

The Honorable Dick Nelson, May 1, 1936 to June 3, 2019

A Life of Public Service



Dick Nelson on World Peace and Climate Change, June 2008

Speaker #1: Dick Nelson. Dick is the coordinator of the Puget Sound Millennium Goals Project. Dick is a former engineer and also a former Washington State Representative who has been instrumental in bringing together a range of organizations and individuals interested in, advocating for and helping to reach the targets of the goals proclaimed by the United Nations in 2000. Dick discussed the importance of the work being done at the UN. Please see www.mgoals.org for local efforts.

Dick shared an overview of the goals, listed as follows:

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs):

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

Dick commented that these goals, although arguably focusing on eight of the most important issues we face today on our planet, may qualify at being the world's best kept secret. All 190 UN membership nations signed up to the goals. Many people in our community have questioned and grown weary of our current Bush Administration's approach towards dealing with terrorism through military efforts. The MDGs offer a different avenue towards safety and peace. There is a direct link between poverty and instability as well as between feelings of hopelessness and violent acts. Our US foreign policy efforts towards creating a more stable world, thus a safer world for Americans, would benefit from directing more attention and money towards the MLGs and less towards military strategies.

Dick spoke in some detail regarding Goal 7 on issues of Climate Change. The MDGs did not directly address climate change in Goal 7's ensure environmental sustainability has evolved in recent years as evidence of global warming has become indisputable and the dangers more defined. Its targets include to integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and to reverse the loss of environmental resources, as well as to assist the most vulnerable nations and peoples in adapting to climate change. It focuses on significantly reducing the risk of physical harm and displacement from extreme weather events. Specific indicators being tracked to monitor progress.

