



# State Role in Public Transportation

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# What is the State Investment in Public Transportation?

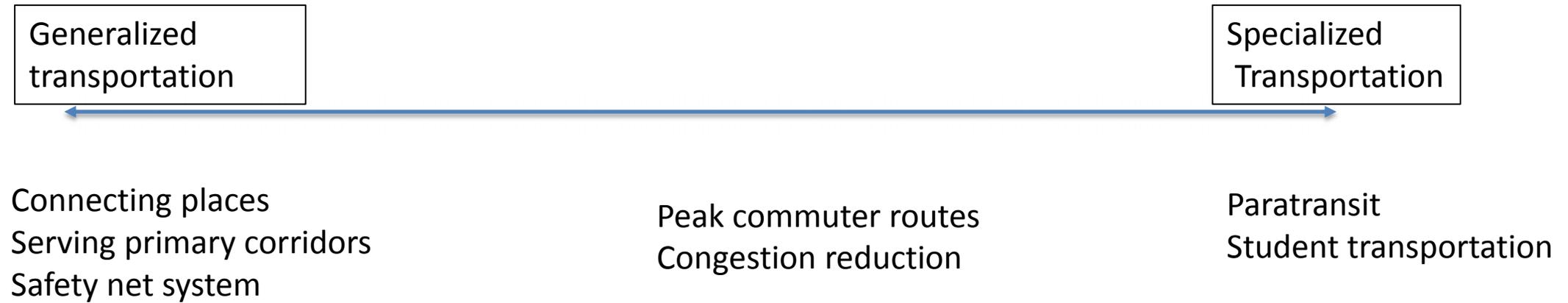
	State \$\$	Federal \$\$	Local \$\$
<b>Buses</b>	\$87 million	Capital ★	Operating ★★
<b>Intercity Bus</b>		★	
<b>Commuter Rail</b>		Capital ★	★★
<b>Light Rail</b>		Capital ★	★★
<b>Amtrak</b>	\$56 million	\$435 million	
<b>Ferries</b>	\$903 million	\$118 million	Fares: \$328 million
<b>Vanpools</b>	\$6 million	★	Operating ★
<b>Paratransit*</b>	\$25 million	★	★

## WSDOT Public Transportation Division Investments 2013 – 15 Biennium

Regional Mobility Grants	\$50,000,000
Commute Trip Reduction	\$3,900,000
Vanpool Investment Program	\$6,000,000
Special Needs Transportation	\$25,000,000
Rural Mobility Program	\$17,000,000
Public Transportation Grants	\$26,000,000

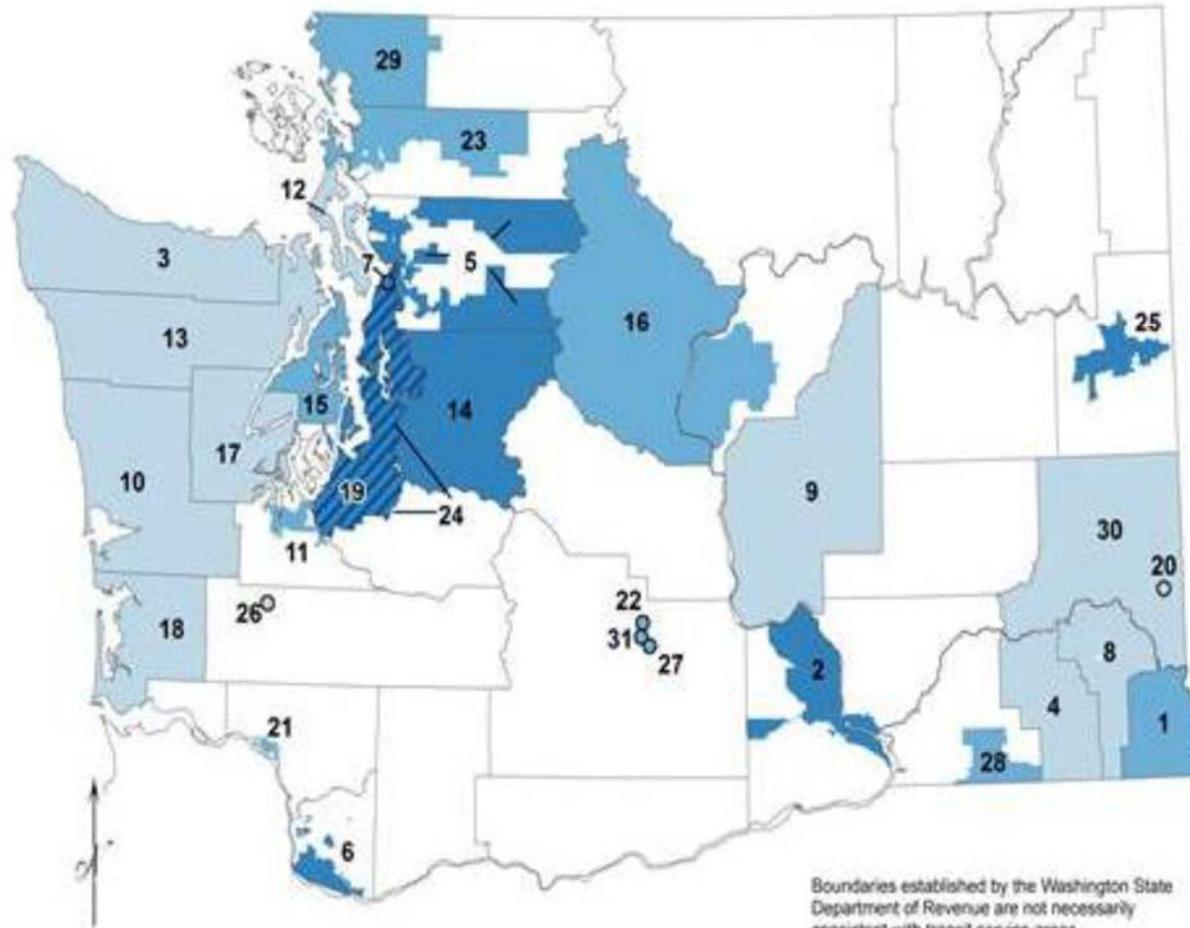
\*Does not include \$60 million federal funds for Medicaid transportation.

