## Introduction to State Plane Coordinates

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Figure 1.2 Spherical Triangle



Lambert Conformal Conic Projection


Transverse Mercator Projection




# State Plane Coordinate System of 1983 

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# APPENDIX C.--CONSTANTS FOR THE LAMBERT PROJECTION BY THE POLYNOMIAL COEFFICIENT METHOD 

## Constants

$\mathrm{Bs}=$
$\mathrm{Bn}=$
$\mathrm{Bb}=$
$\mathrm{LO}=$
$\mathrm{Nb}=$
$\mathrm{EO}=$
$\mathrm{BO}=$

SinBo=
$\mathrm{Rb}=$
Ro =
$\mathrm{K}=$
No =
ko =
Mo =
ro =

## Description

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Southern standard parallel
Northern standard parallel
Latitude of grid origin
Longitude of the true and grid origin,
the "central meridian"
Northing value at grid orgin "Bb"
Easting value at the origin "Lo"
Latitude of the true projection origin,
the "central parallel"
Sine of Bo
Mapping radius at Bb
Mapping radius at Bo
Mapping radius at the equator
Northing value at the true projection
origin "Bo"
Central parallel grid scale factor
Scaled radius of curvature in the
meridian at "Bo"
Geometric mean radius of curvature at
Bo scaled to the grid
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$\mathrm{Bs}, \mathrm{Bn}, \mathrm{Bb}$, and Lo in degrees: minutes
Bo in decimal degrees
Linear units in meters
(See page 44 for equivalent notation of defining and derived constants used in the figure below.)

PARAMETERS OF A LAMBERT PROJECTION


## WA N WASHINGTON NORTH ZONE \# 4601

Defining Constants

| Bs | $=$ | $47: 30$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Bn | $=$ | $48: 44$ |
| Bb | $=$ | $47: 00$ |
| LO | $=$ | $120: 50$ |
| Nb | $=$ | 0.0000 |
| EO | $=$ | 500000.0000 |

Computed Constants
Bo $=48.1179151437$
SinBo $=0.744520326553$
$\mathrm{Rb}=5853778.6038$
Ro $=5729486.2170$
No $=124292.3869$
$K=11670409.5559$
$k o=0.999942253481$
$\mathrm{Mo}=6370499.7054$
ro $=6380060$.

Coefficients for GP to PC
$L(1)=111186.1944$
$L(2)=9.72145$
$L(3)=5.61785$
$L(4)=0.027630$

Coefficients for PC to GP
$\mathrm{G}(1)=8.993922319 \mathrm{E}-06$
$G(2)=-7.07270 \mathrm{E}-15$
$G(3)=-3.67384 \mathrm{E}-20$
$G(4)=-1.4705 \mathrm{E}-27$

Coefficients for Grid Scale Factor

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F(1) = 0.999942253481
F(2) = 1.22844E-14
F(3) = 7.08E-22
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## WA S WASHINGTON SOUTH

## ZONE \# 4602

Coefficients for GP to PC
$L(1)=111153.2505$
$L(2)=9.75921$
$L(3)=5.62165$
$L(4)=0.026539$

Coefficients for PC to GP
$G(1)=8: 996587928 \mathrm{E}-06$
$G(2)=-7.10693 \mathrm{E}-15$
$G(3)=-3.68032 \mathrm{E}-20$
$G(4)=-1.3823 \mathrm{E}-27$

Coefficients for Grid Scale Factor
$F(1)=0.999914597644$
$F(2)=1.22897 E-14$
$F(3)=6.73 \mathrm{E}-22$

## RCW Sections

58.20.110 Definitions.
58.20.120 System designation -- Permitted uses.
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### 58.20.110

Definitions.
Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW
58.20.110 through 58.20.220 and 58.20.901:
(1) "Committee" means the interagency federal geodetic control committee or its successor;
(2) "GRS 80" means the geodetic reference system of 1980 as adopted in 1979 by the international union of geodesy and geophysics defined on an equipotential ellipsoid;
(3) "National geodetic survey" means the national ocean service's national geodetic survey of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration, United States department of commerce, or its successor;
(4) "Washington coordinate system of 1927" means the system of plane coordinates in effect under this chapter until July 1, 1990, which is based on the North American datum of 1927 as determined by the national geodetic survey of the United States department of commerce;
(5) "Washington coordinate system of 1983" means the system of plane coordinates under this chapter based on the North American datum of 1983 as determined by the national geodetic survey of the United States department of commerce.
[1989 c 54 § 9.]

