

Seamless, Statewide Transportation

All Aboard Washington
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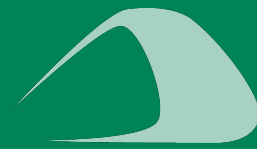
**IT TAKES
TRANSPORTATION**

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?**

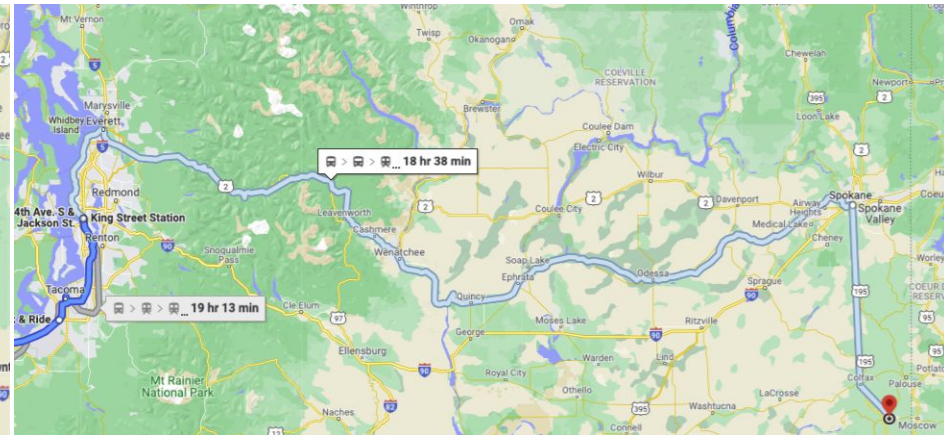
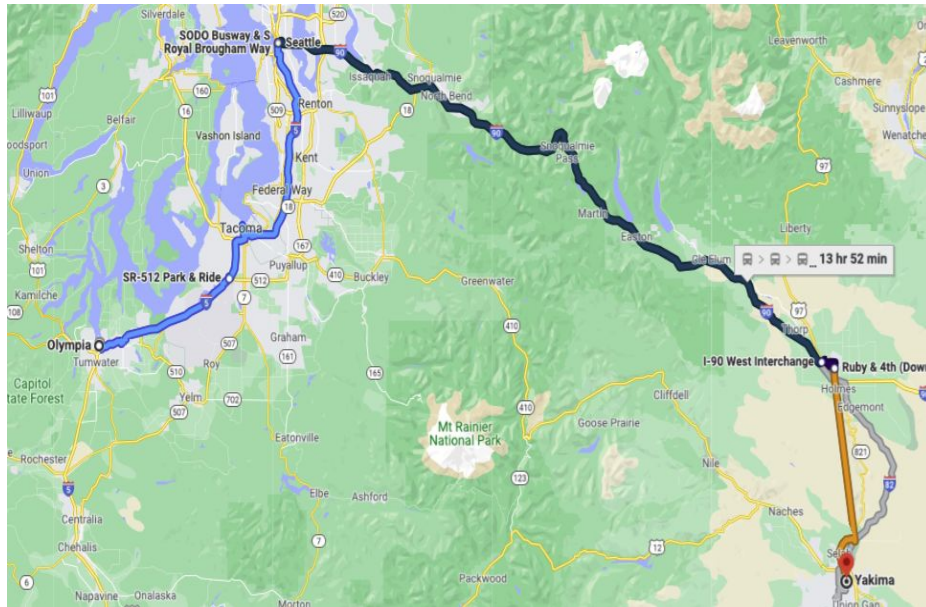
Far Too Often, It Isn't Easy At All

Yakima: 13 hours 52 minutes (tomorrow)

Pullman: 18 hours 38 minutes

Driving: 3 hours 2 minutes

5 hours 18 minutes





Olympia-Lacey Train Options

- Amtrak *Cascades* to Eugene, Portland, and Vancouver, BC (once border reopens)
- Amtrak *Coast Starlight* to Los Angeles



Improving South Sound Connections

- Train and bus connections to Seattle, Tacoma and beyond
- Restore state-funded commuter service

