



L RTP Update #1 – January 2012



National Park Service Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.



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Intermountain Region's Long Range Transportation Plan Is Underway

The Intermountain Region (IMR) is the largest geographic region in the National Park Service, and contains some of America's oldest and best known national parks, such as Grand Canyon and Yellowstone. Our parks include locations as diverse as the shores of Padre Island and the sub-alpine environment of Glacier National Park.

With 92 parks in eight Western states, we provide access to America's treasures, contribute to local economies, and operate and maintain a wide range of park of transportation infrastructure and services. As a region we:

- ♥ Welcome 42 million visitors per year
- ♥ Provide 38,800 jobs from non-local visitor spending
- ♥ Coordinate \$6.5 billion in transportation assets
- ♥ Own and maintain 3,300 lane miles of roadway and 63,000+ parking spaces
- ♥ Coordinate 22 transit systems

With a variety of parks and partnerships comes a variety of opportunities to invest more wisely for the future. IMR is stepping forward to meet the challenges of NPS' second century by taking a closer look at its multimodal transportation system.

Role of Long Range Transportation Planning in IMR

IMR's first Long Range Transportation Plan will be a powerful tool to address issues like improving asset management, promoting connectivity, responding to needs of visitors, seeking new partnerships, and mitigating risks.

Our LRTP process will include the following tasks (click on process chart at right for more details):

- ♥ Create vision, goals and objectives
- ♥ Collect and analyze data (nearing completion)
- ♥ Outreach to stakeholders (getting started)
- ♥ Project future trends and needs (in progress)
- ♥ Identify 3 scenarios and select a preferred
- ♥ Develop a draft and final plan

We expect to conclude the planning process by the end of 2012.

Project Updates

Quarterly project updates will be posted on our website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/imrlrtp>. Check back often and let us know your thoughts on the project.