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WA STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

A safe and sustainable *transportation future*

TCC's top priorities: Charting a path for transformative transportation

- Lay the groundwork for a better transportation future by passing a **transformative transportation package** that fully funds the State's known transit, active transportation, and clean transportation needs.
- Ensure all communities have usable, equitable transit access by establishing and ensuring a **statewide baseline level of transit service** by directly funding operations.
- Modernize Washington's transportation funding and system by developing a flexible, equitable **Road Usage Charge**.
- Increase racial equity by **eliminating jaywalking laws** statewide.
- Empower communities by increasing and improving **local options for transportation funding**.
- Help labor allies **build the workforce** as they fight against driver, operator, and mechanic shortages in transportation.

Institutionalize equity to address disparities and build a fair transportation system

Reduce harm from policing and enforcement. Improve safety, comfort, and financial outcomes for people of color, unhoused, and low-income community members by eliminating laws that criminalize pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, removing armed law enforcement from routine traffic stops, creating incentives rather than relying on enforcement, reduce reliance on regressive and punitive measures and the court system, and create accountability and transparency.

- Remove jaywalking and other harmful pedestrian laws
- Remove armed officers from routine traffic stops
- Equity analysis of automated enforcement operations; remove need for sworn law officer to review footage

Further equity research. Support implementation of WSTC's low-income toll study recommendations and *Road Usage Charge* equity proviso findings.

Affordable fares. Support the development of an *ORCA LIFT* program for Washington State Ferries.

Support JTC transportation studies that further equity.

- **Car tabs payment options workgroup.** Recommend new options for payment of vehicle fees or taxes due at the time of application for vehicle registration, including options to reduce impacts to communities of color, low-income households, vulnerable populations, and displaced communities.
- **Transportation equity in cities.** A study on the impacts of current and historical city transportation investments on designated populations, including communities of color, low-income households, vulnerable populations, and displaced communities.



Support more and better transportation funding and values-driven spending

Improve local options. Authorize progressive and sustainable revenue options for local jurisdictions.¹

Expand multimodal revenue. Ensure new transportation funding sources like *Road Usage Charge* can be spent on all parts of the transportation system.²

Spend to achieve values. Fund the next step of *WSDOT's* performance based investment pilot. Consider policies to strengthen practical solutions and create carbon limits for new projects.

Plan for sustainable, affordable and healthy transportation

Fund public transit. Make groundbreaking investments in fare affordability and direct transit operations that support minimum frequent service levels in both urban and rural areas.

Improve mobility. Support ADA planning and funding to improve access for disabled people.

Spend smartly. Support the development and funding of a *Highway System Plan* to holistically address corridor needs.

Incentivize sustainability. Increase funding and eligibility for TDM programs, especially for organizations and buildings that serve low-income workers, students, or clients, such as the WA small business transit benefits pilot.

Build the workforce. Help labor allies as they fight against driver, operator, and mechanic shortages in transit.

1. https://waclimatealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CJ_Revenue_Recommendations_Local_V1.pdf

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