



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2024

Increasing transportation equity and safety for all Washingtonians

Transportation Choices' top priorities

Protect and expand multimodal transportation funding.

The Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and other multimodal revenue sources are critical to meet our mobility, climate, and safety goals. This year we'll be working to:

- Maintain and protect Transit Support Grants and Youth Ride Free funding
- Ensure sufficient revenue to adequately fund implementation of Complete Streets policy
- Fund the new mobility partnership grant program and other new grant programs to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions
- Support long-term planning for CCA funds
- Ensure transparency of CCA equity-based solutions and outcomes
- Promote better options for transportation funding, including authorization of progressive and sustainable revenue sources to support local jurisdictions

Pass Free to Walk, the jaywalking reform bill.

The transportation system should be safe for all users. However, Black and unhoused community members are disproportionately targeted with hostile stops when walking. Jaywalking laws are not only outdated, but they are also ineffective at keeping people who walk and roll safe. We think it's time for Washington to join states like [Virginia](#), [Nevada](#), and [California](#) in adopting common sense jaywalking reforms. Learn more at freetowalkwa.org.

Set the stage for an equitable Road Usage Charge (RUC).

The gas tax, which makes up more than half of our state's transportation funding, is declining due to increased fuel efficiency. A RUC is an innovative way to create robust, progressive, and holistic transportation funding and outcomes. We urge legislators to work with stakeholders to explore RUC policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, vehicle miles traveled, and air pollution while building an equitable transportation system that benefits all users. RUC should also be coordinated with local pricing mechanisms and maintain provisions and priorities for transit and tribes.

Address the transit worker shortage.

The worker shortage is currently one of the biggest threats to transit. According to an American Public Transportation Association survey conducted in February 2022, more than 9 of 10 public transit agencies have had difficulty hiring new employees. A shortage of transit workers is leaving some agencies unable to deliver needed service or use available funding. The state can address these challenges by supporting policies or resources to build the workforce pipeline, for agency recruitment and retention, to implement improvements to Commercial Drivers License training and certification, and by working with agencies to identify and address additional barriers.

Support efforts to keep transit safe and secure for all.

Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure on transit. Transit is one of the safest modes people can use to get around, but we know there's always room for improvement. Reducing safety incidents while minimizing the use of punishment and police enforcement is crucial to our work on mobility justice. TCC is exploring a range of policy ideas to better support transit riders and operators, including increasing partnerships with social service providers, increased security through unarmed agency presence, and improvements to buses and the built environment. Legislators can address these challenges by supporting agencies with policies and resources for agency pilots, programs, and infrastructure that address safety in these holistic ways.

Transportation Choices is also supporting:

- **Traffic Safety for All bill** to end police enforcement of non-moving traffic violations
- **Transit-oriented development policies** that increase affordable housing near transit
- **Road safety bills** such as lower DUI limits, ending Right on Red, and more
- **VMT and GHG reduction policies** that help the state meet safety and climate goals
- **Equitable & efficient project delivery** through improvements to multimodal permitting
- **Implementation of WSDOT's performance-based investment pilot** to help Washington spend to achieve our values
- **Low-income programming** to reduce the cost of transportation for low-income users, such as a systemwide approach to a low-income toll program

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