



2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Transit Funding to Keep Washington Moving

Large and small transit agencies across the state are facing drastic budget shortfalls due to their dependence on sales taxes. If new, sustainable revenue is not identified in the next two years, agencies will be forced to make drastic cuts to their service, hindering our region's economic recovery, clogging our roads, preventing us from reducing greenhouse gas emissions and leaving transit riders stranded. Even during the economic recession demand for transit continues to be strong; statewide transit ridership has increased nearly 20% over the last three years. In order to address this growing crisis, Washington State needs to restore Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) and Growth and Transportation Efficiency Centers (GTEC) funding, increase direct contribution to transit and other multi-modal programs, and provide significant new local options for transit systems across the state.

Complete Streets for Healthy Communities

Complete Streets are crucial components for creating healthy, walkable, and bike-friendly communities in Washington State. We want to create a framework for a grant program for complete streets projects in Washington's cities to incentivize and reward complete streets projects statewide.

Incentives to Create Transit Oriented Communities

Creating compact, walkable transit oriented communities is crucial to meeting the State's greenhouse gas emissions goals, supporting transit, and encouraging economic development.

Ensure that Sound Transit's Projects are Essential Public Facilities under the Growth Management Act (GMA)

In 2008 the voters of the Central Puget Sound overwhelmingly passed Sound Transit 2, a plan to build out a regional network of light rail, commuter rail and express buses. Transportation Choices Coalition supports Sound Transit's efforts to clarify the status of these projects under GMA in order to streamline their permitting process and deliver them more rapidly to Central Puget Sound voters.

Pay-As-You-Drive Insurance

Opening the doors to creating a pay-as-you-drive insurance program in Washington is a crucial component to reducing emissions in the transportation sector. Transportation Choices Coalition supports measures to promote Washington as a market for an insurance system that allows consumers to opt into a pay-per-mile model.

Alaskan Way Viaduct, 520 Bridge Replacement and I-90 Two Way HOV

The legislature is moving forward on replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and SR 520 floating bridge. Transit options to move people is crucial for any solution in both of these corridors, before during and after construction.