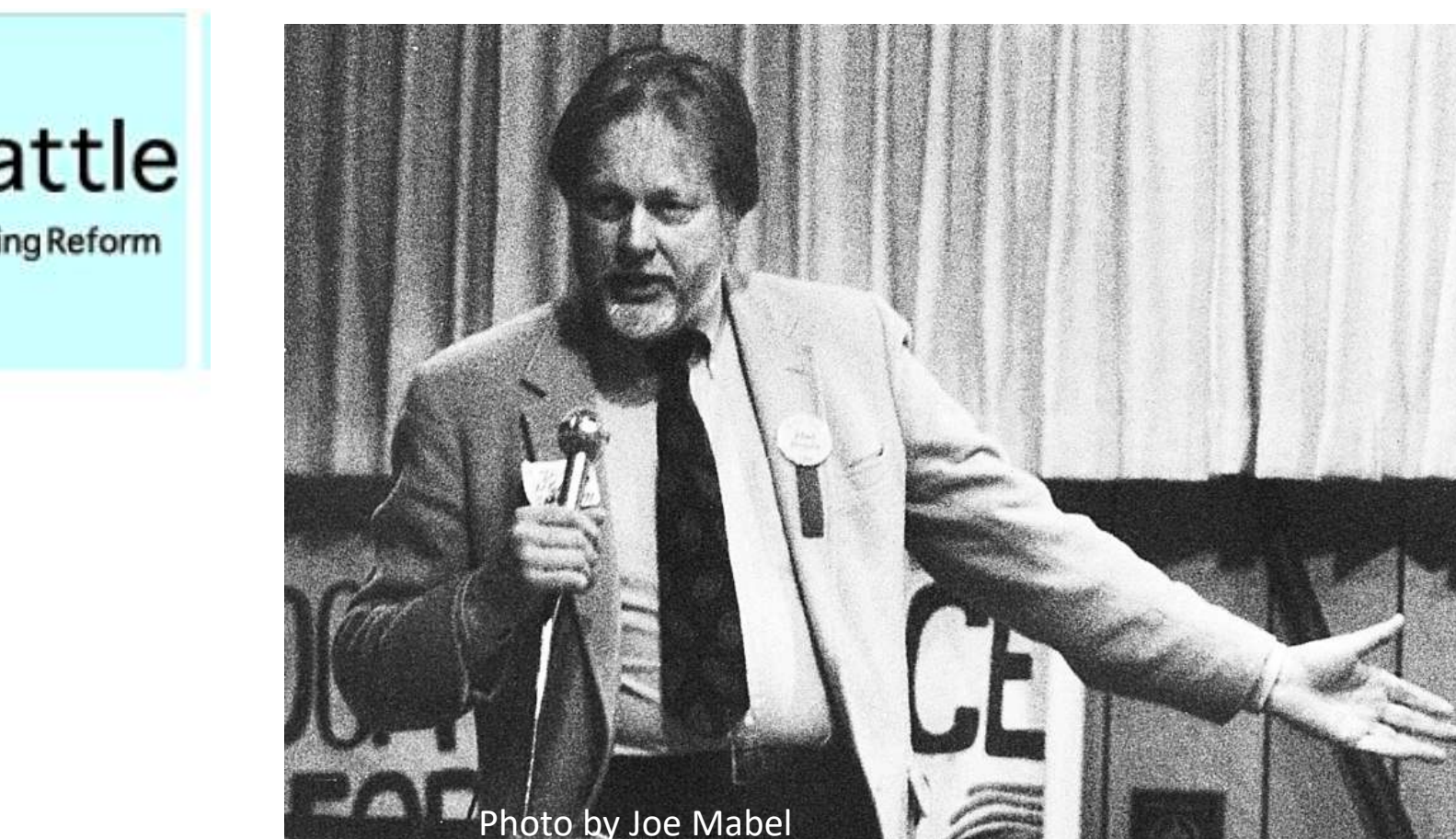
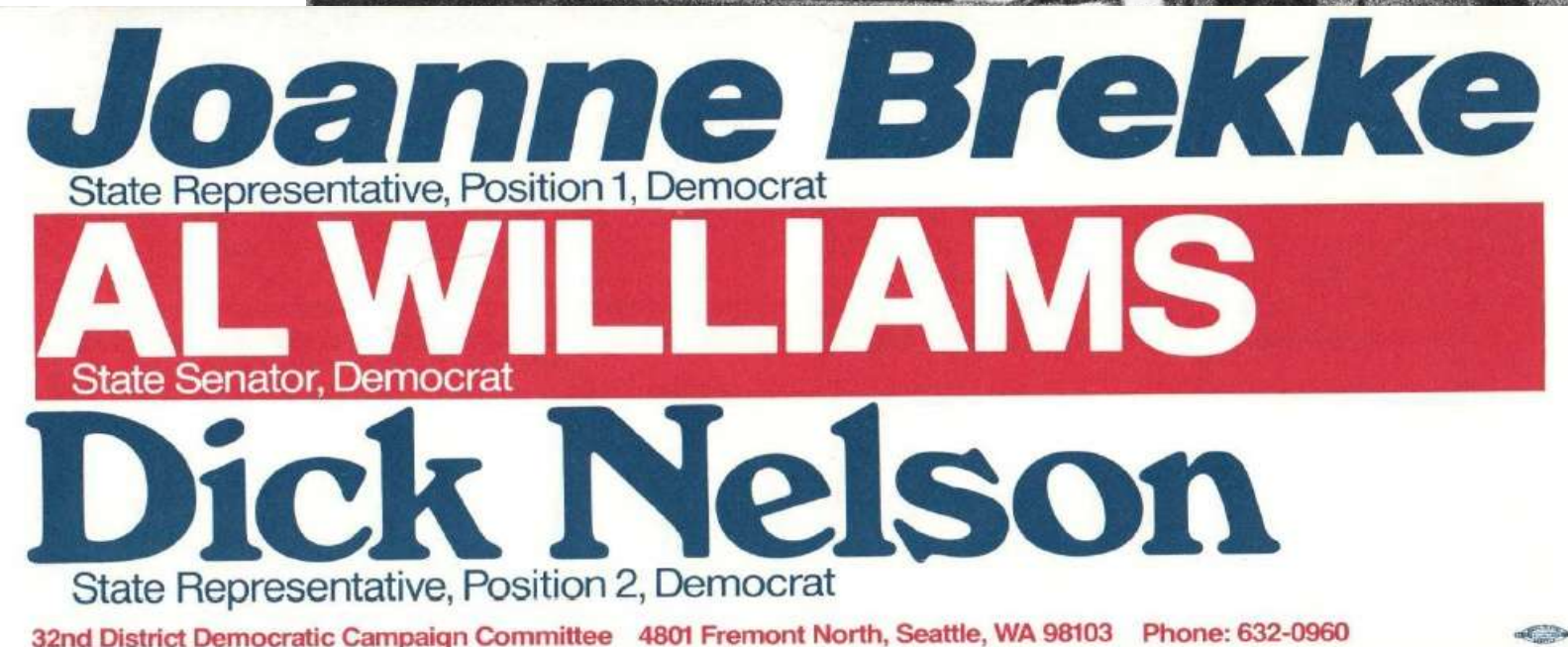


Photo by Joe Mabel



"I met him during an environmental initiative campaign for a bottle bill, like Oregon has. ... Dick shared with me his view that it was important to keep fighting for the right thing even if the powers that be are strongly against it; a view that really defined Dick Nelson. Whether the beverage industry, the nuclear industry (WPPSS), tax foes or the transportation industry, Dick never backed down from his principled positions based on facts."

