

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2023

Increasing transportation equity and safety for all Washingtonians

Transportation Choices' Top Priorities

- **Eliminate jaywalking laws statewide** to increase safety and racial equity.
- **End stops for non-moving traffic violations** in order to focus on safety issues.
- **Improve the composition of transit boards** to ensure community voices are represented in decision-making.
- **Develop a flexible, equitable Road Usage Charge (RUC)** to modernize Washington's transportation funding and system.
- **Help labor allies build the workforce** as they address driver, operator, and mechanic shortages in transportation.
- **Protect and implement Move Ahead Washington's** transformative investments.

Transportation Choices is also supporting

Access & Affordability

Transportation Choices aims to increase transportation equity by supporting bills that institutionalize racial equity, improve transit service and active transportation networks, and reduce the cost of sustainable transportation. Specifically, we will support:

- The **development of an ORCA LIFT program** for Washington State Ferries.
- **ADA planning and funding** to improve access for disabled people.
- **Funding antiracism training** for transportation agencies and commissions.
- The development of a systemwide approach to a **low-income toll program**.
- The **implementation of statewide studies that further transportation equity**, including the Transportation Equity in Cities Study, the Nondriver Study, and the Frequent Transit Service Study.

Climate & The Environment

Transportation Choices supports bills that reduce GHG emissions, address ambient air pollution, and improve water quality through investment in remediation and cleaner transportation options that also support mobility and improved land use. Specifically, we will support:

- Bills that **reduce sprawl, encourage affordable transit-oriented development, and climate-driven comprehensive planning.**
- An increase in funding and eligibility for **CTR and TDM programs to reduce single-occupancy trips**, especially for organizations, buildings, and small businesses that serve low-income workers, students, or clients.
- Prioritizing **electrification dollars to clean up the dirtiest medium and heavy-duty vehicles and fleets.**

Safety

Following unacceptable levels of traffic violence, Transportation Choices is supporting legislation to reduce transportation injuries and fatalities and increase personal safety while focusing on upstream solutions such as engineering, incentives, and education. Specifically, we will support:

- **Educating leaders about transit as a safety solution** — both as a safe mode and as an efficient alternative to highway widening which causes increased vehicle miles traveled and more safety incidents.
- Enacting policies that **encourage the purchase of smaller cars** to improve safety outcomes for people biking and walking.
- Policies and investments intended to **reduce dangerous conflicts between cars and people biking and walking.**
- Focusing **enforcement resources on safety issues and reducing punitive measures** in other areas.

Better Funding & Spending

Transportation Choices aims to improve stewardship of taxpayer dollars by advocating for progressive revenue options for transportation and community-driven plans and frameworks to ensure spending is aligned with state goals. Specifically, we will support:

- The **implementation of WSDOT's performance-based investment pilot** to help Washington spend to achieve our values.
- The **funding of planning studies that help improve regional transit operations and governance.**
- **Better local options for transportation funding**, including authorization of progressive and sustainable revenue sources.
- Smart spending by **the development and funding of a Highway System Plan** to holistically address corridor needs.