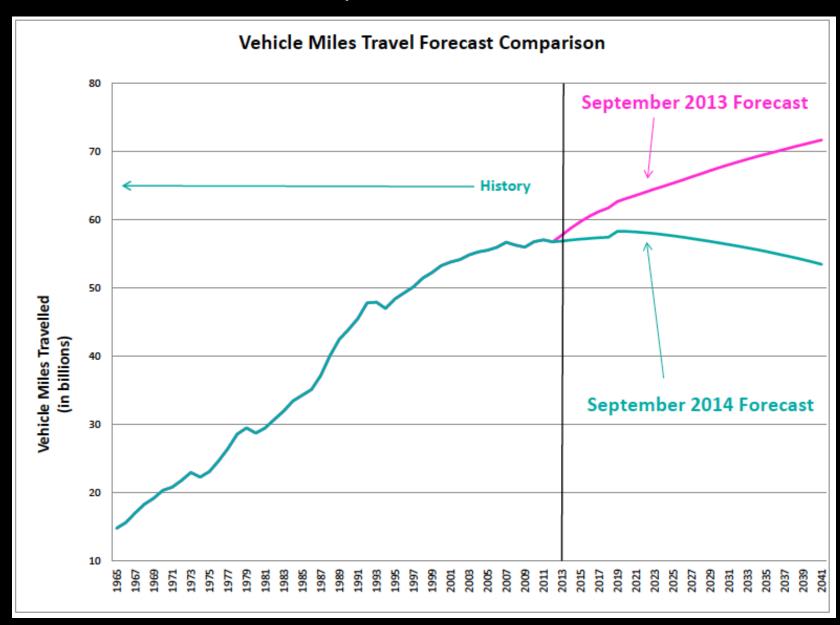
#### Trend-Line Forecasts Can Be Wrong



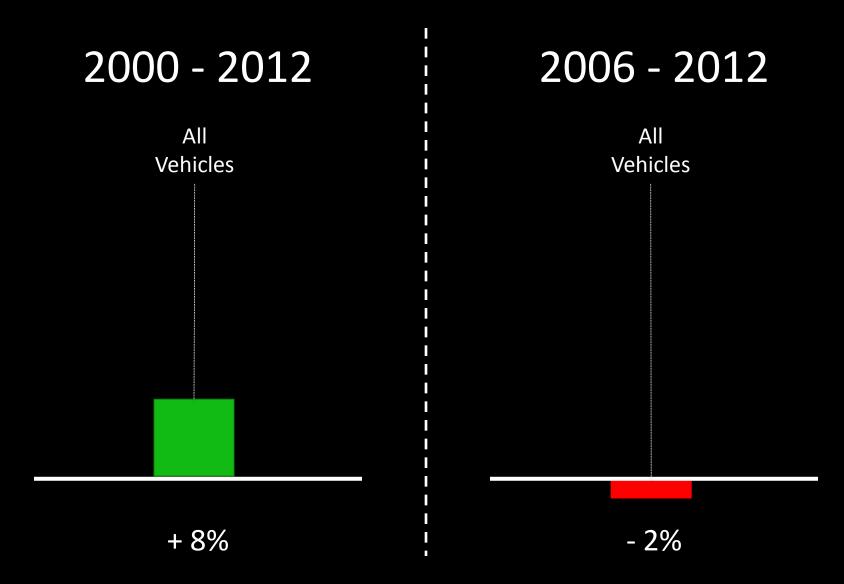
- 25%

Source: Center for Urban Transportation Research, USF

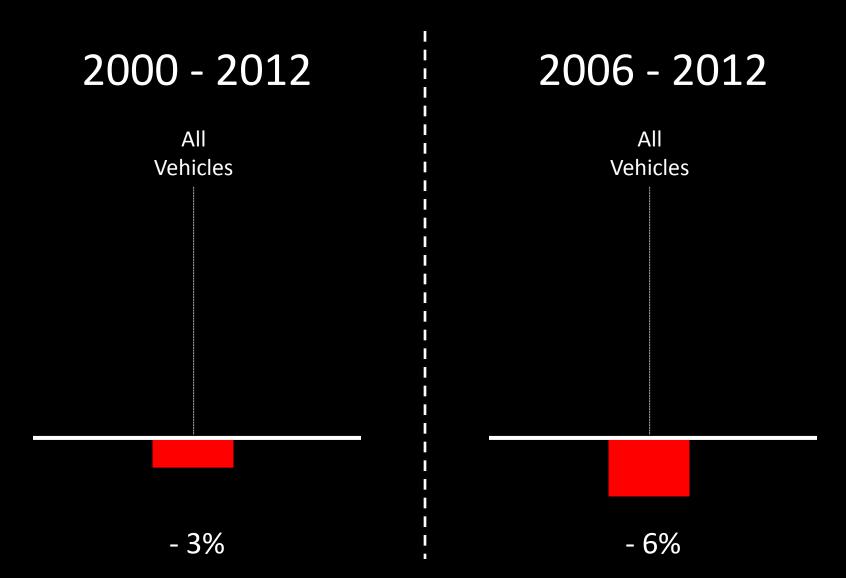
# State of Washington Transportation Revenue Forecast Council September 2014