Ted Hunter, Sound Law Center

Navy accused of 'ducking' Trident debate

A spokesman for the Action Committee Against Trident Submarine accused the Navy yesterday of "ducking" public discussion of the Trident project.

The spokesman, Dick Nelson, said the Navy had turned down an invitation to discuss the project at a public meeting with Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., an outspoken Trident critic.

Scoville will appear here in meetings Sunday and at Olympic College in Bremerton at 7 p. m. Monday

TODs: Look beyond the physical characteristics

- *More research needed on what makes TOD successful*

By DICK NELSON
Integrated Transport Research



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That we lead auto-dependent lives is abundantly clear. Residents of the four-county central Puget Sound region make an estimated 11 million individual trips every day, an average of 8 per household.

Almost all trips, about 97 percent, are by private vehicle. And most are to scattered locations for nonwork purposes — shopping, eating out, recreation and personal business. Commuting to work accounts for just 20 percent of all trips, and work trips are often linked with nonwork trips.

But even as we enjoy the door-to-door convenience our vehicles provide, we complain about the downside, particularly the congestion that results when too many vehicles — those other guys — converge at the same time on roads with finite capacity.

LEAST COST PLANNING: A TOOL FOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING

by Dick Nelson and Don Shakow

Transportation Research Record, #1499, National Academy of Sciences/Engineering, Washington, D.C., 1995

ABSTRACT

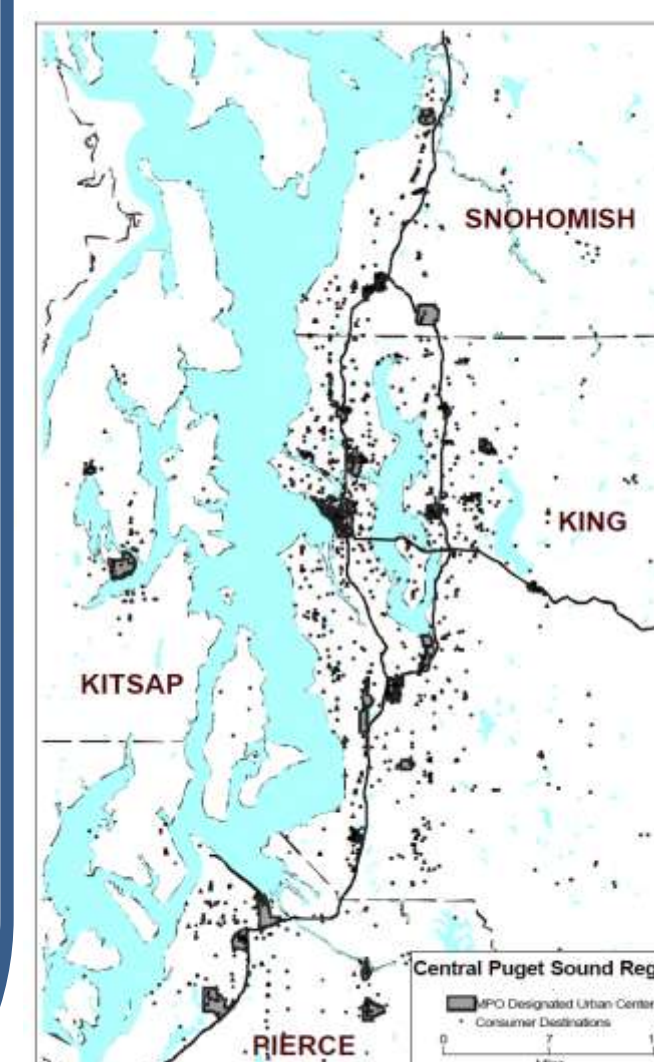
This paper describes a new approach to transportation investment planning and a prototype computer model. The model was developed to assist metropolitan transportation planners and decision makers in meeting the new federal and state planning requirements. Based on two decades of experience in electrical energy planning, the model incorporates the principles of least cost planning and full cost accounting. It attempts to promote an efficient search for investment and policy options that enhance regional benefits, while reducing social costs.

Sampling of Titles: Dick's 50 Crosscut Essays, 2011-15

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We can use an old tax trick to improve housing affordability ... April 23, 2015
How income inequality is keeping state coffers low ... December 14, 2014
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New city transportation head: Can he match the city's goals with its resources? ... August 14, 2014
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Many Dispersed Activities Confound Transit Service

"Dick was an incredible human being."

