



# TRANSPORTATION

## Department of Transportation

### Connecting Washington investment package

Continue delivery of 132 projects that improve the movement of goods and people throughout the state, as authorized by the Legislature in the 2015 Connecting Washington package. (\$16.0 billion, multi-year)

### Traffic relief

Fund the following highway improvement projects to reduce traffic:

- » I-405 northbound shoulder lane – \$11.5 million
- » Begin addressing I-405/SR 522 interchange to I-5 bottleneck – \$5.0 million for future project planning
- » Add capacity on I-5 from Seneca Street to Olive Way – \$17.5 million
- » Add capacity on SR 167 from Puyallup to the SR 18 interchange – \$20.0 million

### Fish passage barrier removal

Add funding to meet court-ordered removal of fish passage barriers to improve fish access to habitat. This represents a \$145.3 million increase over current funding levels and provides an average biennial spending level of about \$90.0 million over the next 16 years. (\$97.5 million 2017–19; \$724.0 million over 16 years)

### New tolling customer service vendor

Start replacement of the tolling customer service collection system. Funding will be used to acquire

both a vendor-provided software system to process toll collections and a customer service operations vendor. Full implementation will occur by the end of 2019. (\$28.0 million 2017–19)

### Ferry vessel maintenance

Use available federal funding for parts, materials and contract support costs for nonroutine maintenance on ferry vessels to reduce out-of-service time. State funding will be used to add two apprentices at the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility to meet the demands of routine and emergency electrical work on vessels and terminals. (\$8.7 million 2017–19)

### Electric vehicle infrastructure

Provide financial assistance for installing publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations. Funding comes from the state and a portion of the recent Volkswagen national settlement. (\$4.0 million 2017–19)

### Standby ferry vessel

Maintain the 87-car MV Klahowya as the standby vessel to minimize service and capacity reductions when a ferry vessel breaks down or is taken out of service for planned maintenance. (\$1.2 million 2017–19)

### High-speed rail study

Initiate a feasibility study of creating an ultra-high-speed rail corridor in Washington. Ultra-high-speed (defined as 250 mph or more) would offer a new travel option. The study will analyze the economic and environmental feasibility as well as financing options for a potential new system. (\$1.0 million 2017–19)

## Department of Licensing

### Federal compliance issues for driver's licenses

Reduce the fee for a six-year enhanced driver's license and enhanced identicard from \$108 to \$90. Bring Washington's standard driver's license into compliance with federal requirements.

Expand capacity at the Department of Licensing offices to process enhanced driver's licenses and enhanced identicards. Hire up to 25 new licensing service representatives to keep short wait times and quickly process transactions. (\$10.2 million 2017–19)

### Washington State Patrol

#### Additional state trooper cadet class

Fill vacancies in the Washington State Patrol by adding a third cadet class. The additional class will fill vacancies faster than the current two classes operated each biennium. (\$1.9 million 2017–19)