

Seamless, Statewide Transportation

All Aboard Washington
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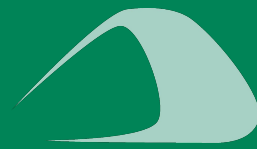
**IT TAKES
TRANSPORTATION**

What is World-Class Transportation?



It's More Than Just Trains






It Really Boils Down to One Simple Question

**Is it reasonably easy to
get from here to there?**

Far Too Often, It Isn't Easy At All

Anacortes to Walla Walla: 1 day 21 hours

Driving: 5 hours 22 minutes



Leave now Options

Sorry, we could not calculate transit directions from "Fidalgo Island, Washington" to "Walla Walla, Washington 99362"

Leave now Options

[Send directions to your phone](#)

2:40 PM (Sunday)—11:12 AM (Tuesday) 1 day 21 hr
 (Tuesday)

- Anacortes - Friday Harbor
- San Juan Clipper
- Empire Builder
- Amtrak Thruway Connecting Service

2:40 PM from Anacortes Ferry Terminal
 11 min

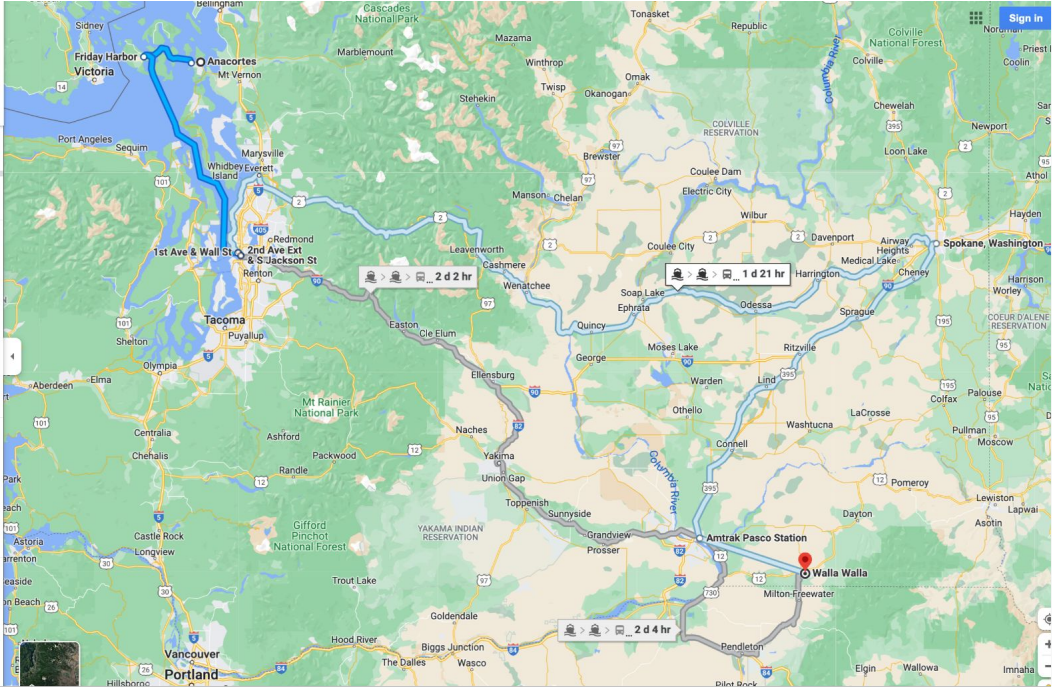
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- Anacortes - Friday Harbor
- San Juan Clipper
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- Greyhound
- Amtrak Thruway Connecting Service

