

## Transportation Budget

*Whether by car, bus, bike or ferry, every Washingtonian should be able to get from A to B quickly and safely.*

### 2014 Supplemental Transportation Budget

**2014 Supplemental Transportation Budget [HB 2762/SB 6001](#)** – The 2014 Supplemental Transportation budget continues to support many construction projects across the State including; I-90 Snoqualmie Pass, I-405, US 395, SR 520, the Colman Dock and the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. The budget also provides a financing plan to fund the cost overruns on the 520 bridge project by refinancing toll revenues and redirecting savings found in other projects. This was done without changing the scope of or removing any previously funded transportation projects across the State. The budget also provides operating funds to support Amtrak service while ensuring obligations for over \$800 million of federal funds are met. In addition, the budget provides important investments in information technology at the Department of Licensing and requires improved project delivery at the Washington State Department of Transportation. The 2014 Transportation budget supports over 47,000 jobs in Washington State. *(Delivered to Governor)*

### Transportation Projects by District

Visit [www.fiscal.wa.gov](http://www.fiscal.wa.gov) or click [here](#) to access a map that will allow you to select your Legislative District and view the transportation projects funded in your District.



### Building the third 144-car class ferry

**Ferry Vessel Replacement /[HB 1129](#)** – provides funding to Washington State Ferries to build the third of three 144-car ferries through a \$5.00 service fee on vehicle registration renewals and a \$12.00 service fee for title transactions. Given Washington State Ferries is in the process of completing vessel builds on two 144-car ferries, funding for a third ferry takes advantage of efficiencies gained from current experience. Typically, each vessels total construction costs decrease as the workforce develops familiarity with the vessel design. E2SHB 1129 is timely in that some of the Ferry vessels currently operating on the routes are nearing or past their lifespan. This new ferry will provide relief for older vessels and provide additional capacity for some ferry routes. *(Delivered to Governor)*

### Modernizing Fuel Tax Exemption

**Vehicle Fuel Handling Loss /[HB 2041](#)** – repeals the motor vehicle fuel tax exemption provided for loss of fuel during the handling process. This exemption dates back to 1939 and was developed to address the loss of fuel that occurred during the fueling distribution process. JLARC reviewed this tax exemption as part of a 2008 tax preference performance review and recommended the Legislature terminate the motor vehicle fuel handling loss deduction. *(Died in Senate)*

## Liquefied Natural Gas as a Transportation Fuel

**Natural gas/fuel taxes/SB 6440** – imposes transportation taxes and fees on compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) used for transportation purposes. Natural gas is a clean and cost efficient option for the trucking industry and the marine industry. Although demand for both CNG and LNG is growing, neither fuel source is currently addressed in transportation fuel taxation policies. ESSB 6440 creates a CNG and LNG fuel taxation structure, requires any State purchases of CNG and LNG to receive the best possible price as provided to a private customer and deposits export tax revenue to the State Motor Vehicle Account for support of Washington State Ferries and other State highway projects. *(Delivered to Governor)*

## Reforms

*The House of Representatives led the work toward recapturing citizen-confidence in government.  
We advanced legislation emphasizing efficiency both in the outcomes of transportation projects and in the day-to-day operation of licensing systems.*

### Transparency and Efficiency in Transportation

**2014 Supplemental Transportation Budget HB 2762/SB 6001** – In addition to continuing numerous important construction projects, the supplemental transportation budget also puts in place several new reforms and efficiency measures. It invests \$200,000 to implement better project delivery and quality assurance practices at WSDOT to prevent future mistakes and reduce the cost of projects. It also includes a provision requiring WSDOT to report any errors made in excess of \$500,000 to the legislature. *(Delivered to Governor)*



### Improving the Department of Licensing

**2014 Supplemental Transportation Budget HB 2762/SB 6001** – The supplemental transportation budget invests \$9.1 million in new information technology infrastructure for the Department of Licensing. These improvements will streamline the work of the DOL, and will save the state money in the long run by lowering operating costs. *(Delivered to Governor)*