

# Seamless, Statewide Transportation

All Aboard Washington  
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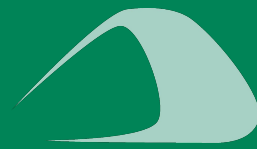
**IT TAKES  
TRANSPORTATION**

# What is World-Class Transportation?



# It's More Than Just Trains



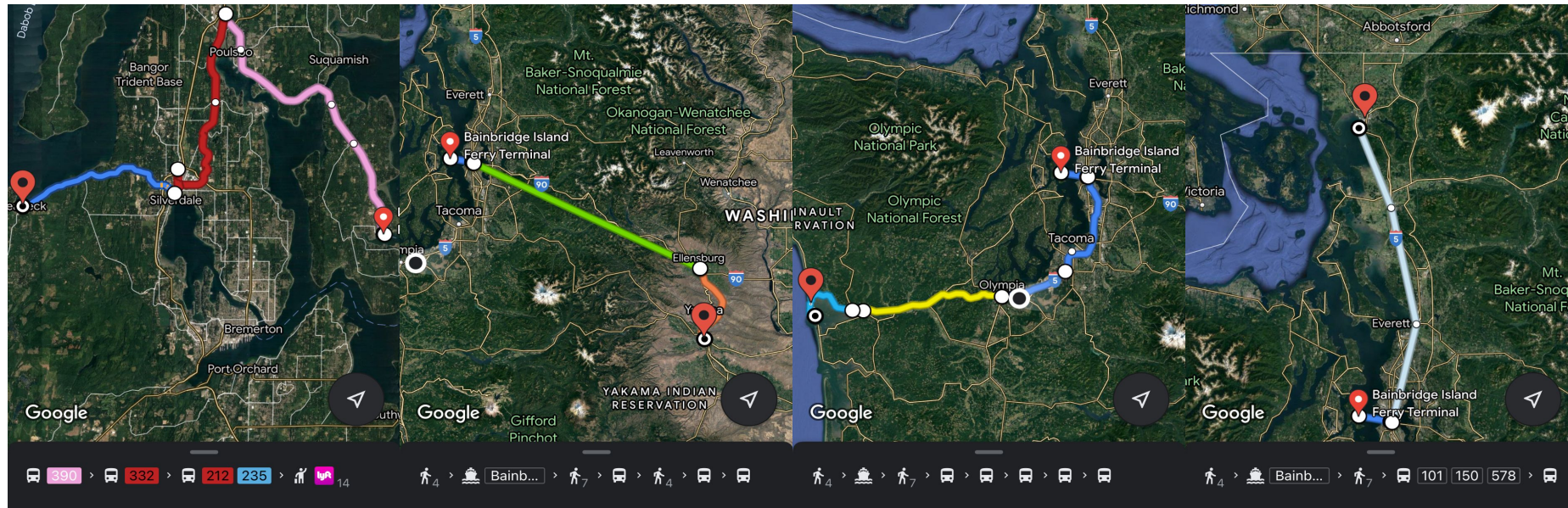


## **It Really Boils Down to One Simple Question**

**Is it reasonably easy to  
get from here to there?**

# Far Too Often, It Isn't Easy At All

Transit to Seabeck: 1 hour 43 minutes + Lyft	Yakima: 5 hours 53 minutes	Ocean Shores: 6 hours 58 minutes	Bellingham: 4 hours 38 minutes
Drive time: 40 – 50 Minutes	3 hours – 3 hours 50 minutes	2 hours 40 minutes – 3 hours 30 minutes	2 hours 20 minutes – 2 hours 50 minutes



8:35 AM · 1 hr 43 min

1:45 PM · 5 hr 53 min

6:25 PM · 6 hr 58 min

2:15 PM · 4 hr 38 min



# Ferries to Trains

Connections limited until First Avenue Streetcar project in Seattle is completed



# Train Options in Seattle

- *Sounder* to Everett and Tacoma
- Amtrak *Cascades* to Eugene, Portland, and Vancouver, BC (once border reopens)
- Amtrak *Coast Starlight* to Los Angeles
- Amtrak *Empire Builder* to Chicago



