

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Connecting Washington package

Continue delivery of 132 projects that improve the movement of goods and people throughout the state, as authorized in the 2015 Connecting Washington package. (\$16 billion multi-year)

High-speed corridor authority

Develop a corridor authority to strengthen collaboration and develop bi-state and bi-national governance of ultra high-speed rail. The corridor authority will build on the 2018 Washington State Ultra High-Speed Ground Transportation business case analysis. Ultra-high-speed rail (defined as 250 mph or more) will offer an additional travel option for citizens between Vancouver, B.C., and Portland, Ore. (\$3.3 million 2019–21)

Continued commitment to congestion relief

- Extend the SR 167 HOT lanes south into Pierce County and address a critical fish passage barrier. (\$29.2 million 2019–21)
- Complete the SR 99/Alaskan Way Viaduct. (\$43 million 2019–21)
- Reopen an Interstate 5/Columbia River Bridge project office. (\$17.5 million 2019–21)

Ferry system support

- Construct two new hybrid-electric ferries. (\$64.3 million 2019–21; \$365 million total)
- Convert two diesel ferries to hybrid-electric during their midlife overhaul and fund the associated shore power. (\$54.3 million 2019–21; \$132 million total)
- Maintain the 144-car MV Hyak as a second service-relief vessel to prevent service disruption and capacity reductions. (\$6.3 million 2019–21)

Fish passage barrier removal

Add funding to meet court-ordered removal of fish passage barriers to improve access to fish habitat. Additional funding will enable the state to meet the court order for at least the next three biennia. This represents a \$205 million increase over currently planned funding levels for this biennium for a total biennial investment of \$275 million. (\$205 million 2019–21)

Cooperative automated transportation

Establish a cooperative automated transportation program to support use of automated vehicles and shared mobility, with an emphasis on safety, equity, inclusion, sustainability and prosperity for both rural and urban communities. (\$3 million Multimodal Account-State)

Practical solutions

Implement a coordinated approach across programs and modes to efficiently manage transportation corridors and increase mobility, in cooperation with local partners, with an emphasis on active transportation, traffic demand management and traffic system operations. (\$13 million 2019–21)

Worker safety

Create a worker safety program. New staff, protective equipment and facility inspections will protect the health and safety of this workforce. (\$5.8 million 2019–21)

Electric vehicle infrastructure

Fund installation of up to 24 publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations in Washington. (\$2 million 2019–21)

Washington State Patrol

Additional troopers

Add troopers to reach full staffing levels in 2021. More troopers will make Washington roadways safer and more efficient by enforcing traffic laws, investigating collisions and assisting motorists. (\$2.4 million 2019–21)

Department of Licensing

Securing private data

Enhance data management through new technology and dedicated data stewards. Additional staff will expand auditing of data-sharing contract recipients and create a centralized data warehouse for the agency. (\$5.2 million 2019–21)

Moving toward Target Zero

Add requirements for obtaining a motorcycle permit and a motorcycle endorsement to bolster skills of these new drivers. More training and higher fines for drivers will help decrease collisions and boost safety. (\$185,000 2019–21)