



Highway System Plan Update

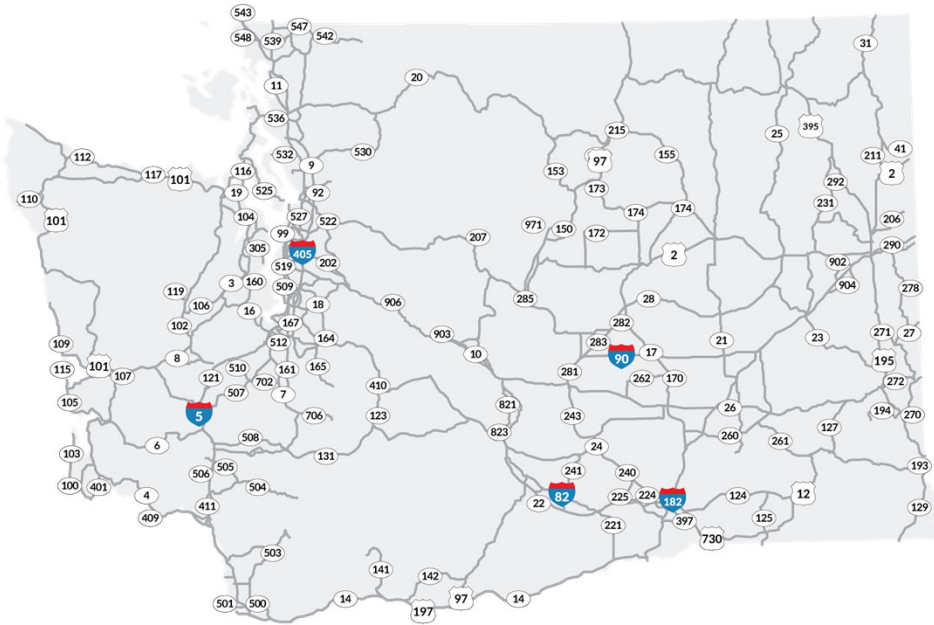
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Highway System Plan



2024 Highway System Plan



How do our plans connect?

Consistency Required



State
Transportation
Policy Plan
(Washington
Transportation
Plan)



Statewide
Multimodal
Transportation
Plan



State-Owned
Facilities
Component

Highways
Ferries



State-Interest
Component

Freight/Ports
Aviation
Rail
Active Trans.
Public Trans.