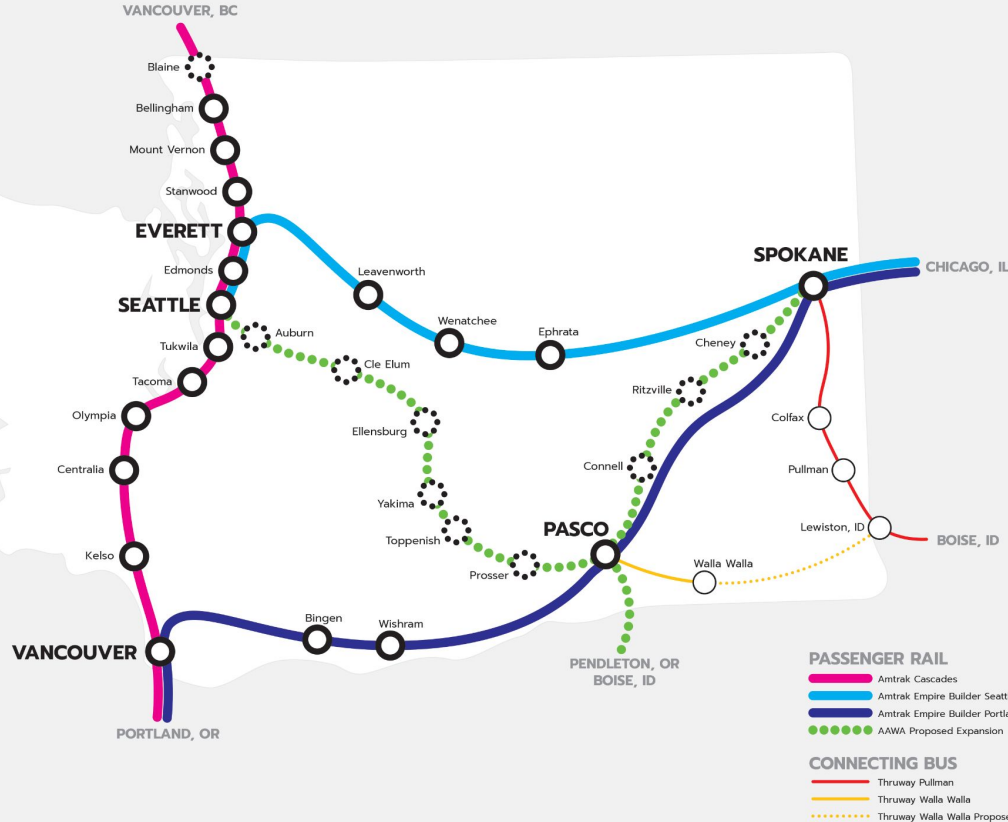


Our Vision

A transportation network that:

- Provides **seamless**, door-to-door connectivity for our region's people and goods
- Offers **economic, environmental, and equity benefits** to all communities

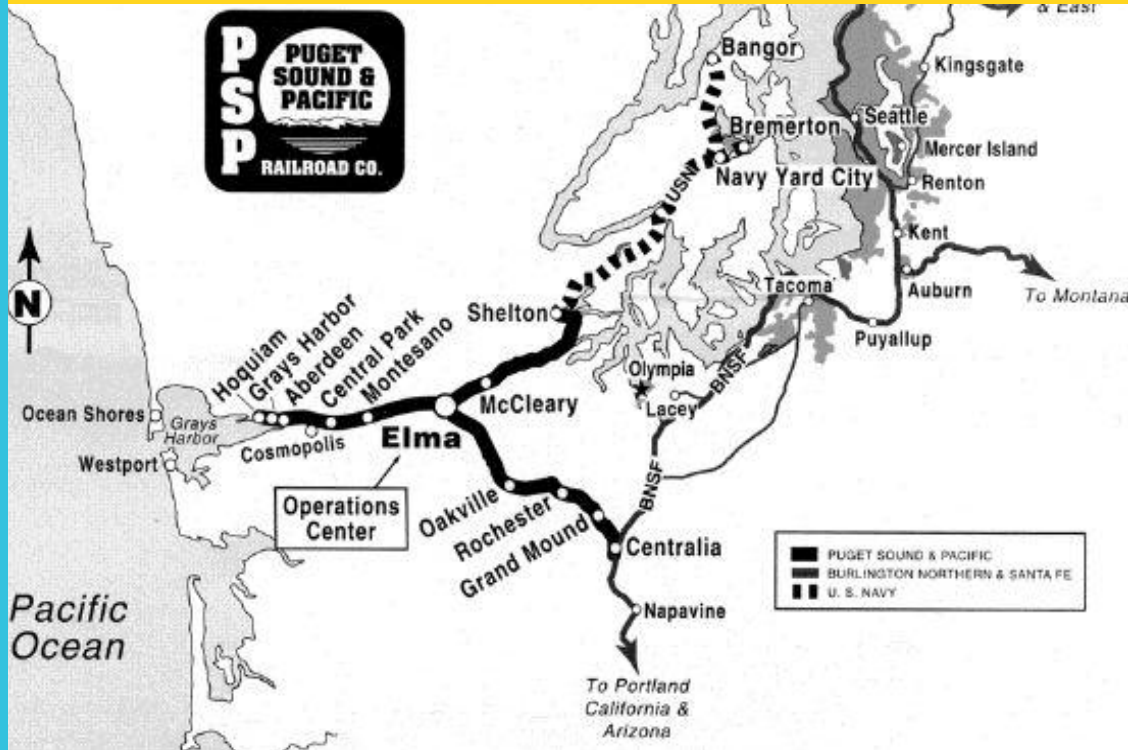
WASHINGTON VISION MAP



Our Vision

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

Possible Peninsula Service



These tracks already exist.

How should transportation opportunities like this be evaluated?

Economy, Environment, Equity

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



Economy

Intercity passenger trains help strengthen local economies across the Northwest.



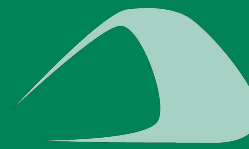
Environment

Intercity passenger trains provide low-emissions regional transportation.



Equity

Intercity passenger trains connect communities small and large.

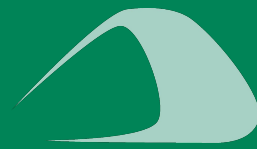


Economic Benefits

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 2022 Legislative Priorities

1. **Restore Pre-Pandemic Rail Services**
2. **Expand Research on a Complete, Statewide Passenger and Freight Rail Network**
 - Follow in [Virginia's footsteps](#)
3. **Form a Washington Rail Advisory Committee**
 - Give rail users and stakeholders a louder voice, similar to the [Ferry Riders Opinion Group](#) and [organizations in other states](#)
4. **Improve Rail Safety**
 - [HB 1418](#)

How You Can Help

- 1. Ask Legislators to Support Local Match Funding for IIJA**
 - Flexible match funds prepare us for federal grants
- 2. Rethink the Conversation on Transportation and Access**
 - Be open-minded, discuss a broad list of ideas
- 3. Priority Projects List**
 - Locally-supported projects to bring to Olympia
- 4. Support AAWA!**

Thank You!

Support AAWA's Work and Vision

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