

Why and How Public Transit is Important to Washington:

Economy:

- Creates and supports jobs
- Connects employees with employers
- Attracts incoming businesses
- Provides a cost effective use of tax dollars
- Reduces the cost of congestion and delay

Social Safety Net:

- Provides a community lifeline for the elderly, disabled, youth and low-income riders
- Allows those without cars to access jobs, shopping, and their communities

Mobility:

- Results in fewer cars on the roads, a key part of the solution to congestion
- Gives people real travel choices, access and connections
- Provides safe travel with lower accident rates

Environment:

- Creates livable communities
- Reduces fuel consumption and emissions
- A major component of the state's efforts to address climate change

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

2012 Legislative Agenda



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General/Fiscal

WSTA has been an active participant on the “Connecting Washington” Task Force - working constructively to help craft a comprehensive transportation funding package for the 2012 session. WSTA supports a transportation funding package that recognizes the importance of transit to Washington’s citizens and that maintains the good repair of the multimodal state system.

WSTA supports the following:

Protecting funding for the Commute Trip Reduction program, Vanpool Investment Program, Regional Mobility Grant Program, Special Needs Grant Program, Rural Mobility Grant Program, state sales tax equalization, and streamlined sales tax mitigation.

Seeking adequate funding for WSDOT’s Public Transportation Division that allows for administration of the Rural Mobility Grants, the Regional Mobility Grants, and the other grant programs upon which WSTA’s members rely.

Transportation Policy

WSTA supports state policy changes that promote efficient use of resources and that provide the best value to our citizens, such as:

Addressing the state law conflict with federal requirements pertaining to retainage and contractor bonds.

Supporting legislation that changes current state practices or standards that unduly increase transit operating costs.

WSTA opposes legislation that would negatively impact the oversight, financing, construction, delivery and operation of transit projects and services.

<u>Our Members</u>	Spokane Transit Authority
Asotin County PTBA	Twin Transit
Ben Franklin Transit	Valley Transit
C-TRAN	Whatcom Transportation Authority
Clallam Transit System	Yakima Transit
Columbia County Public Transportation	WSDOT
Community Transit	
Community Urban Bus Service (CUBS)	<u>Our Associate Members</u>
Everett Transit	Alto Transflor, Aronson Security Group; Bowers Transmission; Braun Corporation; Emmett Koelsch Coaches; Evergreen Bus Service Equipment; Foster Pepper PLLC; G4S Secure Solutions Inc.; GFI
Garfield County Public Transportation	Genfare; Gillig Corporation; Harlows Bus Sales; Hope-link Transportation; NW Bus Sale; Paratransit Services; People for People; Q'STRAIT; Salem Keizer Transit District; Schetky
Grant Transit Authority	Northwest Sales; Specialty Automotive Mgt. Systems; SW WA Regional Transportation Council; Transit Marketing Group; Trapeze Group; USSC Group; WA State Transit Insurance Pool; Weslin Consulting Service; ZF Industries
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	