#### Trends in Total US VMT

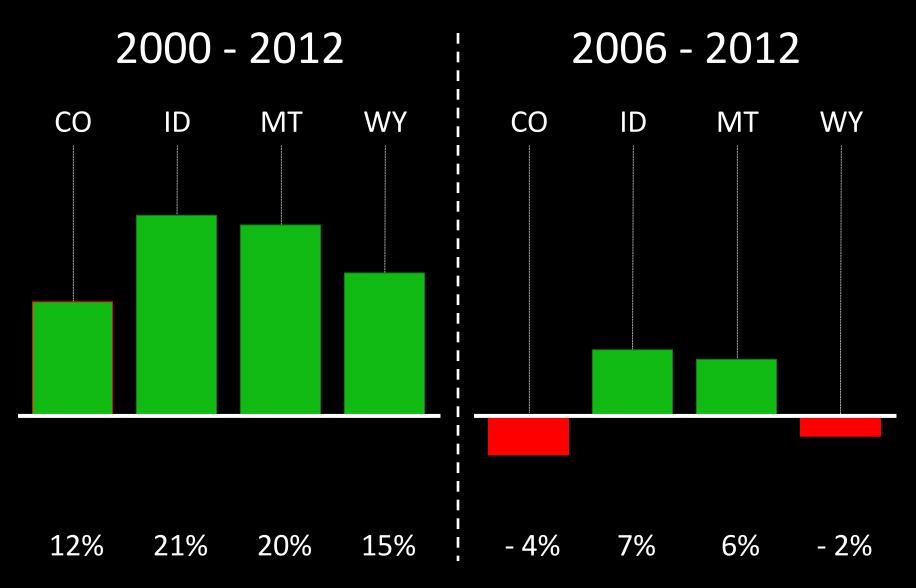


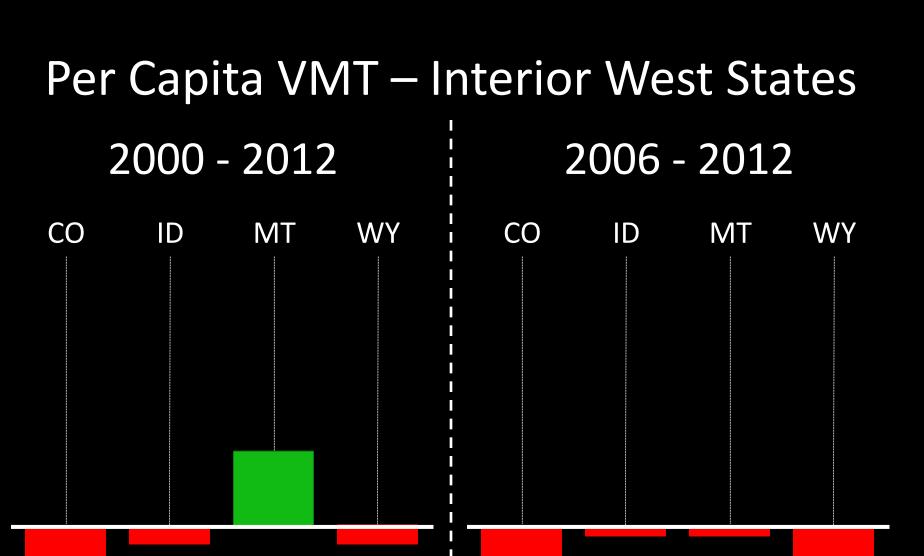
#### Per Capita US VMT



Source: FHWA and US Census Bureau

#### VMT Trends — Interior West States

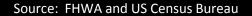




- 6%

- 1% - 1%

- 8%



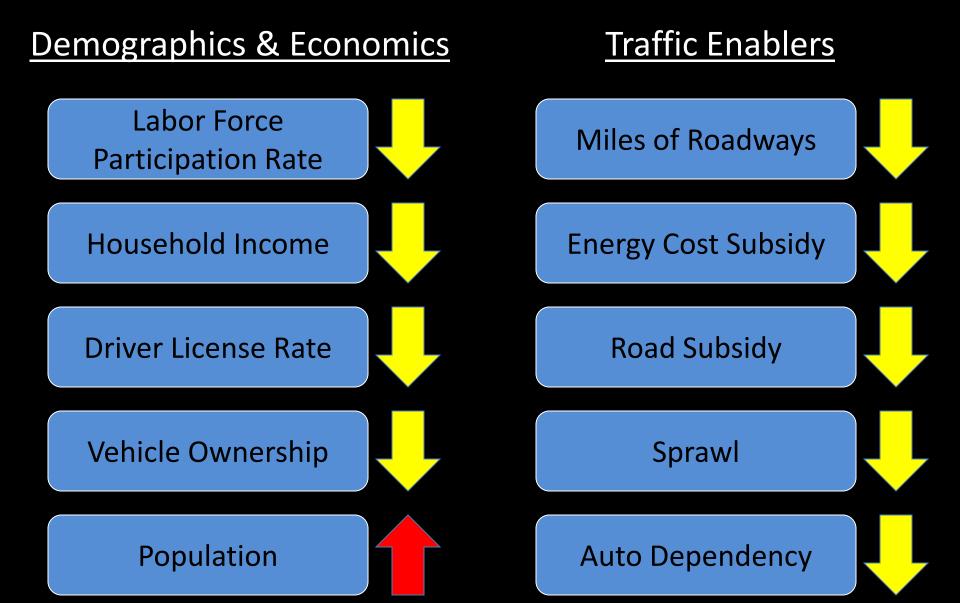
- 7%

- 2%

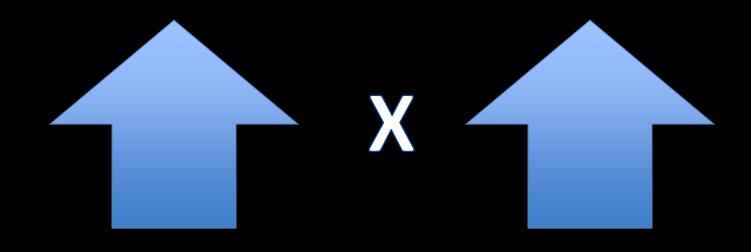
8%

- 2%

#### What Drives VMT and What's the Trend?



# 2984 VMT =

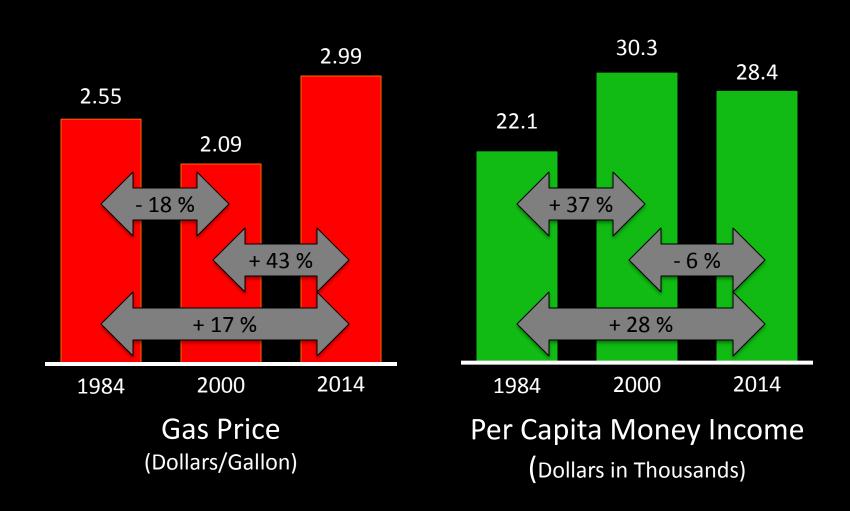


Per Capita VMT

**Population** 

#### US Gas Prices & Personal Income

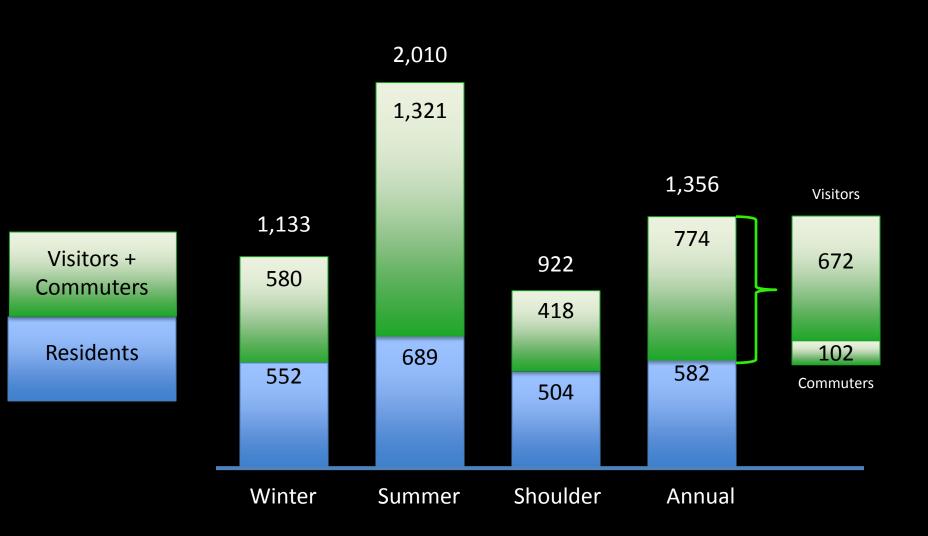
(2014 Dollars)



Source: Census Bureau and BLS

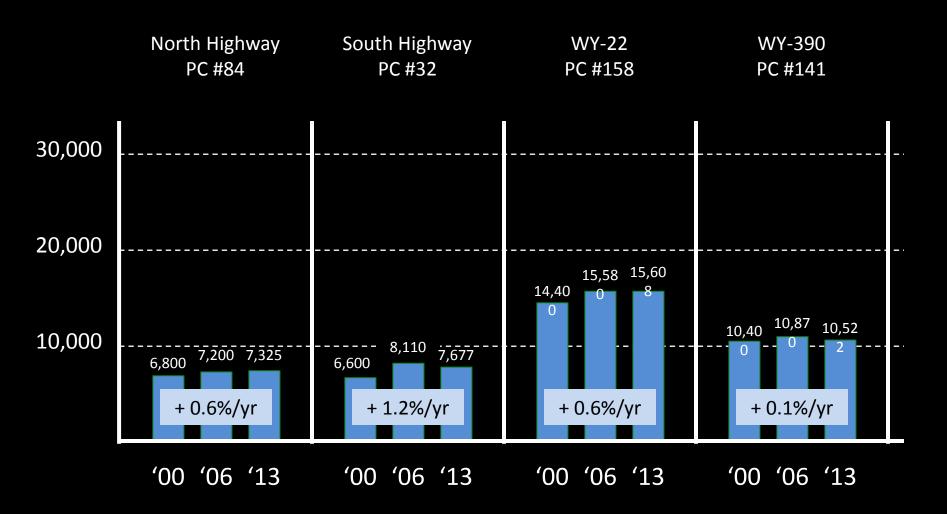
#### 2013 Teton County VMT

Annual VMT – Thousands of Miles



#### Traffic Trends – Indicator Count Sites\*

(Average Annual Daily Traffic, 2000 – 2013\*)

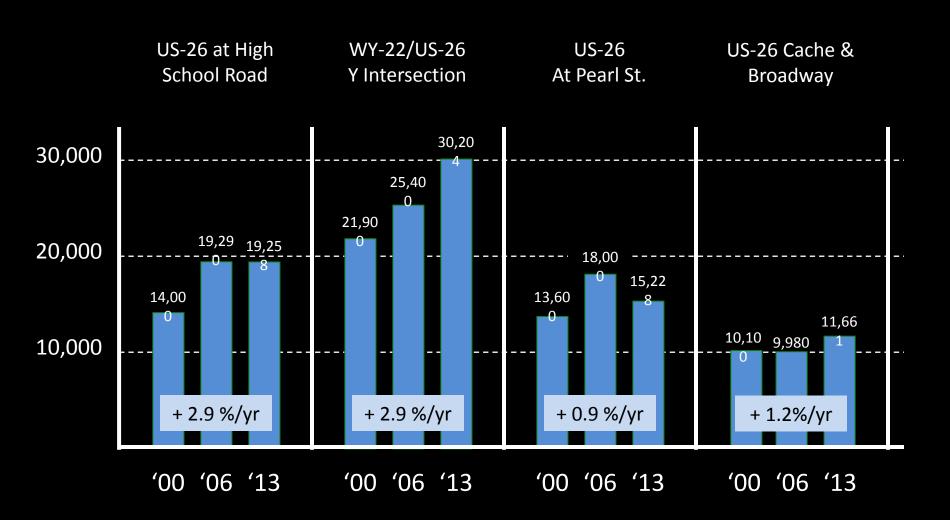


\*Permanent Count Locations

Source: WYDOT

#### Traffic Trends – In Town

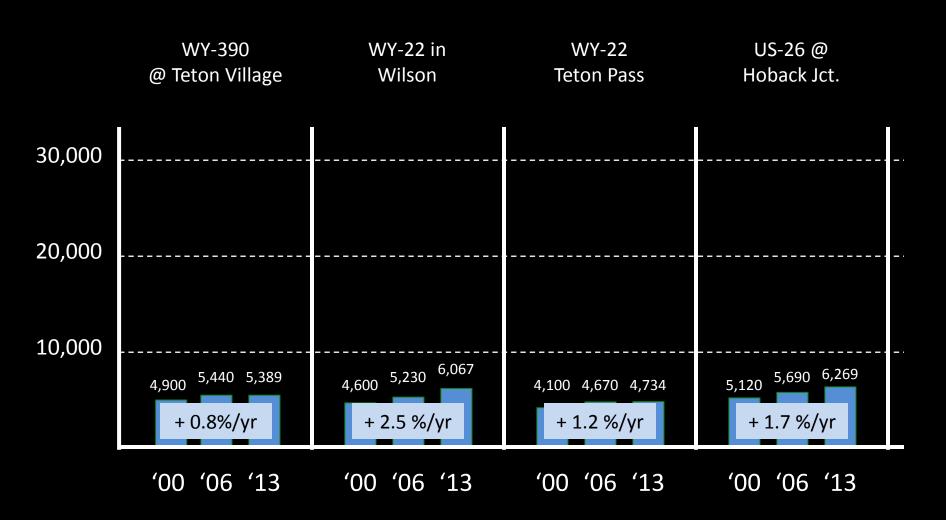
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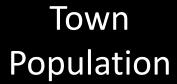
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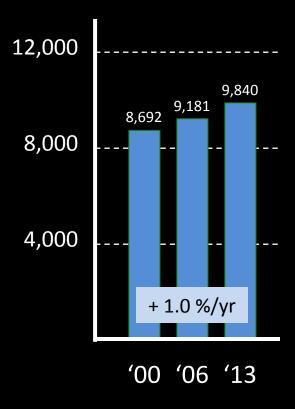
(Average Annual Daily Traffic)



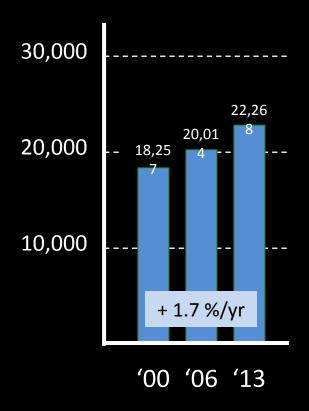
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#### **Related Trends**



