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Chair Haugen and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brian Lagerberg and I am the Assistant Director of the Public Transportation Division at WSDOT. I am also the chair of the Governor's Commute Trip Reduction Board. I am here today to speak with you about the Kitsap Telework Demonstration project.

This pilot project was funded in the last legislative session at \$150,000. The primary purposes of this pilot, from WSDOT's perspective, are to:

1. Develop a telework toolkit for employers so that they can integrate telework as a viable work approach within their organizations
2. Develop a template for engaging other communities in telework supportive activities
3. Collect more comprehensive data on telework and telework viable organizations as a way to compliment WSDOT's telework data.

WSDOT strongly supports efforts to increase the use of telework in the state. We see telework as an important tool to increase the efficiency of the transportation system, to manage demand during highway construction, as a way to promote a more viable economy and as a critical strategy for meeting our greenhouse gas emissions targets.

I am joined today by Monica Babine from Washington State University Extension, and Councilmember Ed Stern from the City of Poulsbo who will give you an overview of the context for this project, its current status, and some of the lessons that have already been learned.