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Train Trek to Spokane

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Last month, we heard about the feasibility study commissioned by the state legislature. It confirmed that passenger train service between Spokane and Seattle via the Yakima Valley and Stampede Pass is technically and financially feasible. Tonight, we delve into the financial aspects of the service: its return on investment, and how it can be a successful part of economic recovery for our communities and the state.

- 6:15 PM Meeting Opens
- 6:30 PM **Welcome, Background on AAWA, Introductions**
Kathy Davis & Gary Wirt, AAWA
- 6:35 PM **Current State of Passenger Rail in Washington**
Ron Pate, WSDOT

Economic Recovery and Development with Passenger Rail

- 6:45 PM **Passenger Rail's Return on Investment & Community Economic Recovery**
Abe Zumwalt, AAWA
- 7:15 PM **Comments and Questions**
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- 7:25 PM Break (5 minutes)

How Communities Can Make Passenger Rail Happen

- 7:30 PM **Future of Passenger Rail in Washington**
U. S. Rep. Denny Heck
- 7:45 PM **Overcoming Budget Constraints**
State Sen. Marko Liias
- 7:55 PM **Communities Working Together**
State Rep. Tom Dent
- 8:05 PM **Regional Rail Cooperation**
David Strohmaier, Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority
- 8:10 PM **Assessing Statewide Transportation Needs & Connecting Modes**
Lawrence J. Krauter, CEO, Spokane Airports
- 8:20 PM **Next Steps and How You Can Help**
Luis Moscoso, AAWA
- 8:30 PM Close