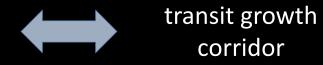


# County Population

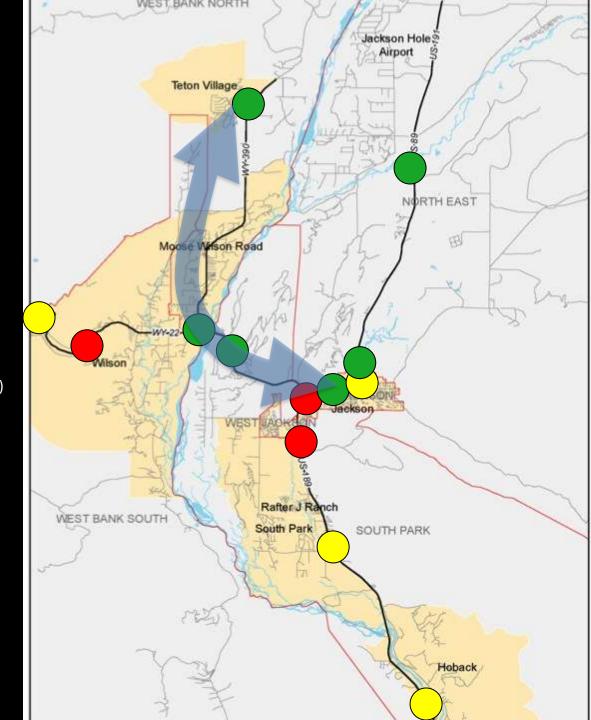


# Average Annual Traffic Growth: 2000 - 2013

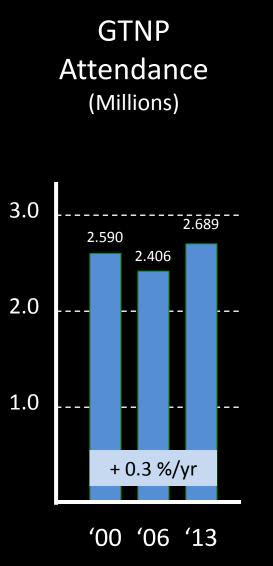
- 0% 1% (doubles in 100+ years)
- 1% 2% (doubles in 50 100 years)
- 2% 3% (doubles in 33 50 years)

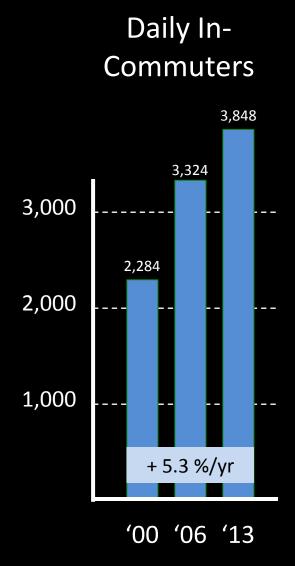


(straight line growth rates, not compounded)



## Related Trends





Source: NPS Source: Census Bureau

#### Observations – Traffic Trends

- Where traffic growth on major roads has occurred:
  - US-26 in West Jackson (at Y intersection & High School Rd)
  - WY-22 in Wilson
- Except at the Y Intersection, little traffic growth has occurred in Teton County since 2006
- Visitor traffic has grown less than 1% annually
- START service increases & Village TDM program have reduced traffic growth in the Town to Village corridor

#### Conclusions

- Traffic growth has been driven by economics
  - increased commercial space + dwelling units in West Jackson
  - increased in-commuting (both Teton Pass & Snake River)
- Visitorship has not been a source of increased traffic
- Teton County population has been decentralizing
- Transit has been effective in Town Village corridor
- Core area circulation all modes is an important need

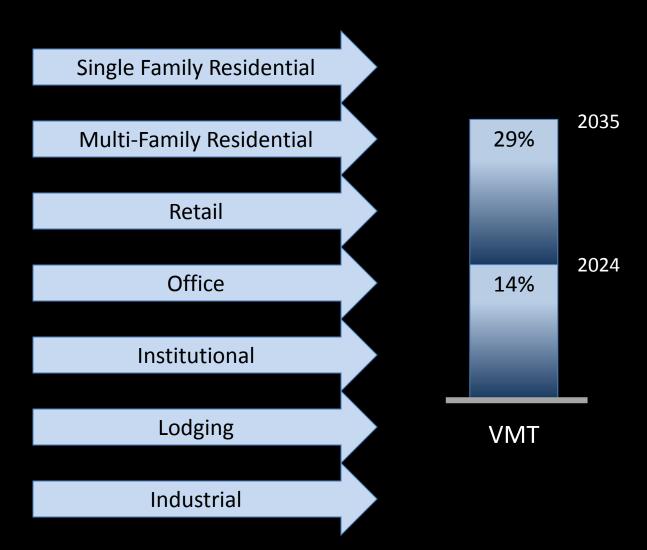
# Baseline Scenario

#### **Baseline Scenario**

- No further change in per capita VMT
- Future land use:
  - consistent with Comprehensive Plan
  - growth rate based on past decade (2003 2013)
- VMT and traffic increase as:
  - population and commercial space increases
  - visitorship increases
  - in commuting increases

## **Teton County Baseline Scenario**

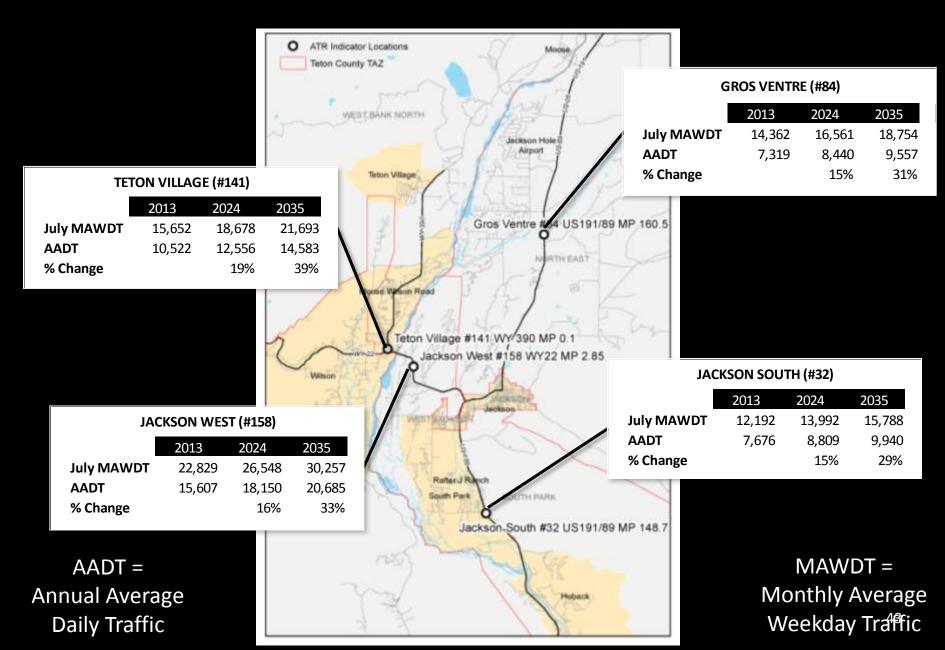
#### Land Uses



#### Basis:

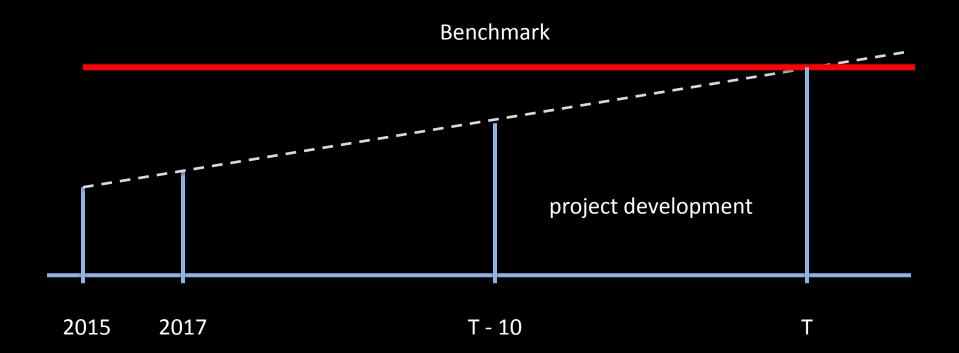
- Comp Plan
- Trends

### Baseline Traffic Forecast



## **Major Capital Projects**

- Approach implementation strategically
- Use a network approach (capital project groups)
- Begin with WYDOT's PEL study (WY-22 & WY-390)
- Use benchmarks to guide project development



### **Policy Decision**

Com Plan Policy 8.2.b: Design critical infrastructure and facilities for the peak effective population. Critical facilities, as defined by the electeds through service level planning, should be designed to provide an acceptable level of service to the peak effective population. Other facilities will be designed to accommodate average demand. Temporarily reduced service levels may occur at times of peak population; however, reductions should not produce a meaningful threat to the public safety.

#### Major Project Benchmarks:

- ✓ Annual average traffic?
- ✓ Average July traffic?