# State Interests in Public Transportation



- The state has an interest in the effectiveness and efficiency of public transportation.
- The state has an interest in improving mobility, safety and security of the transportation network.
- The state has a goal of reducing carbon emissions and improving the health of citizens and communities.

# Local Transit Agencies



## Transit Classification

- Urban
- Small Urban
- Rural
- Regional District
- City

- 1 Asotin County PTBA
- 2 Ben Franklin Transit
- 3 Clallam Transit System
- 4 Columbia County Public Transportation
- 5 Community Transit
- 6 C-TRAN
- 7 Everett Transit
- 8 Garfield County Public Transportation
- 9 Grant Transit Authority
- 10 Grays Harbor Transportation Authority
- 11 Intercity Transit
- 12 Island Transit
- 13 Jefferson Transit Authority
- 14 King County Metro
- 15 Kitsap Transit
- 16 Link Transit
- 17 Mason County Transportation Authority
- 18 Pacific Transit System
- 19 Pierce Transit
- 20 Pullman Transit
- 21 RiverCities Transit (formerly CUBS)
- 22 Selah Transit
- 23 Skagit Transit
- 24 Sound Transit
- 25 Spokane Transit Authority
- 26 Twin Transit
- 27 Union Gap Transit
- 28 Valley Transit
- 29 Whatcom Transportation Authority
- 30 Whitman County UTBA
- 31 Yakima Transit

Boundaries established by the Washington State Department of Revenue are not necessarily consistent with transit service areas.

# WSDOT Intercity Bus Program



# Recommendations: JTC Report on State Role in Public Transportation

## January 2011

1. **Transportation Integration**—In each WSDOT region, and where necessary at the sub-region, institute a new regional integration role to better integrate public transportation into state transportation planning and programming activities and to foster greater partnerships between the state and public transportation providers.
2. **Policy Refinement**—Develop, enhance and revise policies that promote the use of public transportation, maximize its effectiveness and eliminate barriers to its use.
3. **Refocus Resources**—Assess the adequacy of funding sources, reevaluate the focus and distribution of existing state funding resources, evaluate increasing existing state revenues, and in the long term, provide new resources to meet statewide public transportation needs.
4. **Align Reporting**—Align reporting and data collection with the federal process, consolidate public transportation planning and reporting processes and focus on identifying overall trends in order to provide a more useful and comprehensive picture of public transportation.
5. **Focus on Performance**—Develop a consistent set of measures that are applied to all state, regional and local public transportation modes and integrate those into the state's transportation reporting framework to enable policy leaders to identify public transportation trends in the broader context of the overall transportation system and goals.