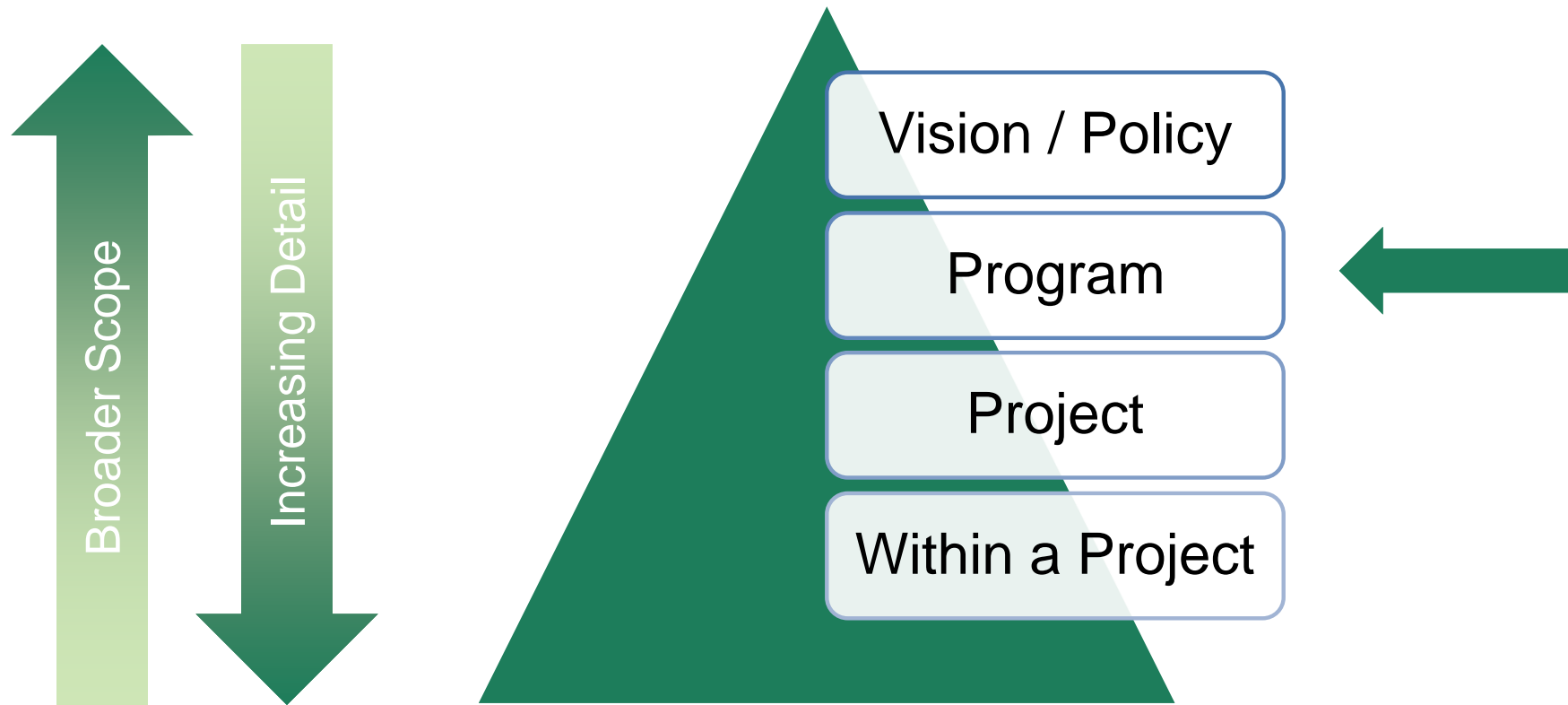


Regional
Transportation
Plans



Local
Comprehensive
Plans

What is the level of detail in the Highway System Plan?



Grouping Highway Programs



Highway Repair

- Capital Preservation
- Operations Maintenance



Safety and Efficiency

- Safety
- Transportations Operations
- Walking, Bicycling and Rolling
- Environment
- Transportation Demand Management



Highway Expansion

- Mobility
- Economic Vitality

Note: Fish passage and critical support programs are viewed as mandatory, and were excluded from the preference survey

