

Who is All Aboard Washington?

- AAWA has promoted better passenger and freight rail service in the Pacific Northwest for over forty years.
- We are a nonprofit advocacy organization of citizens, businesses, and other goal-oriented groups.



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Today's Passenger Rail

- The states of Washington and Oregon have supported Amtrak *Cascades* trains serving the Vancouver, BC-Seattle-Portland-Eugene corridor for over 20 years
- Seattle-Yakima-Pasco-Spokane service over existing tracks is being studied
- Proposed High-Speed Rail (HSR) service has support of government and business leaders in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia

PSRC Planning Factors

Include these intercity passenger rail services in next Regional Transportation Plan:

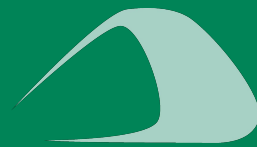
- Expanded N-S and E-W Amtrak *Cascades*
- Future Vancouver-Seattle-Portland High-Speed Rail
- Amtrak growth at Seattle's King Street Station (677,541 boarding/detraining in 2018), Everett (38,794), Tukwila (32,995) and Tacoma (110,823)
- Auburn: gateway to Yakima Valley and Spokane

Return to Original *Cascades* Plan

- Delayed by December 2017 accident in DuPont
- Return service to Pt. Defiance Bypass
- Increase Seattle-Portland *Cascades* service from 4 to 6 round trips
- Significant reduction in running time
- Improve schedule reliability

Extend *Cascades* Service E-W

- Feasibility study underway of service via Stampede Pass, Yakima Valley, to Spokane
- The Valley is the most populous part of the State without intercity passenger rail service
- Stops in Spokane are at “inconvenient hours”
- The study is due to the Legislature’s Joint Transportation Committee June 30
- Initial funding possible in 2021 Legislature



Add Connectivity with Station Stops

- Plan to connect local public transportation more conveniently with intercity passenger rail operations
- Example:
 - Tukwila Station to/from SeaTac Airport

Support Rail District Funding

- County Rail Districts are already authorized in law
- A funding bill would allow State assistance similar to Public Facilities Districts
- A percentage of the State's share of Sales and Use Tax raised in the jurisdiction could be matched
- Funding could be used for freight or passenger improvements, such as stations

Questions?

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