

CONNECTING WASHINGTON

Package Overview:

The 2013 Transportation Package

It has been eight years since the state legislature passed a transportation funding package. The 2003 Nickel package and 2005 Transportation Partnership program generated and have funded critical transportation infrastructure and maintenance since their passage, but the majority of projects have been completed. It is time for Washington to renew its dedication to improving freight and commuter mobility in every corner of the state.

Every day our companies and citizens lose time sitting in traffic, lose money as products wait to get to market, and lose their jobs when construction, freight and economic growth come are halted on our roads and bridges. We can either do nothing as gridlock hurts our wallets and our economy, or we can pass this transportation package to give people transportation choices and create jobs in every corner of our state. Washington cannot wait.

Investments for our Future

The Connecting Washington package will raise nearly \$10 billion for Washington's transportation system while protecting and creating approximately 56,000 jobs over ten years. Investments include a broad new set of projects to alleviate congestion, complete of several outstanding projects, perform much-needed maintenance, manage storm water, fund the complete streets program for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and provide assistance local governments for safety and transit programs.

Everybody Pays Their Fair Share

Everyone benefits from a transportation system that works, which means that everyone has a stake in investing to improve it. The Connecting Washington package embraces this principle of shared responsibility by ensuring that everybody pays their fair share. Motorists and cyclists, businesses and environment advocates alike are contributing to the revenue in this transportation package.

Broad Coalition of Support

Stakeholders of all political persuasions have come together in support of the Connecting Washington package. Businesses, economic development groups, labor organizations, cyclists, environmentalists and mass transit advocates all agree that it is time to invest in Washington's transportation infrastructure.