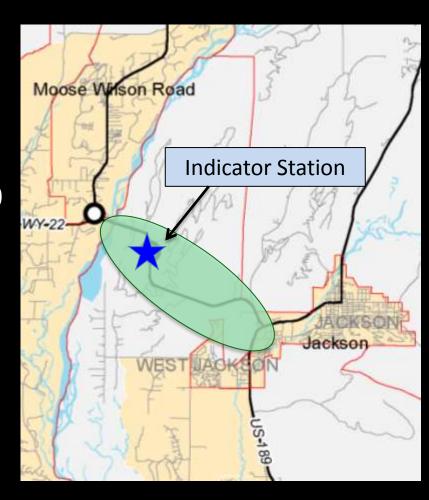
## Capital Group 1

#### WY-22

- Y Intersection
- Tribal Trails Connector
- Wildlife permeability from PEL
- WY-22 Roadway: Jackson WY-390
- WY-22 Pathway Wilson Jackson
- Spring Gulch Intersection

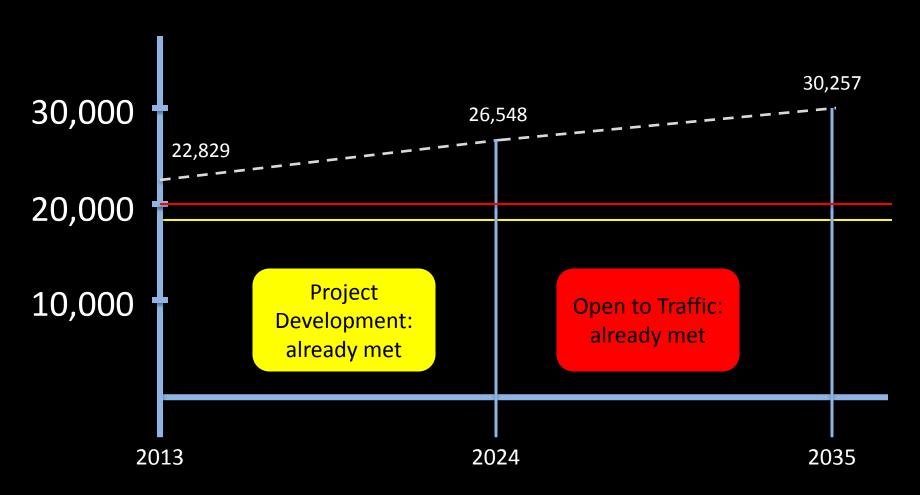
Benchmark: 20,000 VPD

Based on average July day traffic Start project development 5 years before



## Capital Group 1 Benchmarks

(WY-22 – July)

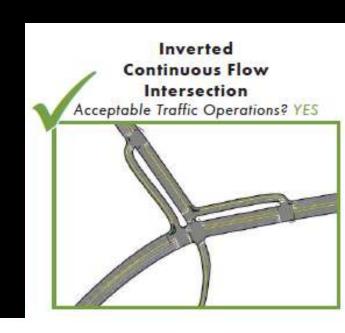


### WYDOT PEL Evaluation: Y Intersection

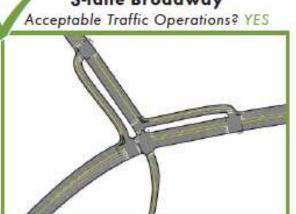


## WYDOT PEL Intersection Concepts

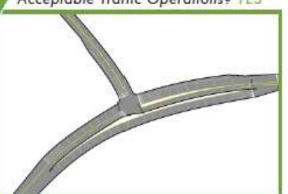
"Acceptable Operations"



Inverted Continuous Flow Intersection with 3-lane Broadway

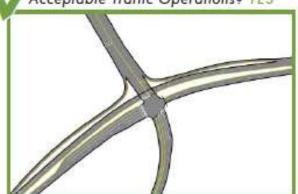


Florida-T with
Signalized Merge
and 3-Lane Broadway
Acceptable Traffic Operations? YES



Westbound Broadway
Grade Separated

Acceptable Traffic Operations? YES



## Y Intersection Issues & Opportunities

- Issues
  - Scale of project
  - Cost of project
  - Visual impacts
  - Walk/bike barrier
  - Transit operations

- Opportunities
  - Network approach
  - Tribal Trails Connector
  - Bus prioritization
  - Longer service life
  - WYDOT collaboration
- Recommended Approach
  - Project development based on network
  - Address multimodal design

## Tribal Trails Issues & Opportunities

- Issues
  - Neighborhood impacts
  - Lack of County funding

- Opportunities
  - Network approach
  - Local connectivity
  - Route redundancy
  - START operations
  - WYDOT collaboration
- Recommended Approach
  - Request WYDOT include in project development
  - Address design options to reduce impacts
    - Impacts to neighborhood
    - Impacts to South Park Loop Road and High School Road

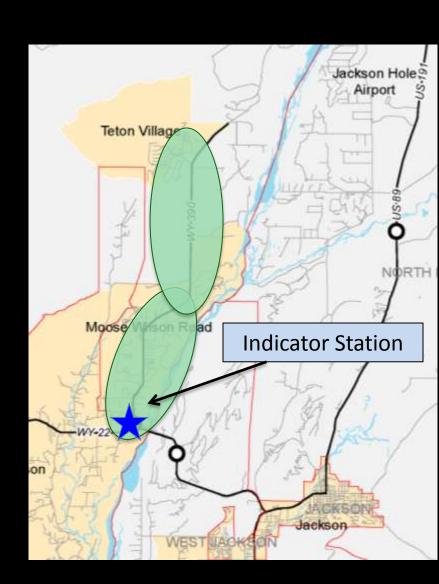
## Capital Group 2

#### WY-390

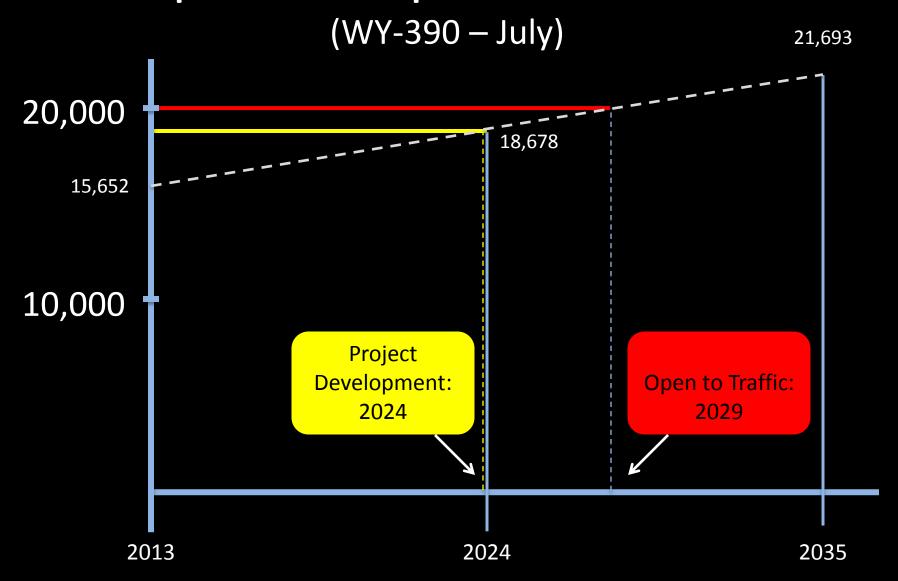
- Intersection WY-390 & WY-22
- WY-390 PEL Segment 5
- WY-390 PEL Segment 6
- Wildlife permeability from PEL

Benchmark: 20,000 VPD

Based on average July day traffic Start project development 5 years before



### Capital Group 2 Benchmarks



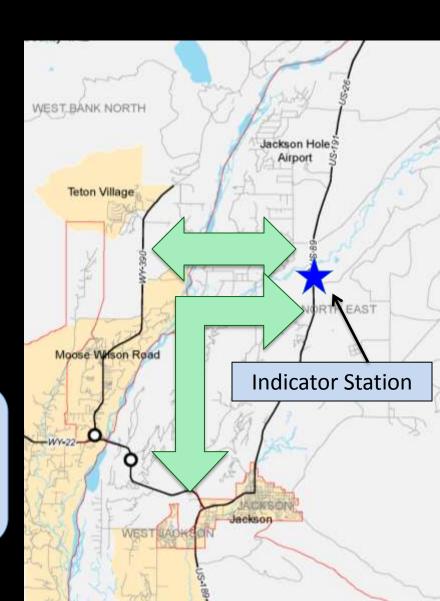
## Capital Group 3

### US-26 (north)

- Bypass highway concepts
  - New north bridge/corridor
  - Upgrade Spring Gulch
- High capacity transit concepts

Benchmark: 20,000 VPD

Based on average July day traffic Start project development 10 years before



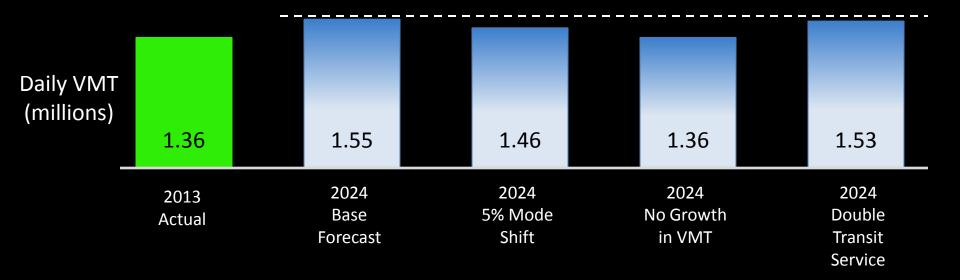
## Capital Group 3 Benchmarks

(North US 26 – July) 20,000 18,754 16,561 14,362 Open to Traffic: 2041 10,000 **Project Development:** 2031 2013 2024 2035