### 58.20.120 <br> System designation - Permitted uses.

Until July 1, 1990, the Washington coordinate system of 1927, or its successor, the Washington coordinate system of 1983, may be used in Washington for expressing positions or locations of points on the surface of the earth. On and after that date, the Washington coordinate system of 1983 shall be the designated coordinate system in Washington. The Washington coordinate system of 1927 may be used only for purposes of reference after June 30, 1990.
[1989 c 54 § 10.]

### 58.20.130 <br> Plane coordinates adopted - Zones.

The system of plane coordinates which has been established by the national geodetic survey for defining and stating the positions or locations of points on the surface of the earth within the state of Washington is designated as the "Washington coordinate system of 1983."

For the purposes of this system the state is divided into a "north zone" and a "south zone."
The area now included in the following counties shall constitute the north zone: Chelan, Clallam, Douglas, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Whatcom, and that part of Grant lying north of parallel $47^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ north
latitude.
The area now included in the following counties shall constitute the south zone: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Franklin, Garfield, that part of Grant lying south of parallel $47^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ north latitude, Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima.
[1989 c 54 § 11.]

### 58.20.140 <br> Designation of system - Zones.

As established for use in the north zone, the Washington coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used it shall be designated, the "Washington coordinate system of 1983, north zone."

As established for use in the south zone, the Washington coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used it shall be designated, the "Washington coordinate system of 1983, south zone."
[1989 c 54 § 12.]

### 58.20.150 <br> Designation of coordinates - "N" and "E."

" N " and " E " shall be used in labeling coordinates of a point on the earth's surface and in expressing the position or location of such point relative to the origin of the appropriate zone of this system, expressed in meters and decimals of a meter. These coordinates shall be made to depend upon and conform to the coordinates, on the Washington coordinate system of 1983, of the horizontal control stations of the national geodetic survey within the state of Washington, as those coordinates have been determined, accepted, or adjusted by the survey.
[1989 c 54 § 13.]

### 58.20.160

## Tract in both zones - Description

When any tract of land to be defined by a single description extends from one into the other of the coordinate zones under RCW
58.20.130, the positions of all points on its boundaries may be referred to either of the zones, the zone which is used being specifically named in the description.
[1989 c 54 § 14.]

### 58.20.170

## Zones - Technical definitions.

For purposes of more precisely defining the Washington coordinate system of 1983, the following definition by the national geodetic survey is adopted:
The Washington coordinate system of 1983, north zone, is a Lambert conformal conic projection of the GRS 80 spheroid, having standard parallels at north latitudes $47^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ and $48^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian $120^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ west of Greenwich and the parallel $47^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: $\mathrm{E}=500,000$ meters and $\mathrm{N}=0$ meters.

The Washington coordinate system of 1983, south zone, is a Lambert conformal conic projection of the GRS 80 spheroid, having standard parallels at north latitudes $45^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ and $47^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$, along which parallels the scale shall be exact. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian $120^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ west of Greenwich and the parallel $45^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: $E=500,000$ meters and $N=0$ meters.

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[1989 c 54 § 15.]
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### 58.20.180

Recording coordinates - Control stations.
Coordinates based on the Washington coordinate system of 1983, purporting to define the position of a point on a land boundary, may be presented to be recorded in any public land records or deed records if the survey method used for the determination of these coordinates is established in conformity with standards and specifications prescribed by the interagency federal geodetic control committee, or its successor. These surveys shall be connected to monumented control stations that are adjusted to and published in the national network of geodetic control by the national geodetic survey and such connected horizontal control stations shall be described in the land or deed record. Standards and specifications of the committee in force on the date of the survey shall apply. In all instances where reference has been made to such coordinates in land surveys or deeds, the scale and sea level factors shall be stated for the survey lines used in computing ground distances and areas.

