

WSDOT Webinar Wednesdays

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"Got Roadside?"

What: Webinar Wednesdays is a bimonthly feature presentation showcasing the results of WSDOT's research and innovations in transportation. This month, we invite you to join us for "Got Roadside? Visualizing Roadsides as Transportation Assets," presented by Ray Willard, PLA, State Roadside Asset Manager, WSDOT.

When: 10:30 – 11:30 am Pacific Time, Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Who: All who are interested in this topic are welcome to attend. Please share this announcement.

How: Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2055213044921250319>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Those who are interested but cannot make the live webinar should register to receive a link to the webinar recording.



About this webinar

How do you implement an effective roadside management program in an area with some of the most rugged terrain, extreme microclimates, and fastest growing vegetation in the state? What are the challenges to maintain, preserve, and protect the landscape of 1,082 miles of highway corridor located throughout the mountainous region of Washington's Olympic Peninsula?

In the Port Angeles Maintenance Area, surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the Salish Sea, work crews and engineers deal with significant roadside management challenges. Flooding, mudslides, and erosion occur. Snowfall, heavy rains, and fog can impair travel and work schedules. The rainforest along the coast has as much as 140" of rainfall, annually. Designing, constructing, and maintaining roadsides and roadside vegetation in such demanding geography and weather is no easy task!

Join us for a fascinating virtual tour along the Olympic Region's most scenic roadsides. Learn how maintenance crews across the state apply the principles of Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management using HATS, an innovative mobile technology developed by WSDOT IT. Discover why WSDOT's transportation asset management for highway maintenance activities is our most advanced system, ever. See how WSDOT workforce—even under the most challenging conditions—keep road teams and Washington's traveling public, safe.

Please direct questions to the organizers:

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About the presenter



Ray Willard, PLA, holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington. Ray began working for the agency in the mid-1980s as a landscape designer for the I-90 project in WSDOT's Northwest Region. His current responsibilities include oversight, consultation, and crew training for the agency's \$14 million/year roadside vegetation maintenance program. Ray is also the national research coordinator for the Transportation Research Board's Standing Committee on Roadside Maintenance Operations and serves as the agency representative on the Washington Invasive Species Council.

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