Karen E. Philbrick, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Mineta Transportation Institute
San José, CA



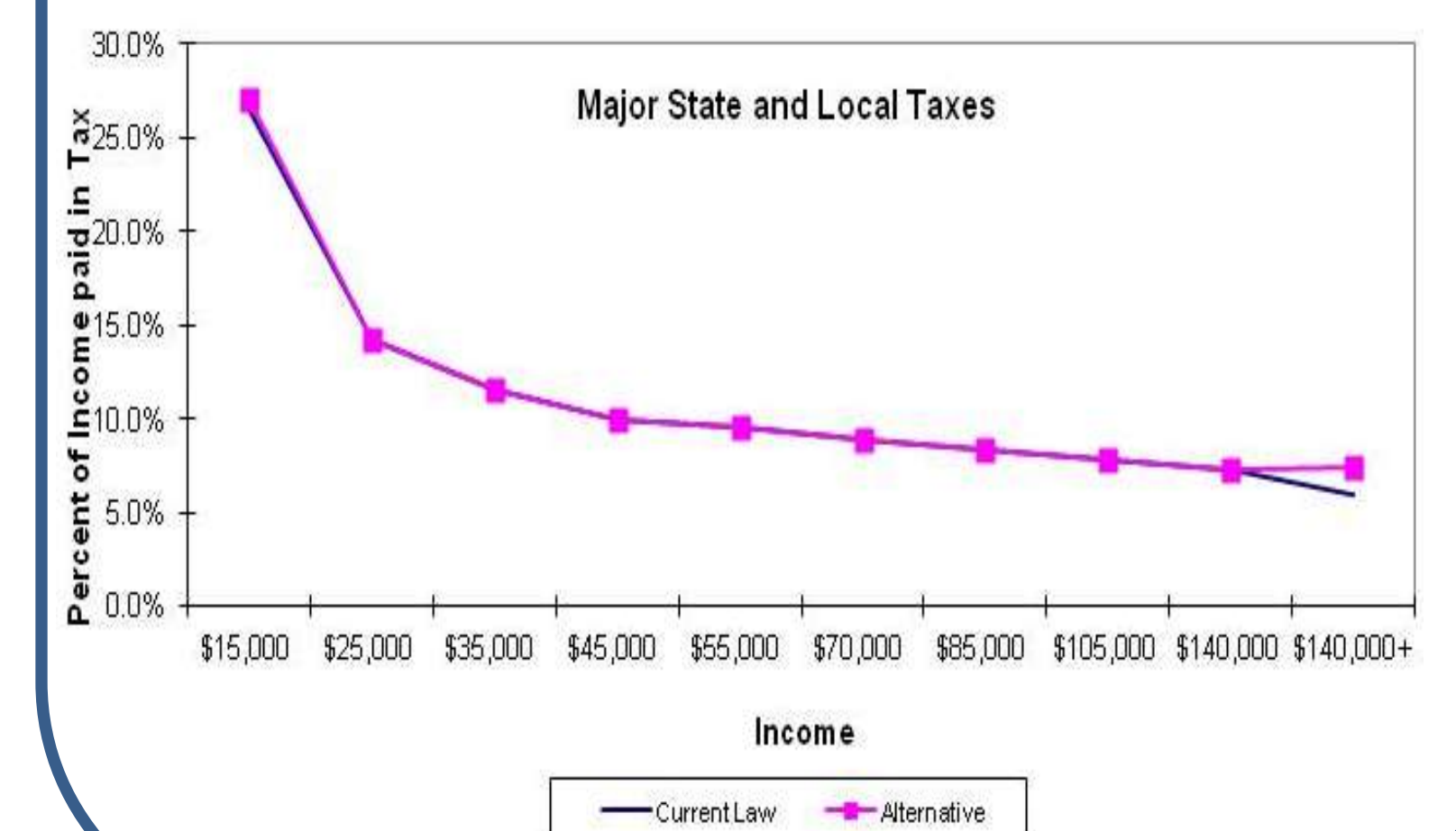
Dick Nelson
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2019 Focus: State Tax Policy

Taxing Capital Gains

A tax on capital gains will not cure the fundamental problem with the state tax system. It will produce needed revenue collected from high-income earners but it will not reduce the regressivity that burdens low and middle income households. This is a reality that the graph makes clear.

Tax Burden on Households



Creating a Planning Template for Non-work Travel and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) #9807

Principal Investigator:
Dick Nelson
Final Report Due:
Summer 2000



Dick Nelson

This project seeks to improve the planning methodology for TOD by bringing a sharper focus on data display and analysis on non-work trip generators. Using the Central Puget Sound region as a case study data source, the team will map and analyze the non-work travel environment of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue-Everett metro area and use the results to create a planning template for transportation and land use planners pursuing TOD. Trip generators will be mapped using desktop GIS capabilities, using private and public sector databases and field surveys. Spatial relationships will be analyzed. The team will quantify the increasingly larger trade areas of the new retail formats.

