

## COASTAL TRANSPORTATION

# VULNERABILITY AND PLANNING STUDY

*Washington's 3,300 miles of coastal shorelines span 15 counties and provide many services and benefits for our environment, communities and economy. Intact coastal shorelines can protect adjacent land from flooding, support water quality, and provide critical habitat for species like salmon.*

However, climate change is increasing coastal hazards and impacts such as sea level rise, flooding, landslides, and erosion, which damage natural systems and threaten coastal transportation infrastructure. Coastal roadways are lifelines and crucial connectors for communities, businesses, and tourism in Washington.



## PROJECT PURPOSE

The **Coastal Transportation Vulnerability and Planning Study** will evaluate state roads, highways and associated critical transportation infrastructure for vulnerability to sea level rise, flooding, erosion, and landslides across Washington's 15 coastal counties.

Based on the findings from the study, inputs from restoration priority lists, Tribal priorities, community input and public data sets, we will identify up to six locations where WSDOT could implement projects that address risks to roadways, improve community resilience, and protect and restore coastal habitat conditions. The objective by the end of this project is to develop nature-based resilience project ideas that can be carried forward for future funding and planning.

## LEARN MORE & STAY CONNECTED

Do you have questions, comments, or want to get more involved in our planning process? Please reach out to our project team:

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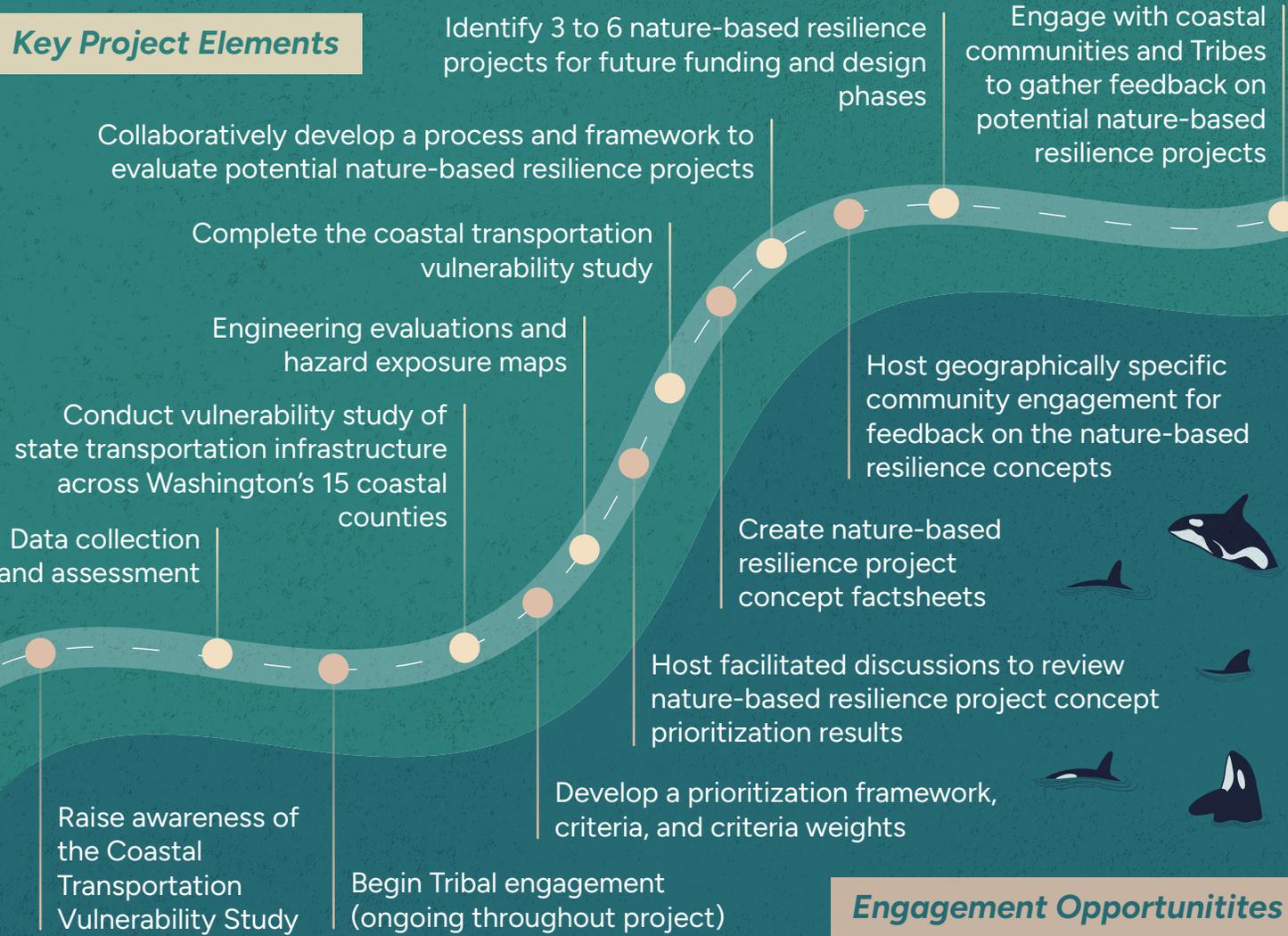
# TIMELINE:

Below is our tentative schedule and timeline for the Coastal Transportation Vulnerability and Planning Study.

2025 2026

SPRING ..... SUMMER ..... FALL ..... WINTER ..... SPRING

## Key Project Elements



## Engagement Opportunities

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP & FUNDING

Safeguarding Washington's coastal landscapes requires collaborative approaches and partnerships. This project is an innovative partnership between the Washington departments of [Ecology](#), [Transportation](#) and [Fish and Wildlife](#), and [Washington Sea Grant](#). This project is funded by a grant from the [National Coastal Resilience Fund](#), a partnership between the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#) and the [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation](#).

