

March 29, 2021

Governor Inslee and Legislative Leaders:

As we head into the final weeks of session, we urge you to come together and work toward agreement on a comprehensive transportation funding package to pass this year. A bold infrastructure package will support job creation and recovery; putting folks to work, moving goods more effectively and efficiently, and ensuring mobility for our essential workers.

To date, we have seen four different transportation investment proposals signaling bipartisan agreement that a comprehensive infrastructure package is needed. While the approaches differ, there is agreement we need new investments to address the backlog of maintenance and preservation projects across the state, fund critical projects (such as the I-5 bridge over the Columbia, the Highway 2 Trestle, the 405 Corridor and the West Seattle Bridge), build a greener hybrid-electric ferry fleet, increase multi modal options to support equitable recovery and meet our legal obligation of the removal of fish passage barriers.

Our state faced transportation funding gaps prior to the pandemic and those challenges have only been exacerbated in the wake of the pandemic. While we appreciate that you are planning to use federal money to patch holes in the current transportation budget, there are still big problems in our transportation investments moving forward:

- Ferry passenger ridership is not projected to recover and return to pre-pandemic levels until 2027 and vehicle ridership is not expected to recover until 2028
- Toll revenues are not projected to recover until 2024
- Gas consumption is not projected to recover in the next 10 years

Action this year will help address these issues as well as provide critical economic stimulus and aid in our recovery. For every \$1 Washington invests in new construction activity, 11 additional jobs are supported and \$2 is generated in economic activity.

Keep Washington Rolling – a coalition of business leaders, labor unions, local governments and environmental and transit advocates – has worked together for more than 15 years for investments in our transportation system. We know that a healthy transportation system supports economic activity, jobs and quality of life for all Washingtonians.

Please take action THIS YEAR. We urge Legislative leaders to come together and work toward agreement on a comprehensive transportation funding package during this Legislative session.

Sincerely,

AGC of Washington

Alaska Airline

Amalgamated Transit Union Legislative Council

Amazon

American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington

Architects & Engineers Legislative Council

Association of Washington Business

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Bellevue Downtown Association

Boilermakers Local 104

CDM Smith Inc

City of Auburn

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City of Black Diamond, MAYOR

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City of Maple Valley

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City of Newcastle
City of North Bend
City of Redmond
City of Renton
City of SeaTac
City of Spokane
City of Tacoma
City of Tukwila
City of Woodinville
Clark County Transportation Alliance
Climate Solutions
Columbia River Economic Development Council
Cowlitz EDC
Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Grant County Economic Development Council
Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.
Greater Spokane Inc.
HDR
HNTB Corporation
Identity Clark County
ILWU Washington Area District Council
Inland Northwest AGC
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 612

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302

Jenny Durkan, Mayor of Seattle

Mackay Marine, Inc.

MER Equipment Inc.

Microsoft Corporation

Nichols Brothers Boat Builders

NW Carpenters Union

OneRedmond

Pacific Power Group

PEMCO Insurance

Port of Allyn

Port of Columbia

Port of Seattle

Port of Tacoma

PRR

Puget Sound Chapter, NECA

Seaport Steel

Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Sheet Metal Workers Local 66

Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation

SMART Transportation Division/United Transportation Union

Sound Cities Association

Southwest Washington Freight & Commerce Task Force (SW
FACT)

Symetra Life Insurance Company

Tacoma Pierce County Chamber

The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Transportation Choices Coalition

Vigor

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

Vulcan Inc.

WA Aggregates & Concrete Association

Washington Asphalt Pavement Association

Washington Conservation Voters

Washington Economic Development Association

Washington Environmental Council

Washington Public Ports Association

Washington Roundtable

Washington Society of Professional Engineers

Washington State Association of Counties

Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO

Washington State Transit Association

Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA)

Wright Runstad & Company

WSP USA