1484 
Representative
Survey
Respondents

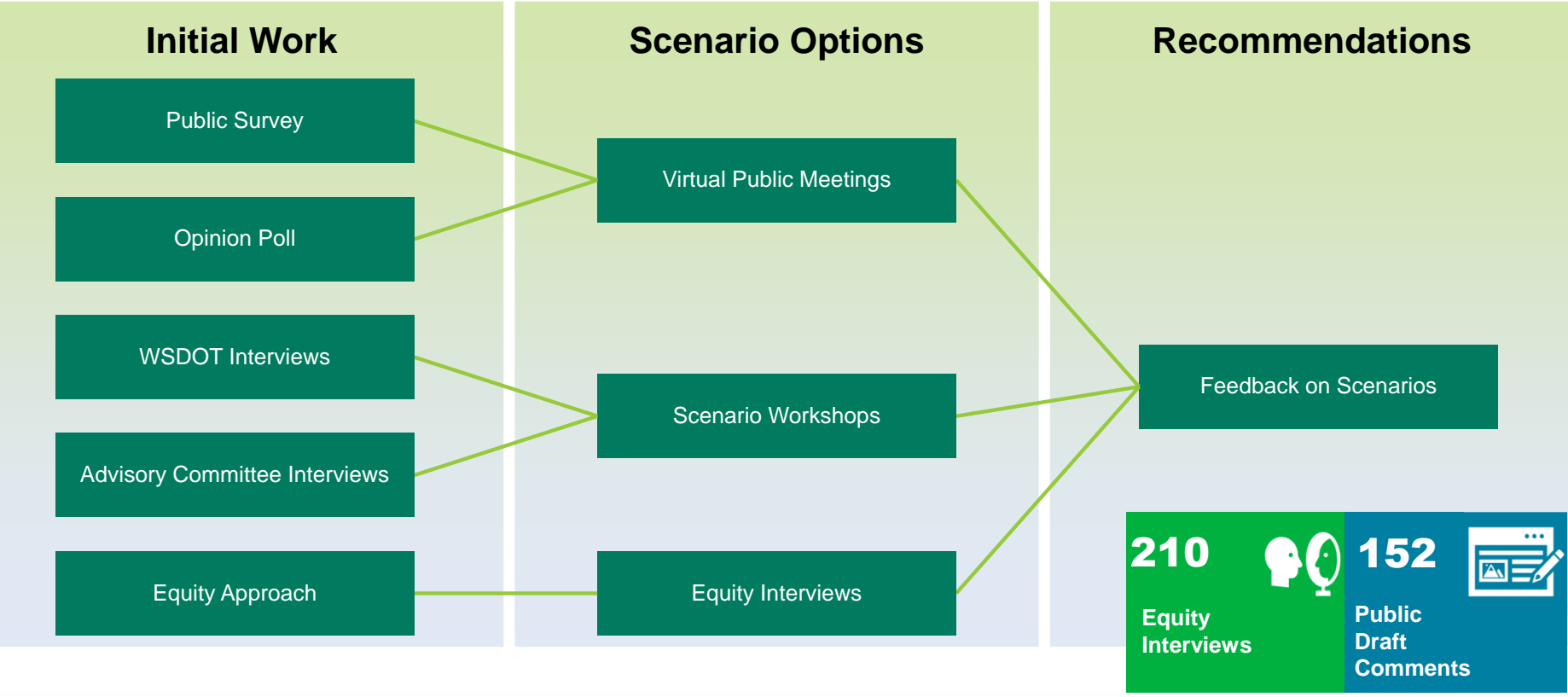
72 
Virtual
Public Meeting
Participants

70 
Scenario
Workshop
Contributors

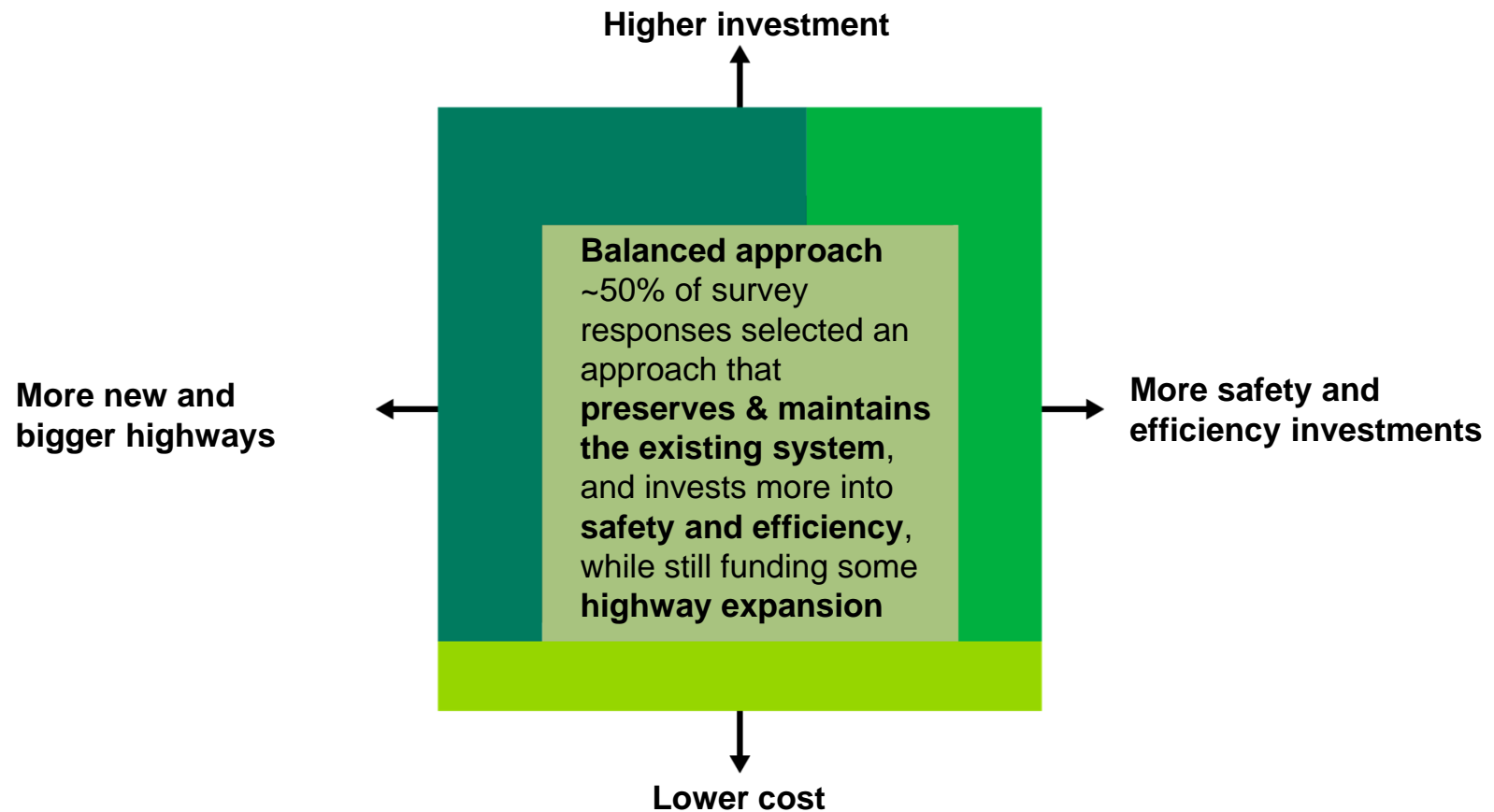
30 
Equity
Workshop
Participants

