



Legislative Priorities 2022

Preserve and Maintain Public Transit Investments

Support efforts to preserve and maintain funding for public transit grants and other multimodal grant programs, including the core public transit state grant, Special Needs Transportation, Regional Mobility, Rural Mobility, Connecting Washington Transit Tiered List, Green Transportation Infrastructure, and Vanpool Investment Program.

Significant Increase in State Investments to Public Transit

Support significant state investments in public transit focused on public transit providers' operational and capital needs.

Investments should provide flexibility, limited mandates, and requirements, and be administratively easy to implement while retaining local decision-making control.

New State Revenue Principles

Support additional state revenues to assist in funding transportation needs across the state with a more profound emphasis on multimodal projects. Additional revenues should be sustainable over time, provide flexibility in its use, be progressive in nature untethered to a specific revenue source, and not harm the current local revenue authority.

Incentivize Zero-Emission Transit Vehicles

Support policies and legislation that provide greater incentives to operate and purchase zero-emission transit vehicles, including capital infrastructure needs, to transition fleets to zero-emission.

Protect the Effective and Efficient Delivery of Public Transit

Support efforts that facilitate safe, cost-effective, and efficient delivery of transit operations, services, and projects. Monitor legislation involving regional tolling, OPMA, land use development, public records, procurement, and changes to RCWs about public transit authorities. When necessary, oppose legislation that would negatively impact the delivery of public transit.

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Asotin County Transit | Ben Franklin Transit | C-TRAN | Clallam Transit | Columbia County Public Transportation | Community Transit
Central Transit | Everett Transit | Garfield County Public Transportation | Grant Transit Authority | Grays Harbor Transportation Authority
Intercity Transit | Island Transit | Jefferson Transit | King County Metro | Kitsap Transit | Link Transit | Mason Transit Authority | Pacific Transit
Pierce Transit | Pullman Transit | RiverCities Transit | Skagit Transit | Sound Transit | Spokane Transit Authority | TranGo
Twin Transit | Valley Transit | Whatcom Transportation Authority | WSDOT – Division of Public Transportation | Yakima Transit

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