

**WSTA's Mission** is to shape, ignite, and inspire decisions that promote public transportation as a vital element of the communities we serve.

## How Public Transit Contributes to the State's Transportation Goals...

### **ECONOMIC VITALITY**

- ◆ Spurring Economic Development
- ◆ Increasing Movement of Freight and Services
- ◆ Providing Access to Jobs and Education

### **MOBILITY**

- ◆ Moving More People
- ◆ Managing Capacity
- ◆ Increasing Connectivity
- ◆ Mitigating Congestion

### **PRESERVATION & STEWARDSHIP**

- ◆ Preserving and Extending the State System
- ◆ Improving System Efficiency
- ◆ Making Roads Safer
- ◆ Addressing Public Safety

### **ENVIRONMENT**

- ◆ Promoting Healthier Communities & Denser Development
- ◆ Contributing to Cleaner Air and Water
- ◆ Reducing Fossil Fuel Use

### **PROPOSED GOAL: ACCESSIBILITY**

- ◆ Ensuring Special Needs Access
- ◆ Serving Rural Communities
- ◆ Keeping Pace with the Elderly

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# WSTA Legislative Agenda

**During the 2011 legislative session, WSTA's focus is to advocate for its member agencies and customers to ensure that state policies and funding foster a robust and efficient statewide public transportation system. Our priorities include:**

- ◆ **Supporting a balanced statewide transportation plan**, which keeps transit infrastructure in a state of good repair that includes significant investments in public transit through expanded state funding and additional local revenue authority to ensure stable, short-term and long-term funding for transit projects and services.
- ◆ **Supporting funding for programs that contribute to the preservation and enhancement of public transit** including, but not limited to: Commute Trip Reduction Program, Growth and Transportation Efficiency Center (GTEC) program, Regional Mobility Grant Program, Rural Mobility competitive funding, Rural Mobility/Sales Tax equalization formula funding, Special Needs Transportation/Paratransit formula funding, and the Vanpool Investment Program.
- ◆ **WSTA supports state policy changes that promote efficient use of resources and that provide the best value to our citizens**, including:
  - Ensuring state funded or leased facilities be sited in areas adequately accessible by transit service.
  - Changing the due date for submission of annual Transit Development Plans to avoid duplicative effort by transit agencies.
  - Opposing legislation that would negatively impact the oversight, financing, construction, delivery and operations of transit agencies.

## Our Members

Ben Franklin Transit  
C-TRAN  
Clallam Transit System  
Community Transit  
Community Urban Bus Service (CUBS)  
Everett Transit  
Grant Transit Authority  
Grays Harbor Transportation Authority  
Intercity Transit  
Island Transit  
Jefferson Transit Authority  
King County Metro  
Kitsap Transit  
Link Transit  
Mason County Transp. Authority  
Pacific Transit  
Pierce Transit  
Pullman Transit  
Skagit Transit  
Sound Transit  
Spokane Transit Authority  
Twin Transit  
Valley Transit  
Whatcom Transportation Authority  
Yakima Transit  
WSDOT

## Our Associate Members

Aronson Security Group; Art Anderson Associates; Bowers Transmission; Emmett Koelsch Coaches; Foster Pepper PLLC; Fred Zagurski Consultants; G4S Secure Solutions, Inc.; GFI Genfare; Gillig Corporation; Harlows Bus Sales; Hopelink DART; ISC Corp; Paratransit Services; Q'STRAIT; Schetky Northwest Sales; Specialty Automotive Management Services; SW Washington Regional Transportation Council; Trapeze Group; Washington State Transit Insurance Pool; Weslin Consulting Services, Inc.; ZF Industries