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Patty Rubstello serves as the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Urban Mobility and Access (UMA) at Washington State Department of Transportation. In that role, Rubstello provides executive direction to three central Puget Sound divisions within WSDOT: Management of Mobility, Toll Division and Regional Transit Coordination.

The Puget Sound region is facing significant transportation and planning challenges in the coming decade, and the UMA office was created in 2017 to facilitate better collaboration and focus on maintaining mobility for the people and goods that move throughout the area. UMA's three divisions work on near- and long-term transportation planning in, including construction impact planning with other transportation agencies over the next 5-6 years; ongoing toll operations and opening a new toll facility, the SR 99 tunnel; expanded coordination with Sound Transit as they deliver both ST 2 and ST 3 packages; creating partnerships with other local transit agencies on new initiatives; and improving connections between various modes of transportation.

Before leading UMA, Rubstello managed the WSDOT Toll Division. She began her career at WSDOT in 1990, and has spent most of her career working in the areas of project development, traffic operations and tolling. She is a licensed engineer, a member of WTS and is a board member of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.