747 
Online
Opinion Poll
Takers

Process and Community Engagement



Visual Representation of the range of views across Washington



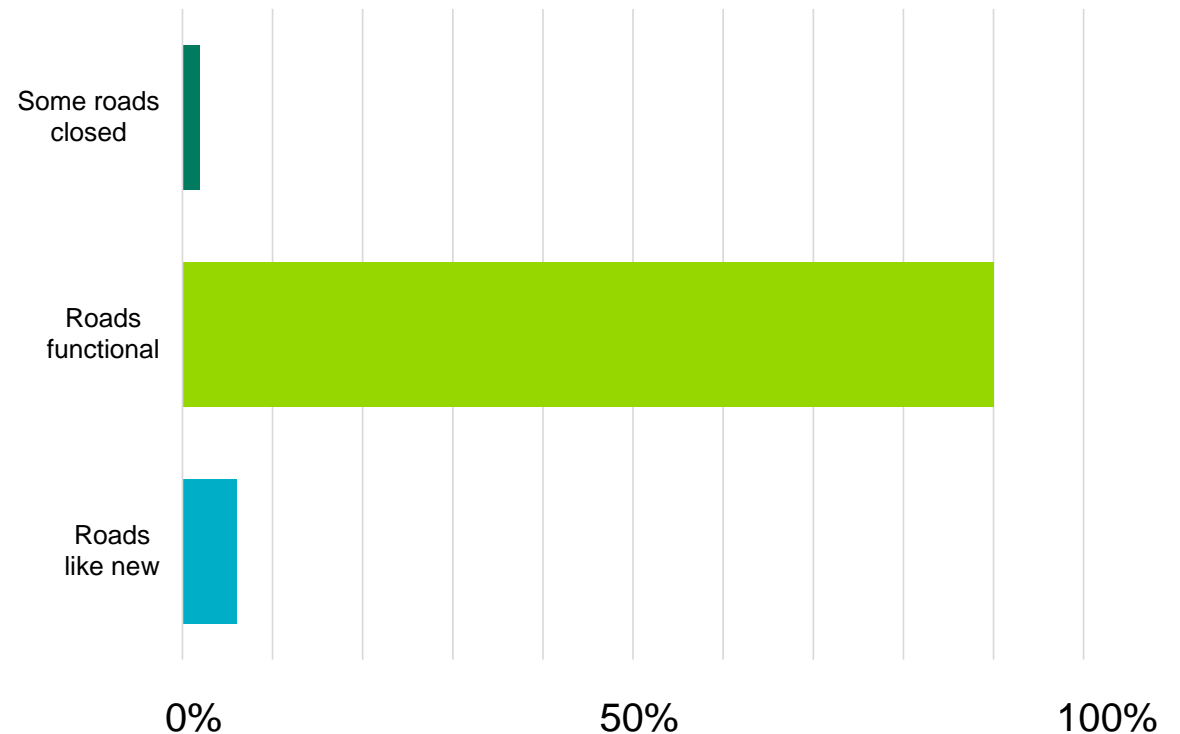
Two key questions

What happens to the existing system?

What kind of changes do we make to the system?

Highway System Plan Scenario Workshop Feedback on Repair Reinforced Other Engagement

In terms of preserving highways,
what best describes the way you
would like to see highways
preserved?