## Plan Scenario

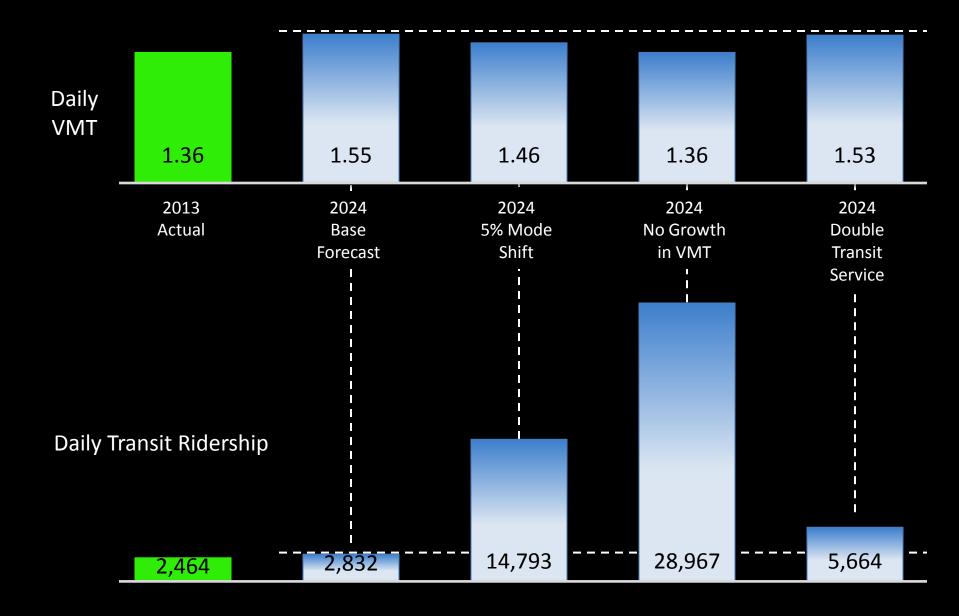
### Framing a Plan Scenario

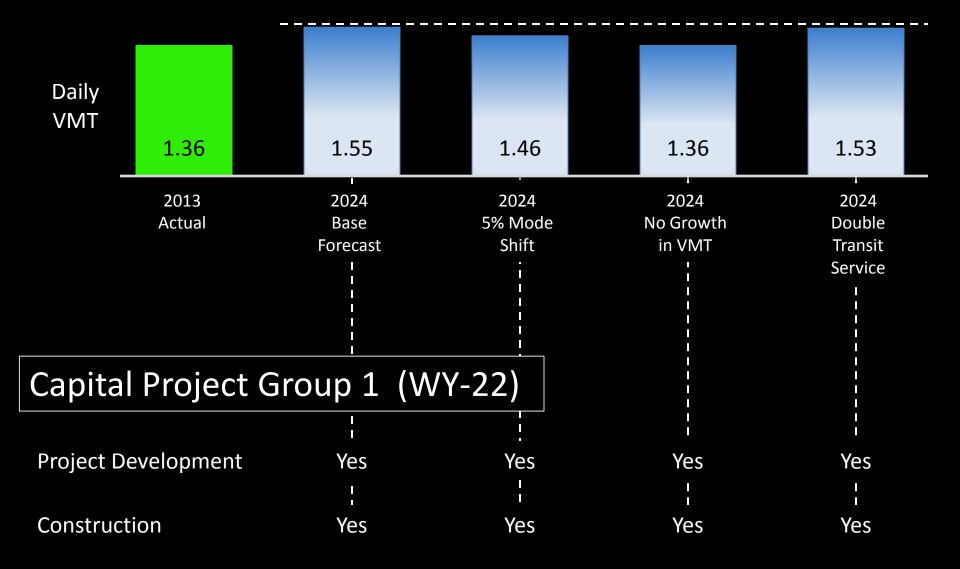
- Baseline Scenario base forecast
- Plan Scenarios presented at public workshop
  - 5% Mode Shift (same as in 2000 plan)?
  - No growth in VMT?
  - Double Transit Ridership?

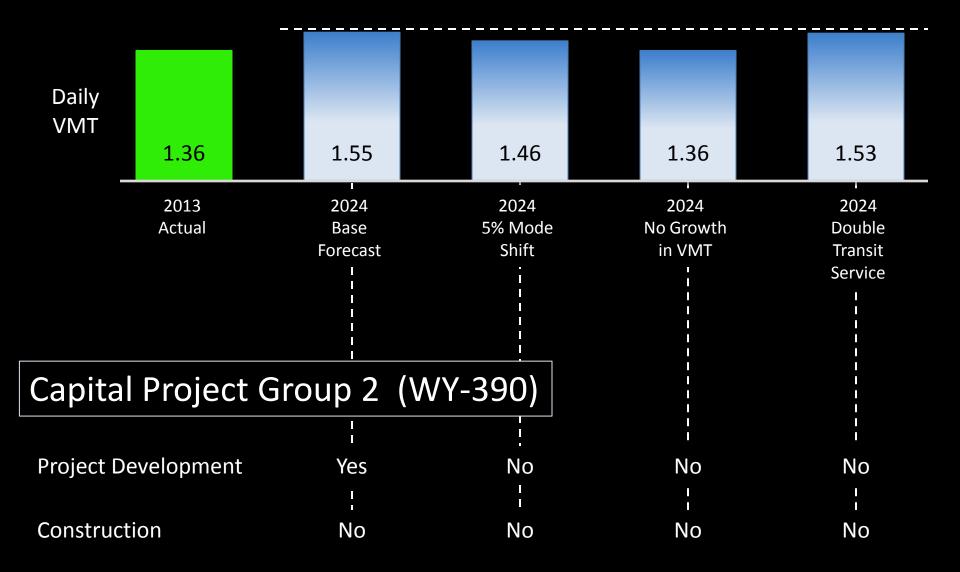


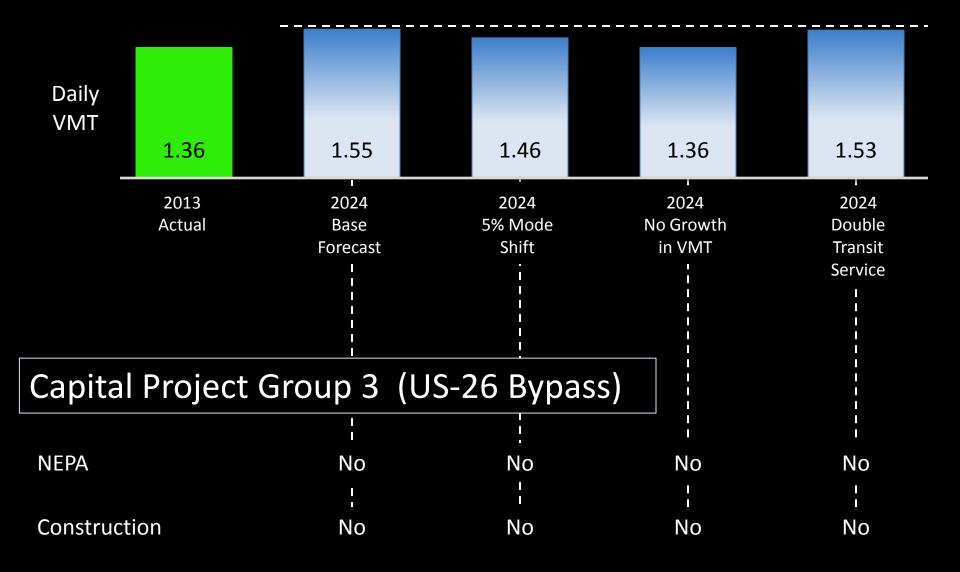
2013 Person Miles of Travel: 777 million

2024 Person Miles of Travel: 888 million



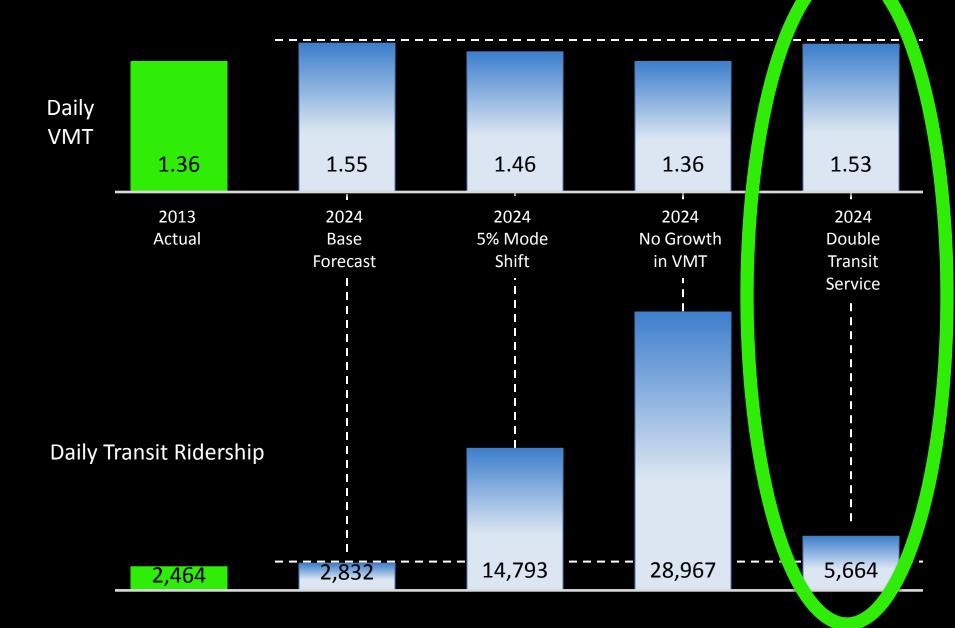






## Recommended Plan Scenario

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#### Basis for Recommendation

- Feasible transit program (transit demand is already exceeding supply)
- Helps avoid/postpone major highway projects that detract from local character
- Supports other local objectives

# Implementation

## Implementation

- 1. Double transit service by 2024
- 2. Implement a TDM\* program
- 3. Apply benchmarking system to major projects
- 4. Improve internal connectivity in town & villages
- 5. Establish an RTA\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup> RTA = regional transportation authority

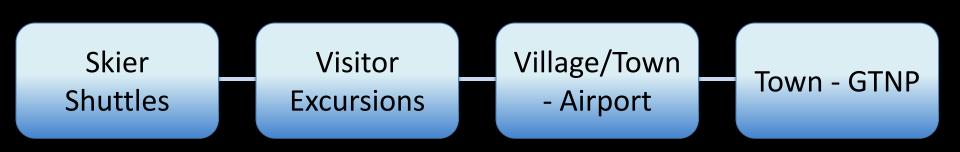
#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Significant Increase in Transit Service Levels

## **Existing START Services**

Corridor Commuter Circulator
Transit Transit Transit

## **Existing Private Sector Services**



### Circulator

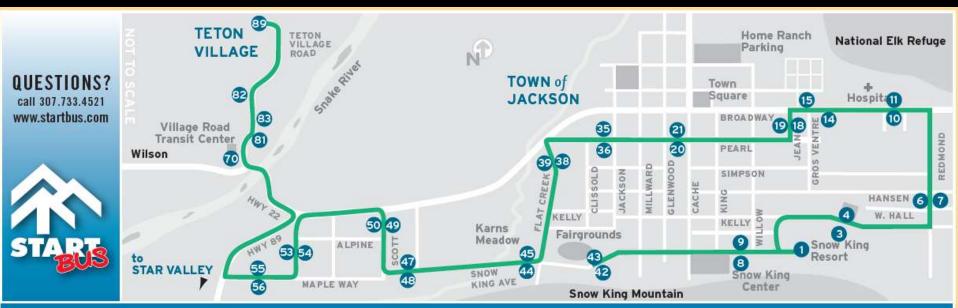


TOWN SHUTTLE HEADING WEST



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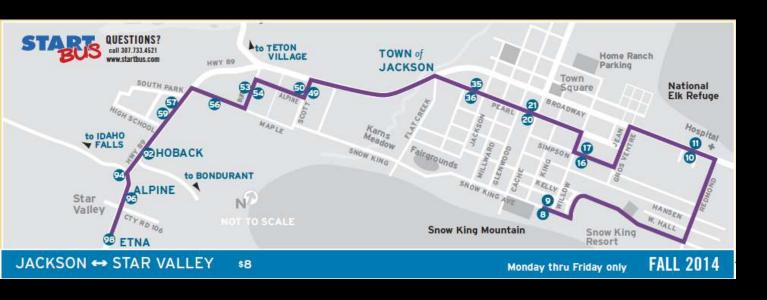
### Corridor