The position of the Washington coordinate system of 1983 shall be marked on the ground by horizontal geodetic control stations which have been established in conformity with the survey standards adopted by the committee and whose geodetic positions have been rigorously adjusted on the North American datum of 1983, and whose coordinates have been computed and published on the system defined in RCW
58.20.110 through 58.20.220 and 58.20.901. Any such control station may be used to establish a survey connection with the Washington coordinate system of 1983.
[1989 c 54 § 16.]
58.20.190

Conversion of coordinates - Metric.
Any conversion of coordinates between the meter and the United States survey foot shall be based upon the length of the meter being equal to exactly 39.37 inches.
[1989 c 54 § 17.]

### 58.20.200

Term - Limited use.
The use of the term "Washington coordinate system of 1983" on any map, report of survey, or other document, shall be limited to coordinates based on the Washington coordinate system of 1983 as defined in this chapter.
[1989 c 54 § 18.]

### 58.20.210

United States survey prevails - Conflict.
Whenever coordinates based on the Washington coordinate system of 1983 are used to describe any tract of land which in the same document is also described by reference to any subdivision, line or corner of the United States public land surveys, the description by coordinates shall be construed as supplemental to the basic description of such subdivision, line, or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed of record, and in the event of any conflict the description by reference to the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land surveys shall prevail over the description by coordinates.
[1989 c 54 § 19.]

### 58.20.220 <br> Real estate transactions - Exemption.

Nothing contained in this chapter shall require any purchaser or mortgagee to rely on a description, any part of which depends exclusively upon the Washington coordinate system of 1927 or 1983.

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[1989 c 54 § 20.]
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### 58.20.901

Severability - 1989 c 54.
If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
[1989 c 54 § 21.]

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## WAC 332-130-060

Agency filings affecting this section

## Local geodetic control survey standards.

The following standards shall apply to local geodetic control surveys:
The datum for the horizontal control network in Washington shall be NAD83 as officially adjusted and published by the National Geodetic Survey of the United States Department of Commerce or as established in accordance with chapter 58.20 RCW. The datum tag and coordinate epoch date (if pertinent) shall be reported on all documents prepared, which show local geodetic control; e.g., NAD83 (1991), NAD83 (CORS) (2002.00), NAD83 (NSRS) (2005.50) and other future [standards].
[Statutory Authority: Chapter 58.24 RCW. 05-13-104, § 332-130-060, filed 6/17/05, effective 7/18/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 58.24.040(1). 91-19-013 (Order 581), § 332-130-060, filed 9/9/91, effective 10/10/91; 89-11-028 (Order 561), § 332-130-060, filed $5 / 11 / 89$; Order 275, § 332-130-060, filed 5/2/77.]

## Notes:

Reviser's note: RCW 34.05 .395 requires the use of underlining and deletion marks to indicate amendments to existing rules, and deems ineffectual changes not filed by the agency in this manner. The bracketed material in the above section does not appear to conform to the statutory requirement.

## SURVEY DATUMS IN WASHINGTON STATE

| Datum | Reference Ellipsoid | Semi-Major Axis | Inverse Flattening |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NAD 27 | CLARKE 1866 | $6,378,145 \mathrm{M}$ | 298.25 |
| NAD 83 | GRS 80 | $6,378,137.0 \mathrm{M}$ | 298.257222101 |
| DoD GPS | WGS 84 | $6,378,137.0 \mathrm{M}$ | 298.257223563 |

NAD 27 - Meade Ranch Kansas held fixed
NAD 83(1986)
NAD 83(1991) - Washington/Oregon HARN
NAD 83(CORS) - Multiple Epochs
NAD 83(1998) - Washington FBN 1998
NAD 83(NSRS2007) - 70000 Points - 700 CORS Points held fixed - GPS and Traverse Data
NAD 83(2011) - 81055 Points - 1195 CORS Points held fixed - GPS only

## LOCAL COORDINATE SHIFTS

NAD 27 to NAD 83(1986) $\rightarrow$ 59' South \& 122' East (+360,000’ offset West)
NAD 83(1986) to NAD 83(1991) $\rightarrow 0.71^{\prime}$ ' North \& 0.35' East
NAD 83(1991) to NAD 83(NSRS2007) $\rightarrow 0.24$ ' North \& 0.23' East
NAD 83(NSRS2007) to NAD 83(2011) $\rightarrow 0.10^{\prime}$ North \& 0.19' East

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## Land Survey Services

## GPS Base Station Data

Download GPS data from Bellevue's base stations by clicking a station on the map below. One-second epoch data for the past 60 days is available in two formats, RINEX 2.11 and Trimble T02.