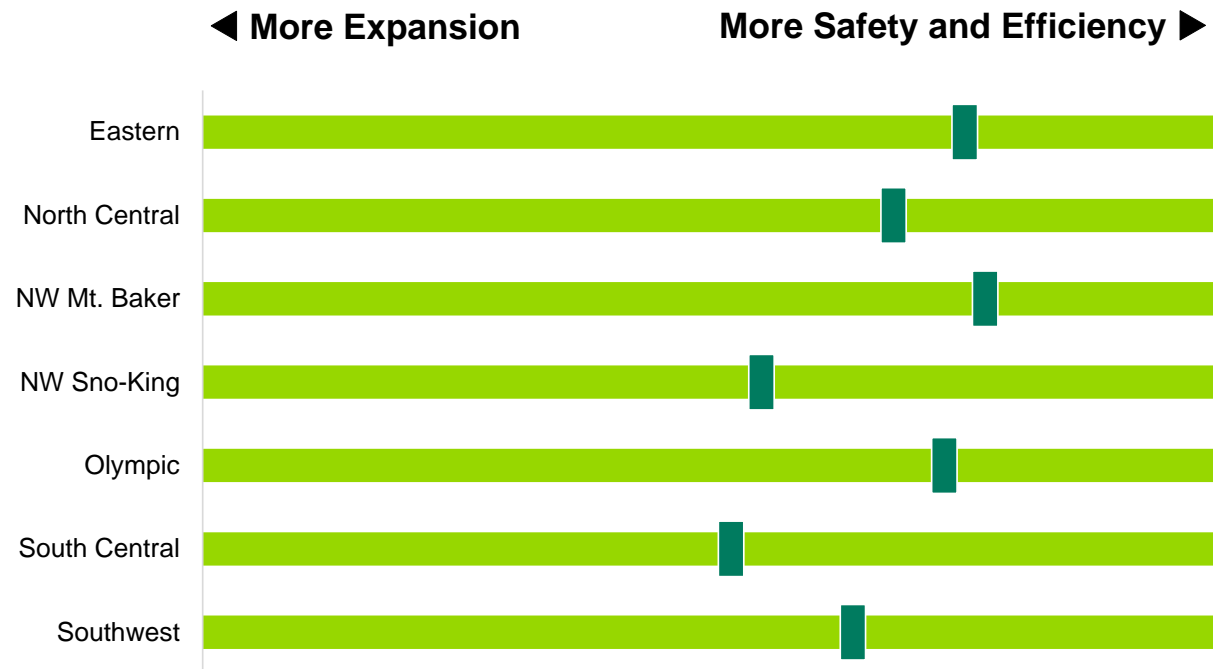


Scenario Workshop Feedback on Changes Reinforced other Engagement

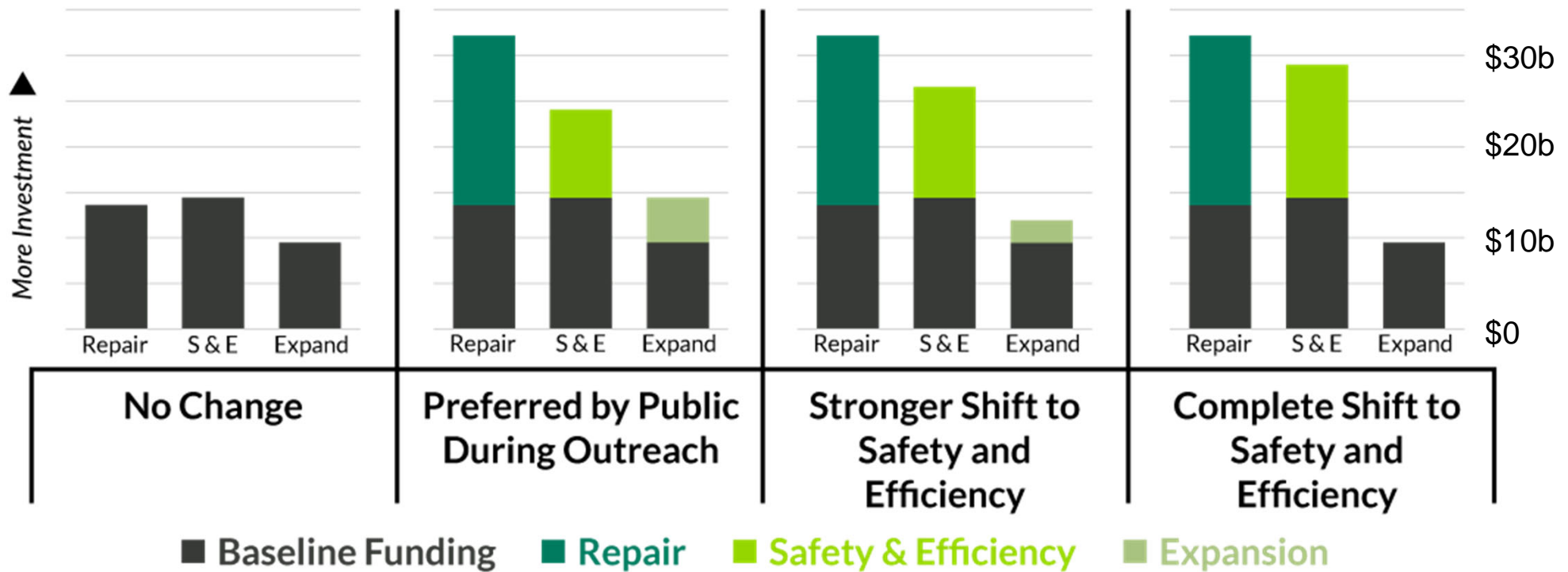
Stakeholder preferred balance of funding:

Assumed Funded:

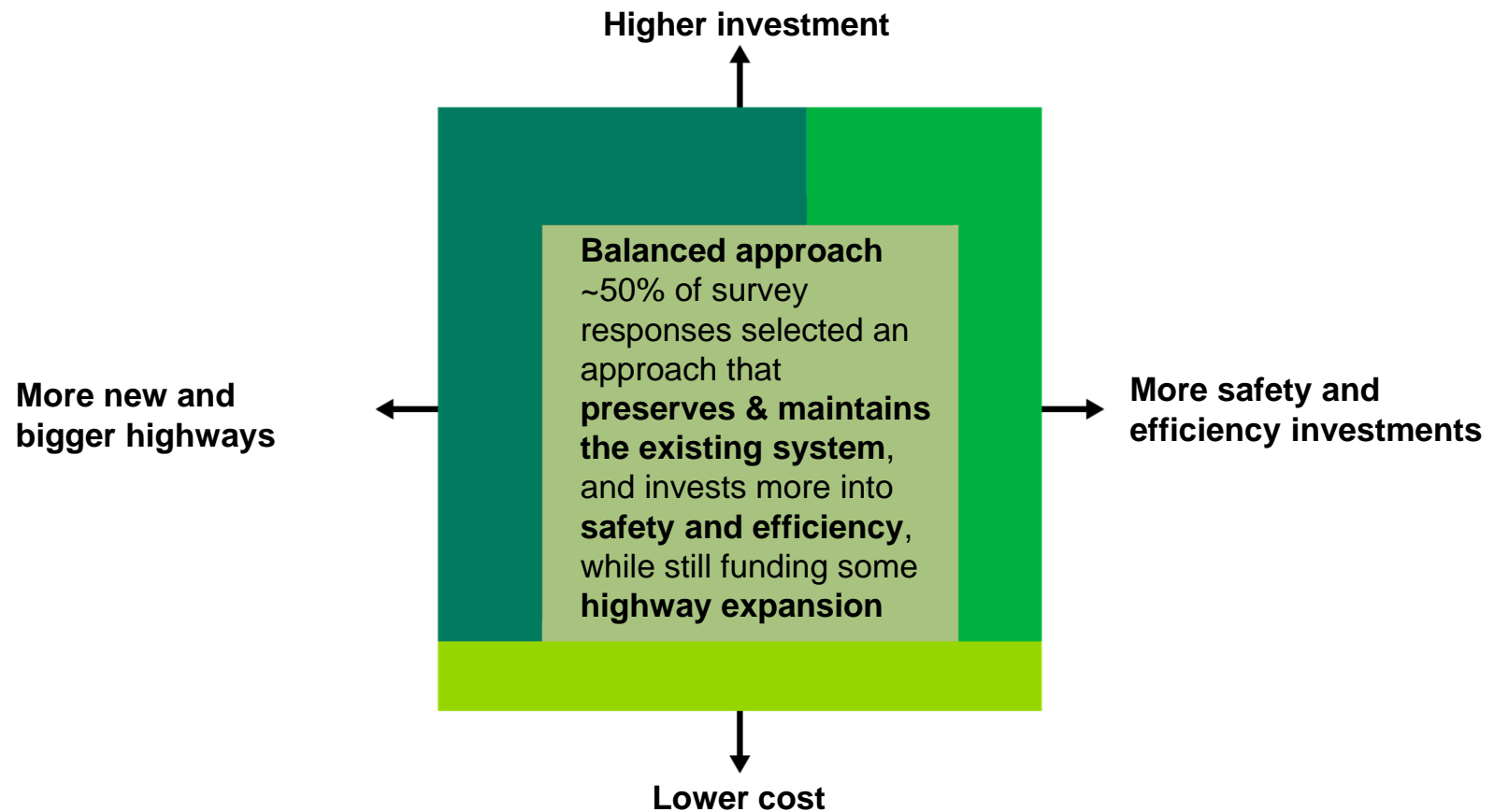
- Fish Passage and other requirements
- Existing system preservation and maintenance are funded



Final Scenarios Analyzed in the Plan



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Feedback Across Plan Development – including public comment period

- Support for **preservation and maintenance** funding across all regions and groups.
- Emphasize strategies that **increase safety and efficiency** for the existing system while still funding some highway expansion. **Balanced investment is \$2 in safety and efficiency programs for every \$1 in highway expansion.**
- Address **equity** by increasing travel options, improving housing access, and creating economic opportunities from investments for overburdened and vulnerable communities.



Questions?

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Transportation planning must be cooperative because no single agency has responsibility for the entire transportation system.



2024 Highway System Plan



WSDOT

Additional Resources

Highway System Plan:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/highway-system-plan>

UW Survey:

<https://depts.washington.edu/trac/bulkdisk/pdf/911.1.pdf>

Statewide Plans:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/statewide-plans>

Travel Data:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/about/transportation-data/travel-data>

- The above link will provide access to
 - Traffic Count Data
 - Annual Mileage and travel information
 - Ramp and Roadway report
 - Bicyclist and pedestrian counts

Online Map Center:

<https://wsdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>

- The above link provides access to GIS data sets and interactive map tools.

Washington State Ferries accountability and service data:

[Ferries accountability and service data | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#)

Crash Data Portal:

[WSDOT - Crash Data Portal \(wa.gov\)](#)

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