JACKSON → TETON VILLAGE \$3

**FALL 2014** 

## Commuter





## Transit – Strategic Options

#### 1. Fares and Passes

- Fare-free Valley services (\$1 million/year)
- Implement bulk-rate discount commuter pass

#### 2. Commuter Services

- Increase service levels (# of runs/day)
- Implement express runs + local runs

## Transit – Strategic Options

#### 3. Corridor Services

- Further increases in level of service (runs/day)
- New service to airport
- New service to Grant Teton National Park

#### 4. Circulator Services

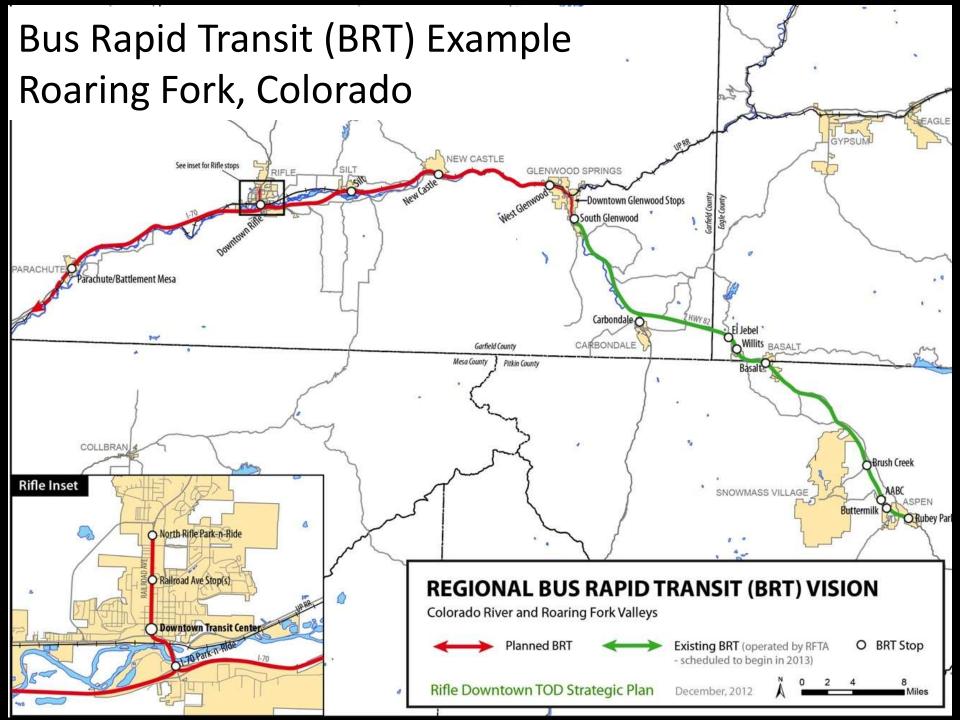
Split Town Shuttle into linear routes

### Tentative 2024 Transit Plan

- Add runs to both commuter routes
- Increase summer service to Teton Village
- Break Town Shuttle up into linear routes
- Update pass and fare options
- Initiate a three-year pilot
  - Jackson to Grand Teton Park (Jenny Lake)
  - June 15 September 15
  - Half-hour frequency each direction
  - Adjust and tweak each season
  - Look for partnerships

#### Potential 2035 Transit Plan

- Convert Town Village service to BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)
- Add remote "light" maintenance facilities at other end of commuter routes
- Include possible high capacity transit corridors in any environmental process to evaluate bypass alternatives





- Express service
- Proof of payment
- Highly visible vehicles
- Rail-type stations
- Selected park 'ride lots





#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Implement a cooperative\*
 "transportation demand
 management" (TDM) program

\* Town, county, WYDOT, Park Service, major employers

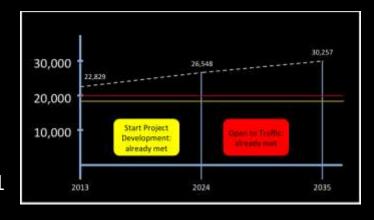
## **TDM Program Elements**

- Employer coordination
- Transit passes commuter and visitor
- Guaranteed ride home for commuters
- Events, promotions
- Information clearinghouse esp. transit
- Tourist and visitor outreach
- Bikeshare and car share
- Monitoring and reporting for ITP

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

3. Use a benchmarking system to guide decisions about major corridor projects

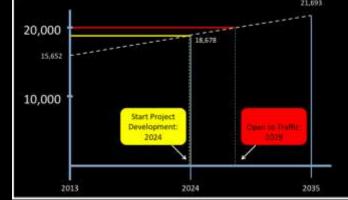
## Benchmarks



Capital Group 1

- Strategic timing
- Systematic project development
- Public involvement





Annual traffic? or Peak monthly traffic?



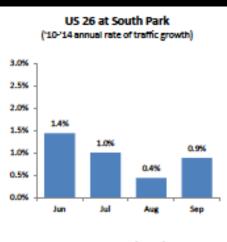
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10,000

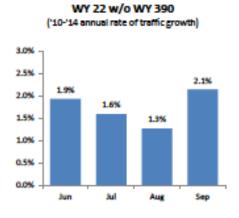
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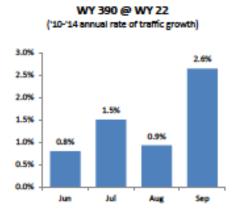
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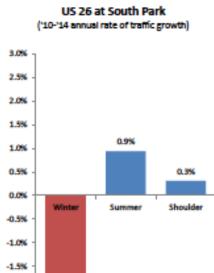
## Seasonal Traffic Growth



WY 22 @ Snake River ('10-'14 annual rate of traffic growth) 3.0% 2.5% 2.2% 2.0% 1.6% 1.5% 1.5% 1.0% 0.6% 0.5% 0.0% Jun Jul Aug Sep

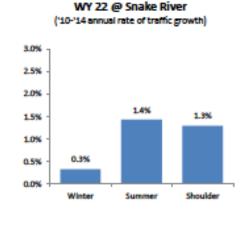


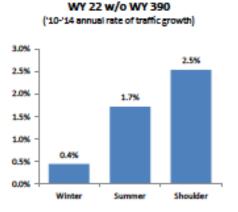


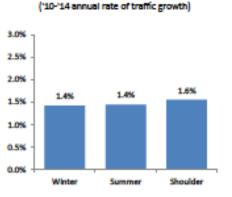


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-2.0%



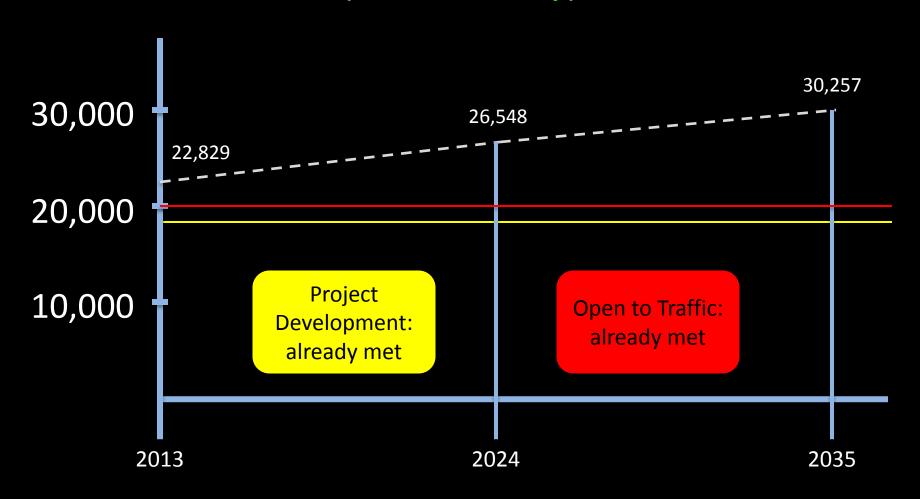




WY 390 @ WY 22

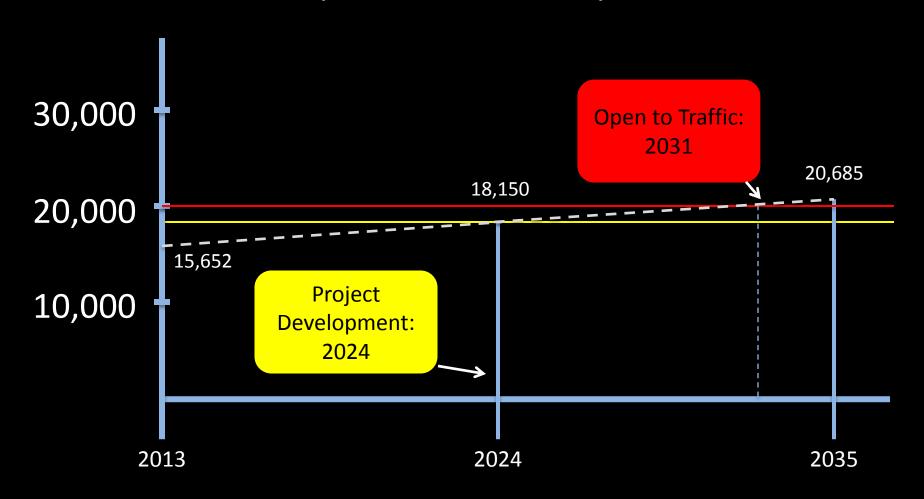
# Capital Group 1 Benchmarks

(WY-22 - July)