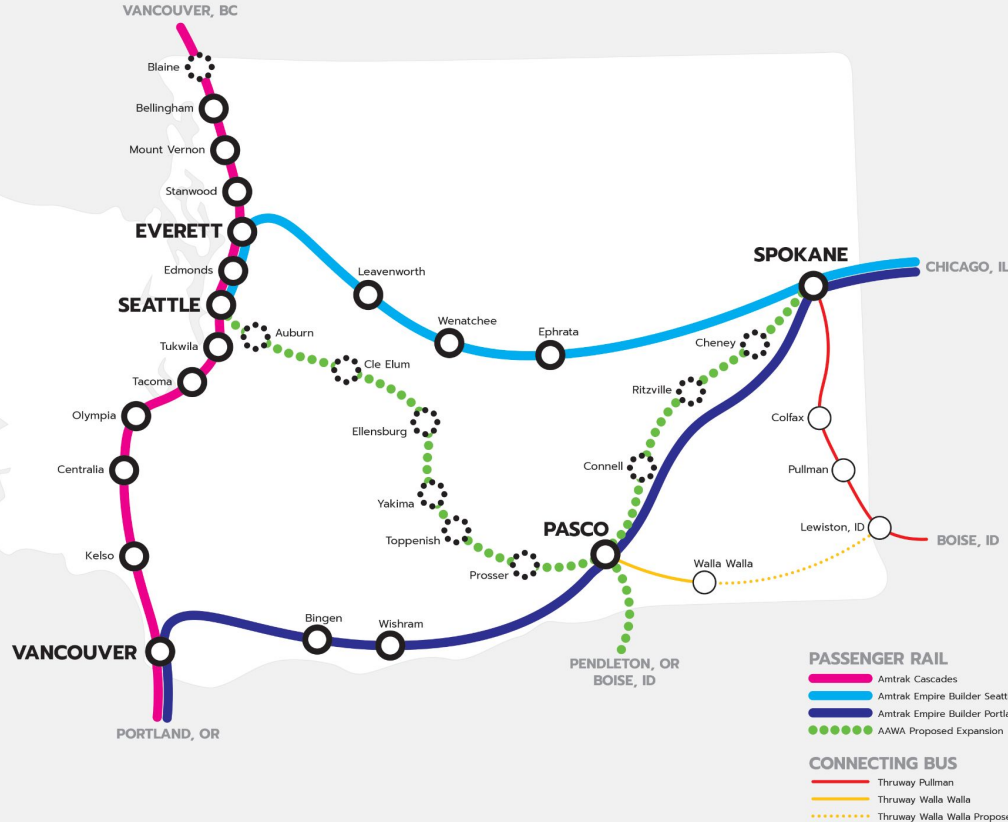
## Our Vision

A transportation network that:

- Provides **seamless**, door-to-door connectivity for our region's people and goods
- Offers **economic, environmental, and equity benefits** to all communities