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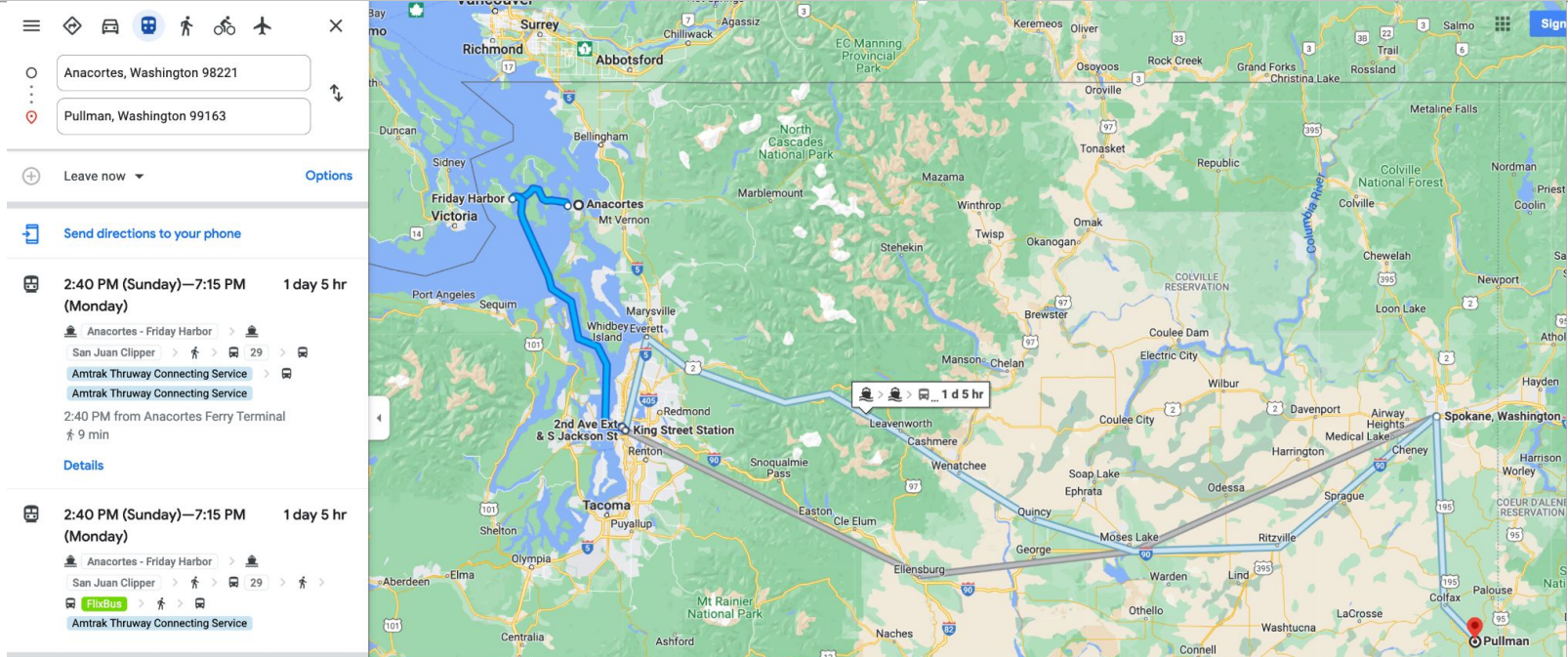
- Anacortes - Friday Harbor
- San Juan Clipper
- 150
- Greyhound
- Harrison Hopper
- Walla Walla Whistler



Far Too Often, It Isn't Easy At All

Anacortes to Pullman: 1 day 5 hours

Driving: 5 hours 50 minutes



Search: Anacortes, Washington 98221 to Pullman, Washington 99163

Departure: Leave now

Options: Send directions to your phone

Route Summary: 2:40 PM (Sunday)—7:15 PM (Monday) 1 day 5 hr

Transit Options:

- Anacortes - Friday Harbor > San Juan Clipper > Amtrak Thruway Connecting Service > Amtrak Thruway Connecting Service
- 2:40 PM from Anacortes Ferry Terminal 9 min
- Details
- 2:40 PM (Sunday)—7:15 PM (Monday) 1 day 5 hr
- Anacortes - Friday Harbor > San Juan Clipper > FlixBus > Amtrak Thruway Connecting Service

Map: Shows a route from Anacortes, WA to Pullman, WA. The route is highlighted in blue and includes a segment from Anacortes to Tacoma, then a long drive to Pullman. A callout box on the map indicates a 1 d 5 hr segment.



How About High Speed Rail?



North-South Corridor

- Major stations
- Major airport
- Local service

East-West Route

- Route option



Great, but will it get you to Pullman or Walla Walla, and sometime before 2040?