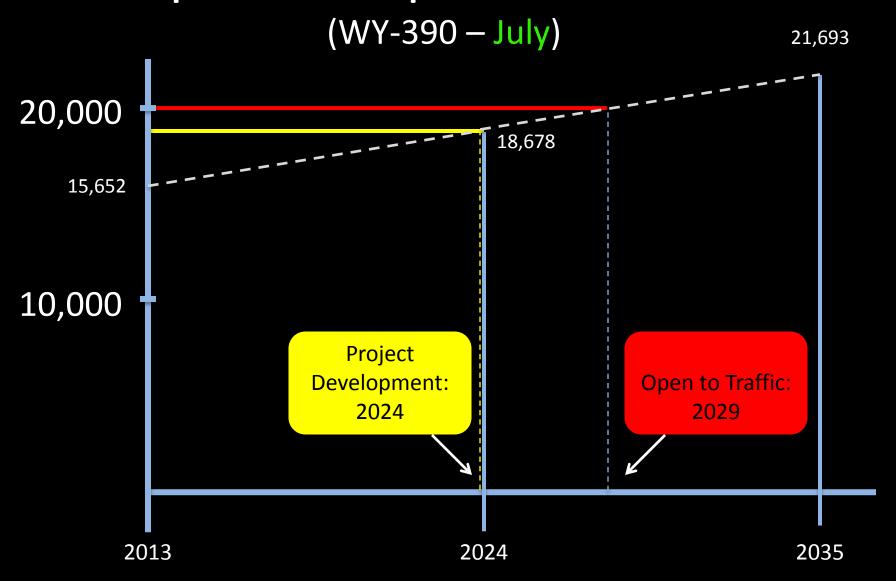


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(WY-22 - Annual)

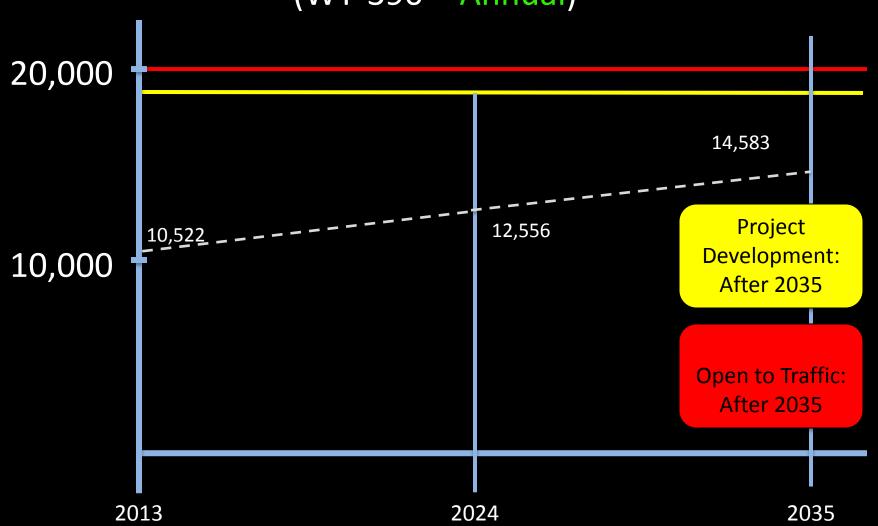


## Capital Group 2 Benchmarks



# Capital Group 2 Benchmarks

(WY-390 - Annual)



2035

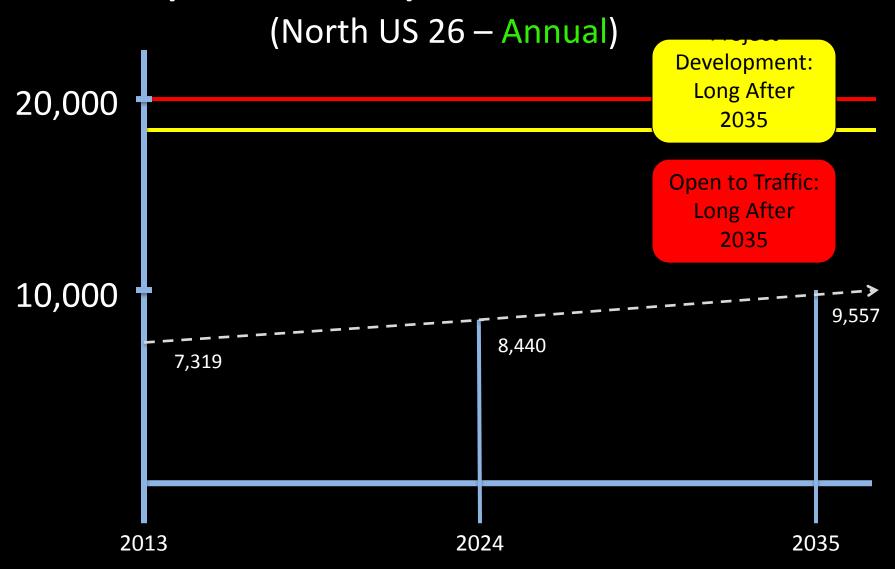
2013

## Capital Group 3 Benchmarks

(North US 26 – July) 20,000 18,754 16,561 14,362 Open to Traffic: 2041 10,000 **Project Development:** 2031

2024

## Capital Group 3 Benchmarks



## Highway Network Development

- All major corridors must be multimodal
- Address BRT potential Town Village
- Proactive approach to wildlife protection

#### Proactive Approach to Wildlife Protection

- Work with WYDOT to implement wildlife mitigation/protection measures in 22/390 PEL
- Work with WYDOT to implement fencing and grade crossings as part of south US-26 projects
- Ask WYDOT to lower speed limits to 45mph on US-26, Hoback to Jackson
- Convene a partnership (federal, state, local) to address mitigation/protection measures along US-26 north of Jackson

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

4. Improve internal connectivity (all modes) in towns and villages

## Internal Connectivity

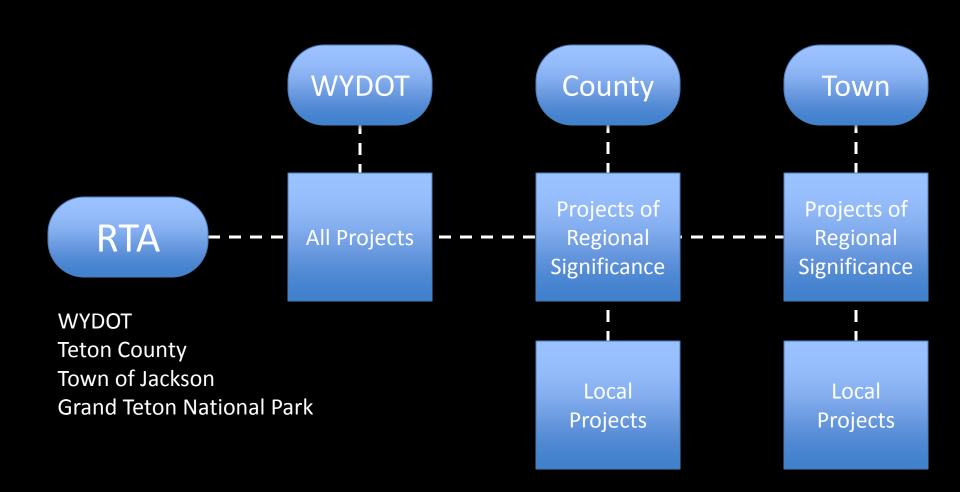
## Including:

- Tribal Trails Connector
- Maple Way Snow King Corridor
- Town New Streets Plan
- County sidewalks and multi-use pathways
  - Wilson
  - South Park
  - West Bank

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

5. Establish a "Regional Transportation Authority" (Town/County/WYDOT)

# Potential Role of Regional Transportation Authority



# Revenue

# This plan cannot be funded from existing sources

## Net Additional Plan Cost (recurring annual)

2018: \$1,800,000

2024: \$5,000,000

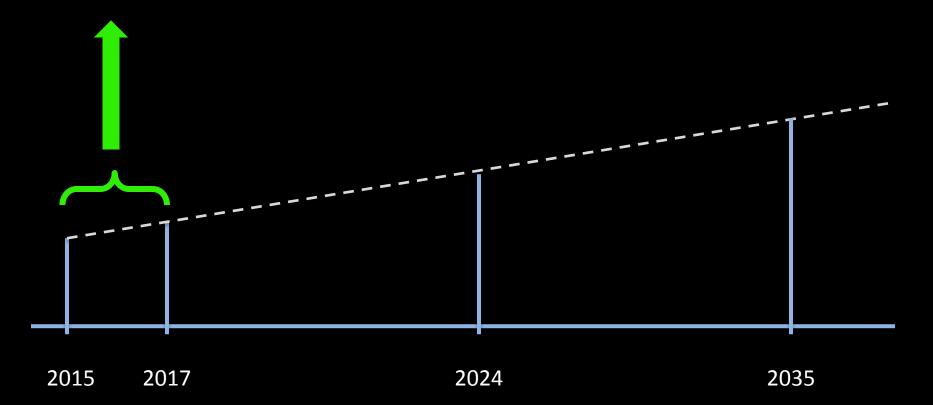
(+ capital costs)

