

Principles for a Statewide Transportation Funding Package



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New investments should be deployed with a focus on:

- Transportation infrastructure that improves long-term passenger and freight mobility and safety by providing reliable and predictable service as our region continues to grow
- Creating an equitable, accessible, affordable, and resilient transit system by:
 - Investing in projects that support access for underserved and unserved communities
 - Connecting transit hubs and options
 - Encouraging innovation such as public-private partnerships for on-demand service and first-last mile connections to transit
- Completing major projects and connecting key freight corridors with our ports
 - Maintaining Connecting Washington commitments
- Maintenance and preservation of existing service and infrastructure, including bridges and the marine highway system that are crucial to the efficient movement of people and goods through our state
 - Seeking state partnership on the West Seattle Bridge in combination with local and federal funding sources
 - Keep our state a competitive place to do business by maintaining a state of good repair, especially for infrastructure that is a lifeline for the region, like I-5 and our bridges
- Supporting economic development and jobs associated with a healthy, vibrant economy
- Addressing the environmental impacts of transportation, like emissions and stormwater, by:
 - Supporting investments in electrification, including ferries, and expanding charging infrastructure
 - Incentivizing low carbon or carbon free fuel and sustainable aviation fuels.
 - Improving fish passages, culverts, habitat investments, and making other watershed improvements

New revenue generated by transportation fees or taxes should:

- Be consistent with principles developed by Chamber members on state tax policy
- Be coupled with plans for continuing performance improvements and should conform to existing performance measures. Plans for improved outcomes and service delivery should also consider measures for current and future land use.
- Not supplant existing transportation funding being raised at the local level
- Be reinvested for transportation purposes.

As the legislature balances needs, a transportation funding package should also consider regional tools that can provide cities, counties, and transit agencies with sustainable options for vital investments

Any transportation package from the state should best set Washington up to leverage federal dollars