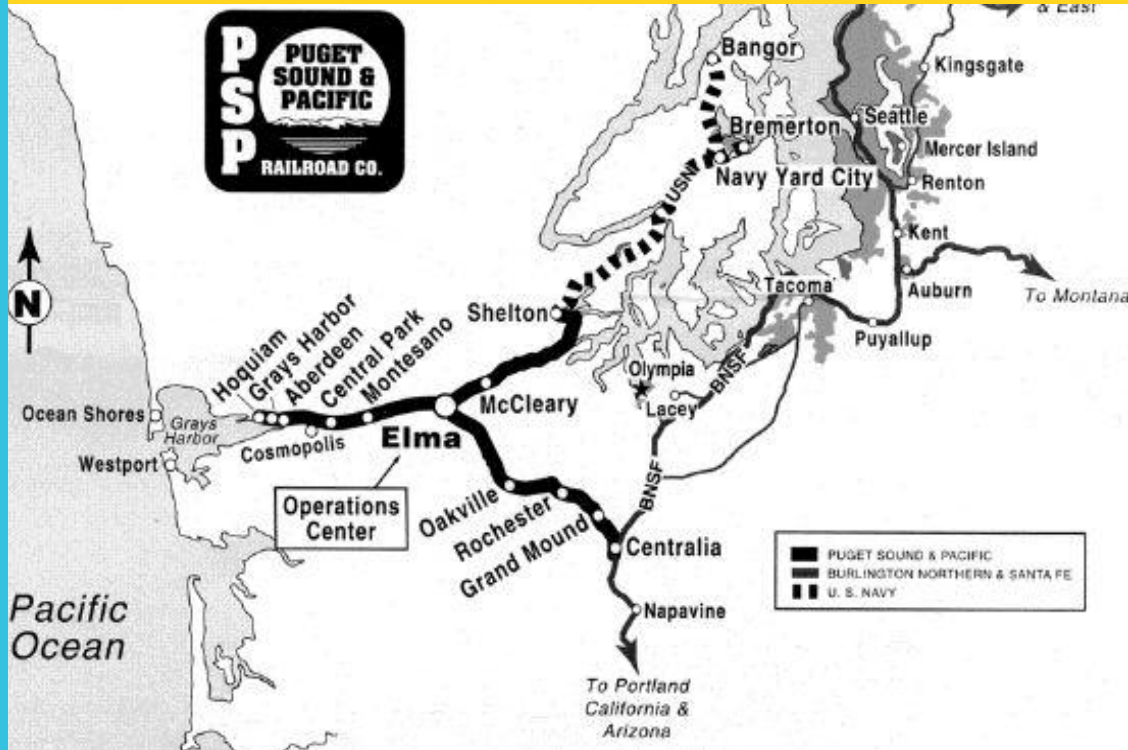
# WASHINGTON VISION MAP



## Our Vision

- Frequent Amtrak trains crossing the entire Northwest
- More stations
- A competitive freight rail system
- Better connections to other modes

# Possible Peninsula Service



These tracks already exist.

How should transportation opportunities like this be evaluated?

# Economy, Environment, Equity

Rail is an ideal option for addressing ‘the 3 Es’



## Economy

Intercity passenger trains help strengthen local economies across the Northwest.



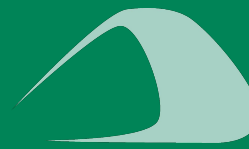
## Environment

Intercity passenger trains provide low-emissions regional transportation.



## Equity

Intercity passenger trains connect communities small and large.

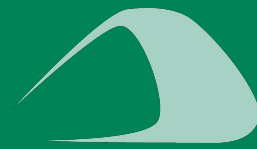


## Economic Benefits

Easy travel options help strengthen local economies throughout the Northwest.

On average, communities receive \$84 per day-trip visitor, and \$366 per overnight visitor, according to Experience Washington.

**ECONOMIC JUSTICE  
TAKES TRANSPORTATION**



## Environmental Benefits

Rail is the optimal low-impact freight and passenger ground transportation option.

Rail does not contribute to [salmon die-off related to tires.](#)



# Equity Benefits

A good freight and passenger rail network contributes to high quality of life in our region for everyone.

- **Improves reach** of local services
- **Expands access** for all communities



# AAWA's 2022 Legislative Priorities

1. **Restore Pre-Pandemic Rail Services**
2. **Expand Research on a Complete, Statewide Passenger and Freight Rail Network**
  - Follow in [Virginia's footsteps](#)
3. **Form a Washington Rail Advisory Committee**
  - Give rail users and stakeholders a louder voice, similar to the [Ferry Riders Opinion Group](#) and [organizations in other states](#)
4. **Improve Rail Safety**
  - [HB 1418](#)

# How You Can Help

- 1. Ask Legislators to Support Local Match Funding for IIJA**
  - Flexible match funds prepare us for federal grants
- 2. Rethink the Conversation on Transportation and Access**
  - Be open-minded, discuss a broad list of ideas
- 3. Priority Projects List**
  - Locally-supported projects to bring to Olympia
- 4. Support AAWA!**



# Thank You!

Support AAWA's Work and Vision

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