

Transportation **Choices**  
transit for all

# 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## Maintain and increase funding programs for public transit, walking and biking

- **Maintain funding commitments** to multi-modal, bike, and pedestrian investments, maintenance and operations resources, voter-approved transit projects, and public transportation programs, e.g., Regional Mobility, Rural Mobility, Vanpool Investments, Special Needs, Capital Grants, Commute Trip Reduction, and Safe Routes to School.
- **Increase funding for transit, walking and biking** by looking for additional flexible funding sources, and ensuring any new transportation package increases the level of multimodal investments.

## Create a cleaner and more equitable transportation system

- **Support bills that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollution** through a clean and equitable transportation system. By investing in a combination of multimodal infrastructure, demand management, and electrification of transit and fleets, we can maximize co-benefits such as congestion, health, mobility, stormwater, affordability, safety, and jobs.
- **Support bills establishing a State commitment to Environmental Justice** in Washington Department of Transportation and other agencies in order to create a better understanding of existing inequities in our transportation system and a path to restoring a better quality of life for those most impacted.

## Improve efficiency of our roads and systems

- **Bolster HOV enforcement through increased penalties** in order to maximize efficiency of these lanes, ensuring reliable trips for carpools and transit.
- **Expand traffic camera statutes** to include automatic enforcement of bus lanes and crosswalks (“block the box”), protecting pedestrians from dangerous walking conditions and buses from illegal use of dedicated busways.
- **Authorize tolls and improve toll policy.** Tolloed lanes and facilities help manage congestion, improved transit reliability, and raise revenue for facility improvements. We will look for opportunities to create consistency in policies and improve outreach and accessibility to the benefits of these project.
- **Increase support for WSDOT Transportation Demand Management, operational investments, and I-5 corridor scenario planning efforts,** which will identify new and proven strategies to reduce congestion, reduce travel times, improve air quality, and optimize our transportation system. Continue to consider creative solutions to address non-commute trips and reach populations that have historically been underserved by Commute Trip Reduction programs.
- **Protect authority to regulate TNCs and autonomous vehicles** using values such as equity, sustainability, health, and safety. Therefore we can ensure new technologies enhance mobility and complement transit, rather than increase vehicle miles travelled, encourage sprawl, and exacerbate income inequality.
- **Legislative authority for transit agencies to enforce and manage parking at Park & Ride facilities** will ensure that we use expensive parking infrastructure in the most efficient way possible.

## Transportation Choices Coalition's legislative agenda supports our strategic goals:

### 1. Connect people to opportunity.

We will prioritize equity and access to transit so that everyone can connect more easily to activities, services, and opportunities. Great transit service supports our state's high quality of life and helps strengthen our rich social fabric, connecting people to the activities and services that help them thrive.

### 2. Implement essential transit improvements.

We will ensure that policies and voter-approved transit expansions are effectively implemented to support access and foster equitable, healthy communities connected by great transit.

### 3. Lead the way toward progressive solutions.

Great transit choices must be part of the answer to address pressing statewide challenges like explosive population growth, affordable housing, and environmental stewardship. At the same time, new and exciting approaches are changing the way people move from place to place – innovations that must be aligned with existing multi-modal opportunities to maximize public benefits.

### 4. Strengthen support for transit.

Through our proven leadership, coalition building, and advocacy, we will leverage, amplify, and expand statewide support for thriving transit communities. In 2016, our diverse and powerful coalition helped deliver the largest public transit package in Washington State history. This success depended heavily on grass-roots and grass-tops support – a strong foundation we've established through decades of education, outreach, and advocacy work. We will continue to prioritize these programs to sustain and grow transit support across the region and state.



**Mission:** TCC is working to bring Washingtonians more and better transportation choices - real opportunities to take a bus, catch a train, ride a bike, or walk.

## About Transportation Choices Coalition

Founded in 1993, TCC is a nonprofit dedicated to making transportation choices accessible to everyone in Washington State. We advocate for policies, funding, and education that support more transit, bike, and pedestrian improvements at the state, regional, and local levels. We believe that transportation is a pathway to opportunity.

### We are committed to centering equity in our work.

When we preserve and grow access to frequent, reliable, and affordable transportation, all communities regardless of race or income have the opportunity to thrive. Our intersectional coalitions and community-based partnerships help advance policy solutions to ensure our transportation system delivers racial equity outcomes.



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