We Support High Speed Rail as Part of an Integrated System

- The High Speed Rail Alliance envisions an [integrated network approach](#) including high-speed, regional and shared-use lines.
- Almost all high-speed rail systems—including China, Japan and most of Europe—have been built on a foundation of a robust conventional rail system.
- We have a conventional rail system, but it is not robust

How Do We Get To High-Speed Rail?

- Get more frequent and faster trains running as soon as possible on the existing infrastructure.
- 6 daily trains was the “takeoff point” for the multi-million-rider passenger corridors in California (We have three daily trains to Portland today.)
- Start planning now for high-speed rail in twenty years.



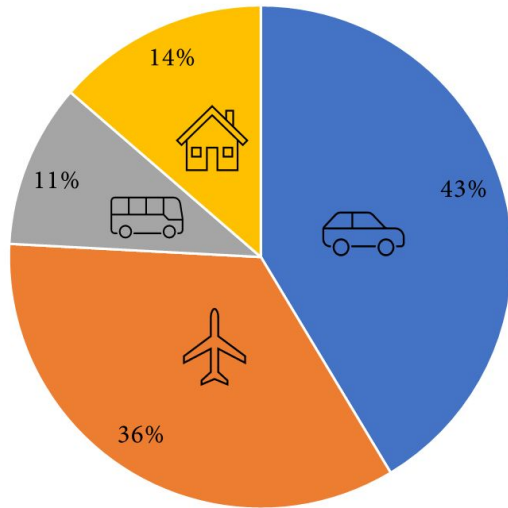
Options Available Today

- Amtrak *Cascades* to Eugene, Portland
- ***Vancouver BC service restarted a week ago***
- *Sounder* to Everett and Tacoma
- Amtrak *Coast Starlight* to Los Angeles
- Amtrak *Empire Builder* to Chicago



People Already Ride Trains

NW Rail Ridership Mode Choice
if Amtrak Unavailable



■ Auto ■ Plane ■ Bus ■ Would Not Travel

Who rides trains? Not who you expect.

- 2.25 Million Annual Amtrak Passengers from PNW (WA, OR, ID, MT) States
 - ~1 Million diverted **car trips**
 - ~700,000 diverted **plane trips**
 - ~300,000 would have **stayed home**
 - ~240,000 diverted **bus trips**

Our Vision

A transportation network that:

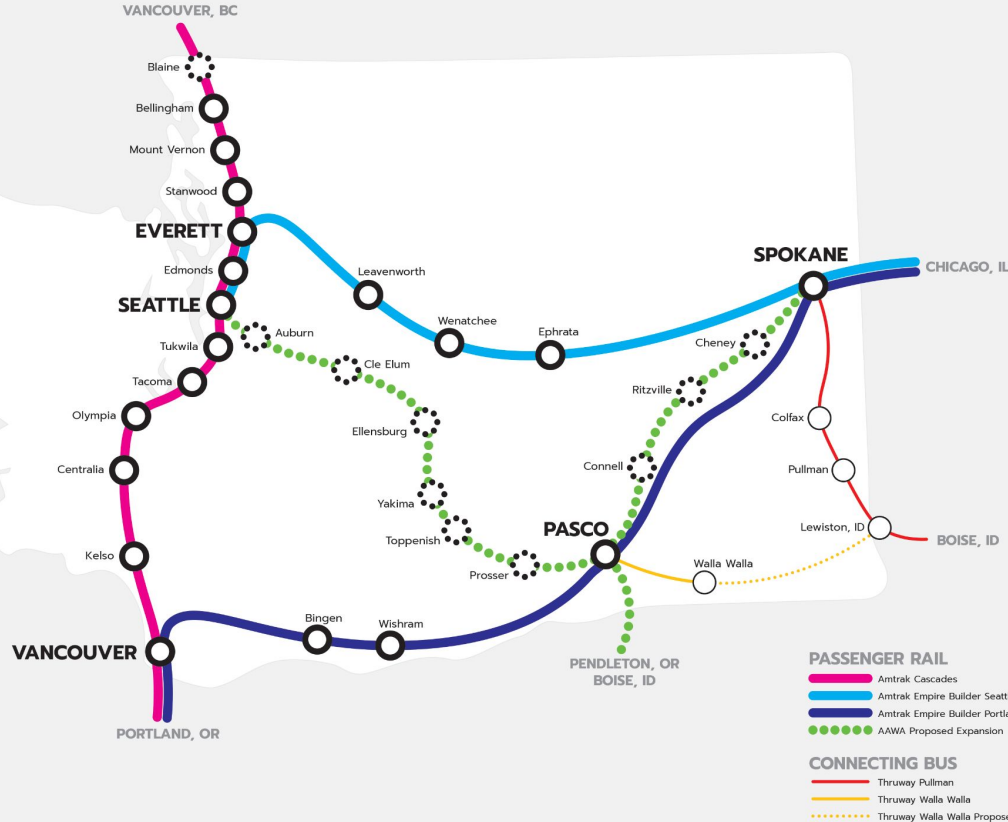
- Provides **seamless, door-to-door connectivity** to everyone in the region; and
- Offers **economic, environmental and equity benefits** to all, including *low-income, tribal, disability and rural communities*, locations where transportation **alternatives are limited**, and **those who cannot drive**

