

Paula J. Hammond



Paula J. Hammond, P.E.
Secretary of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation

[Paula Hammond](#) was appointed Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation in August 2007 by Governor Christine Gregoire. Hammond manages an agency of 6,800 employees, with responsibility of 18,600 lane miles of highways, 3,600 bridges, general aviation airports, passenger- and freight-rail programs, and the Washington State ferry system, the nation's largest.

WSDOT is nearing completion of the state's largest capital program (\$16.3 billion) in the agency's 104-year history, begun in 2003. Hammond has committed her efforts to transparent project delivery and development of sustainable investment strategies for long-term safety, preservation and maintenance of the state's infrastructure. Her key initiative is the development of *Moving Washington*, the state's program to maximize the efficiency of the state's transportation corridors. In her 33 years with WSDOT, Hammond has worked in all areas of the department's capital delivery, operations and policy programs.

She graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and is a Professional Engineer.

Boards and associations:

- AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways, Chair
- AASHTO Leadership on High Speed & Intercity Passenger Rail, Chair
- AASHTO Sustainable Transportation Steering Committee, Chair
- AASHTO Standing Committee on Performance Management, Vice Chair
- WASHTO Past President, 2009
- States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC), Chair
- Transportation Research Board Executive Committee, member
- Washington Transportation Improvement Board, member since 1995
- Washington State, American Public Works Association Roy Morse Award winner, 2011
- 2012 Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year
- Women's Transportation Seminar, Woman of the Year 2011
- Inducted into OSU Engineering Academy of Distinguished Engineers, 2008