### Recommended Action Plan

2015 - Increase staff capacity – transportation planner

2016 - Form RTA

2017 - Address revenues



## At the Table

Town

County

**WYDOT** 

Park Service

**Major Employers** 

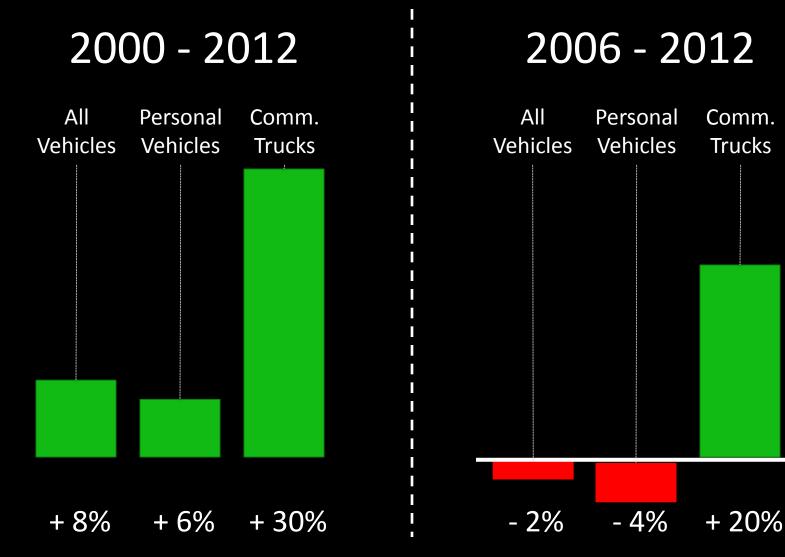
**Transit Operators** 

**School District** 

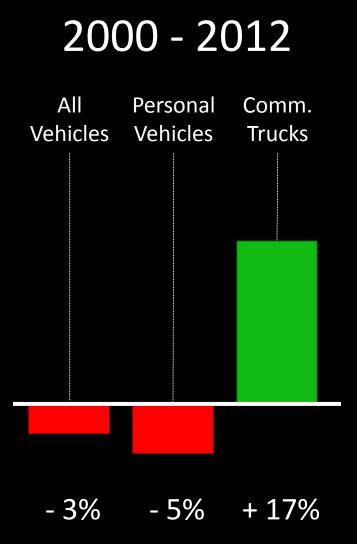
**Local NGOs** 



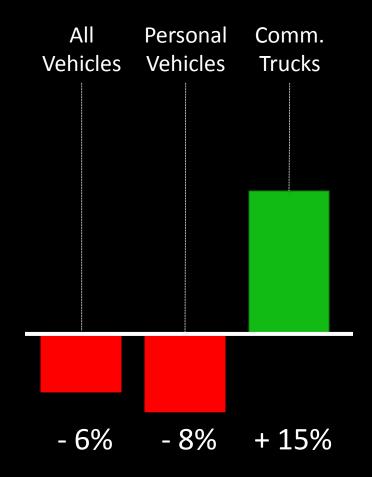
## Trends in Total US VMT



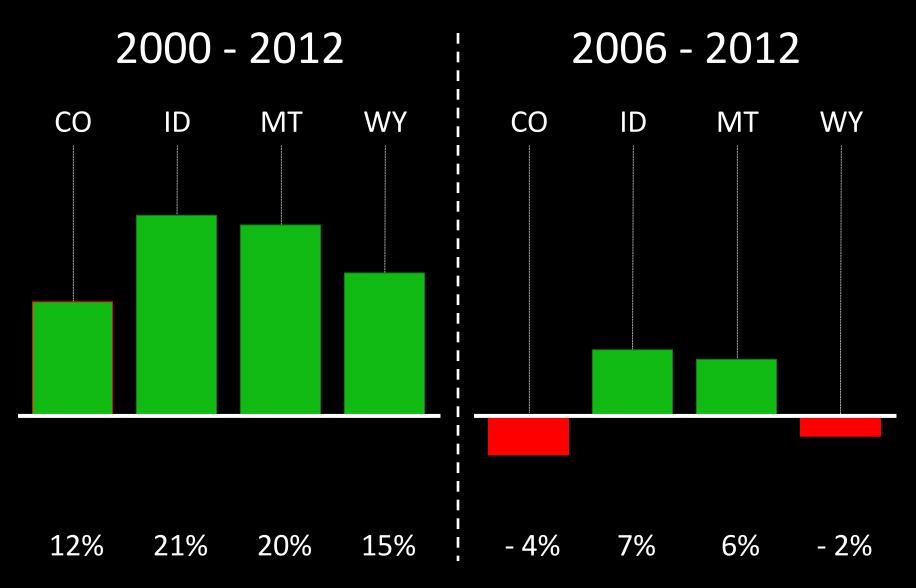
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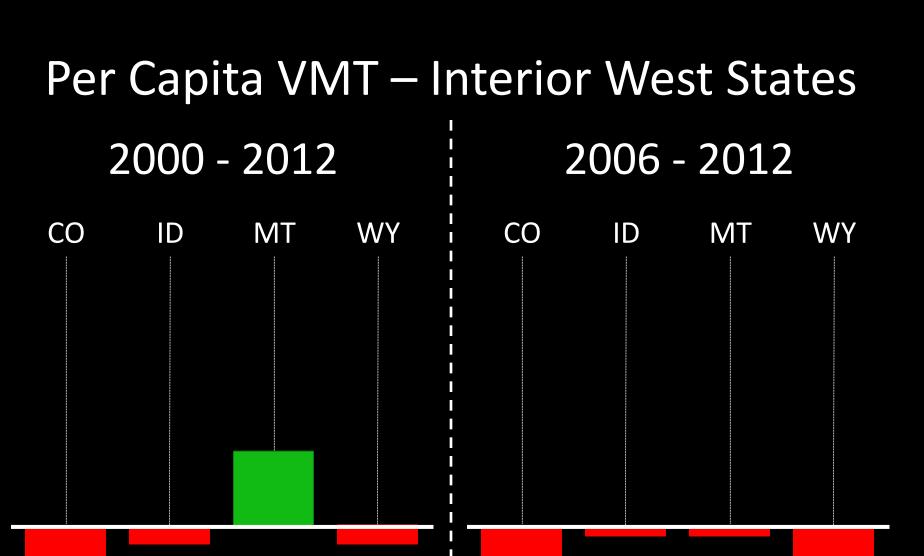


2006 - 2012



## VMT Trends — Interior West States

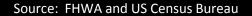




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- 1% - 1%

- 8%



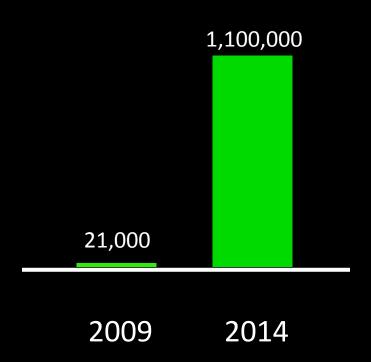
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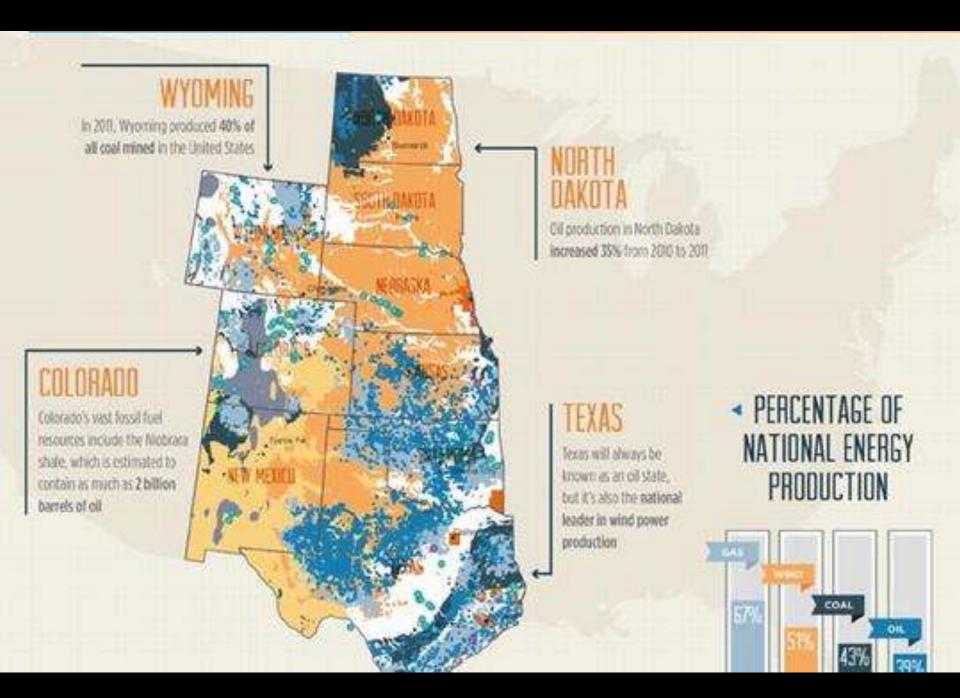
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# Oil by Rail US – Barrels/Day

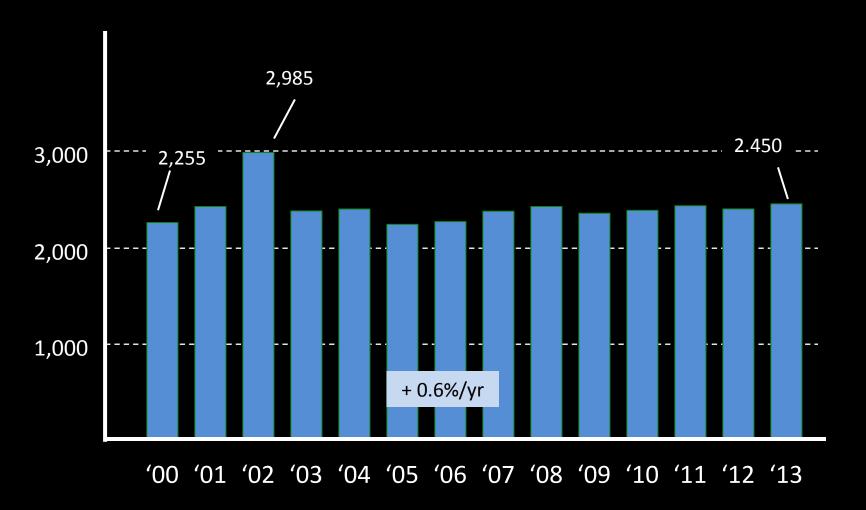






## GTNP Traffic Trend: Moose Entrance

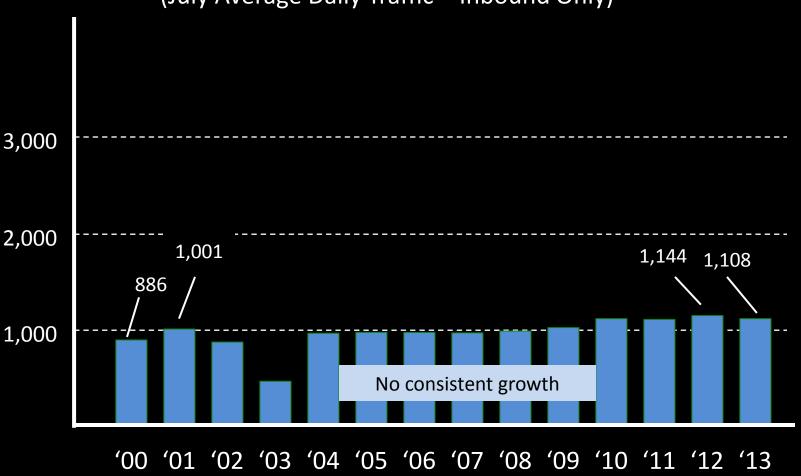
(July Average Daily Traffic – Inbound Only)



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# GTNP Traffic Trend: Moose-Wilson Entrance

(July Average Daily Traffic – Inbound Only)



# GTNP Annual Visitorship Trend

(millions)