Our Goal

We must build a transportation network that will allow anyone to get from their homes to where they need to go – **work, school, medical care, family and friends – even if they don't use a car.**

Non-drivers are [30 percent](#) of the population, including **the young, the old, the disabled, the poor**, and those who are **concerned about the planet's future**. And that percentage is increasing.

WASHINGTON VISION MAP



Our Vision

- Frequent Amtrak trains crossing the entire Northwest
- More stations
- A competitive freight rail system
- Better connections to other modes

Economy, Environment, Equity

Rail is an ideal option for addressing ‘the 3 Es’



Economy

Intercity passenger trains help strengthen local economies across the Northwest.



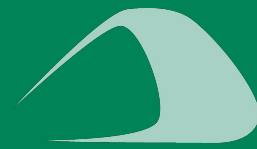
Environment

Intercity passenger trains provide low-emissions regional transportation.



Equity

Intercity passenger trains connect communities small and large.

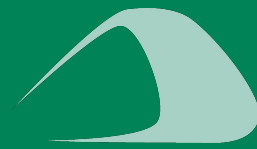


Economic Benefits

Easy travel options help strengthen local economies throughout the Northwest.

On average, communities receive \$84 per day-trip visitor, and \$366 per overnight visitor, according to Experience Washington.

**ECONOMIC JUSTICE
TAKES TRANSPORTATION**



Environmental Benefits

Rail is the optimal low-impact freight and passenger ground transportation option.

Rail does not contribute to [salmon die-off related to tires.](#)



Equity Benefits

A good freight and passenger rail network contributes to high quality of life in our region for everyone.

- **Improves reach** of local services
- **Expands access** for all communities



**A BETTER FUTURE TAKES
TRANSPORTATION**

AAWA's 2023 Legislative Priorities

1. **Restore Pre-Pandemic Rail Services**
2. **Expand Research on a Complete, Statewide Passenger and Freight Rail Network**
 - Follow in [California](#) and [Virginia's footsteps](#)
 - Benefit-Cost Analyses and Economic Impact Analyses
3. **Submit an “expression of interest” letter to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)**
4. **Establish an Interstate Rail Compact**

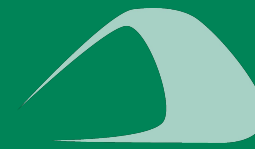
How You Can Help

Ask Legislators to
Support AAWA's
Priorities

<https://aawa.us/2023/>

Legislative Rail Caucus
meeting, Pasco, 9/28/22



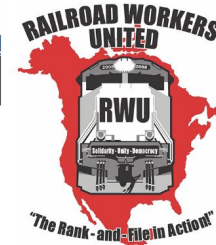


How You Can Help

Join Our Coalition



Puget Sound
Advocates for
Retirement
Action



All Aboard
NORTHWEST

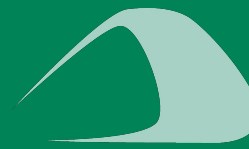
Attend the AAWA Legislative Preview

Kelso Depot

Saturday, October 8

Register at <https://www.aawa.us/events/>





How You Can Help

Support AAWA's Work and Vision

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