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Survey Control, Bellevue, WA


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Horizontal Control - NAD 83(2011) - Washington North Zone

| Horiz. Id | Location | Description | Northing (US Feet) | Easting (US Feet) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{0054}$ | 92ND AVE NE \& NE 24TH ST. | CONCRETE MON W/ 2" DIA BRASS CAP W/ PUNCH MK IN CASE; TOP MON TO TOP RIM CASE 1.67 FEET. | 233587.736 | 1299065.081 |
| $\underline{0600}$ | IN ASPHALT SHOULDER WEST END SW RADIUS @ 89TH PL NE \& NE 24TH ST. | PK NAIL W/COB DISK \#600. | 233583.354 | 1298255.949 |
| $\underline{0601}$ | IN ASPHALT SHOULDER NORTH SIDE NE 24TH ST 133'+/- EAST OF 91ST AVE NE. | PK NAIL W/COB DISK \#601. | 233610.945 | 1298718.655 |
| 3190 | EASTERLY OF 2 MONS @ INTERSECTION NE 24TH ST \& 94TH AVE NE. | CONCRETE MON W/ 2" DIA BRASS DISC W/ PUNCH MK (EAST SIDE DISC) IN CASE; TOP MON TO TOP RIM CASE 1.11 FEET. | 233579.517 | 1299735.332 |
| 3191 | WESTERLY OF 2 MONS @ INTERSECTION NE 24TH ST \& 94TH AVE NE. | CONCRETE MON W/ 2" DIA BRASS DISC W/ PUNCH MK IN CASE; TOP MON TO TOP RIM CASE 1.25 FEET. | 233579.585 | 1299730.557 |

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Vertical Control - NAVD 88

| Vert. Id | Location | Description | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Elev. (US } \\ & \text { Feet) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 70 | 92ND AVE NE \& NE 24TH ST. | CONCRETE MON W/ 2" DIA BRASS CAP W/ PUNCH MK IN CASE; TOP MON TO TOP RIM CASE 1.67 FEET. | 292.534 |
| 843 | EASTERLY OF 2 MONS @ INTERSECTION NE 24TH ST \& 94TH AVE NE. | CONCRETE MON W/ 2" DIA BRASS DISC W/ PUNCH MK (EAST SIDE DISC) IN CASE; TOP MON TO TOP RIM CASE 1.11 FEET. | 343.756 |

## SURVEY STATION DATA CARD



## HORIZONTAL STATION: 0054

## LOCATION:

92ND AVE NE \& NE 24TH ST.

## DESCRIPTION:

CONCRETE MON W/ 2" DIA BRASS CAP W/ PUNCH MK IN CASE; TOP MON TO TOP RIM CASE 1.67 FEET.

## LAST VISITED: 31-Aug-11

HORIZONTAL DATUM: NAD 83(2011) - Washington North Zone

NORTHING:

EASTING:

SCALE FACTOR:

CONVERGENCE ANGLE:

LATITUDE:

LONGITUDE:

ELLIPSOID HEIGHT:

71,197.684 Meters ( $\pm .005$ ) 233,587.736 US Feet ( $\pm .018$ )
$395,955.829$ Meters ( $\pm .003$ ) 1,299,065.081 US Feet ( $\pm .010)$
. 9999780000 Grid . 9999677423 Combined
-01 0150.86

N 473755.03031

| VERTICAL DATUM: | NAVD 88 | BENCH MARK: 70 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| ORTHOMETRIC ELEVATION: | 89.165 Meters $( \pm .002)$ | 292.534 US Feet $( \pm .008)$ |

