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Project Title	Cost Comparison of Washington Safety Rest Area Operations with Other States
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Brief Description of Research Project	<p>The principal objective of this study is to compute the unit operating costs of Washington safety rest areas and compare them with other states.</p> <p>With this comparison, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) may have an opportunity to know if they are operating the safety Rest Area cost effectively. The findings of this study may also provide opportunity to WSDOT in seeking cost effective method. Ultimately, adopting the cost-effective method may avoid closing the safety rest areas that may support reducing highway fatality and injuries due to fatigued drivers on the highways.</p> <p>The researcher will work closely with WSDOT Operations and Maintenance staff to ensure the study is relevant to their needs, and the result will be broadly applicable not just for WSDOT, but also for other states who are seeking cost-effective method to operate their safety rest areas.</p>

<p>Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)</p> <p>Place Any Photos Here</p>	<p>This project is just completed or about to complete. The research outcomes indicated that WSDOT is operating the Safety Rest Areas cost effectively. The WSDOT cost is significantly less as compared to other states.</p> 
<p>Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, or anticipated)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Web Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports</li> <li>• Project Website</li> </ul>	