

Seamless, Statewide Transportation

All Aboard Washington
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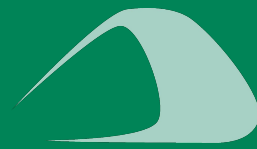
**IT TAKES
TRANSPORTATION**

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

Walla Walla: 20 hours 11 minutes

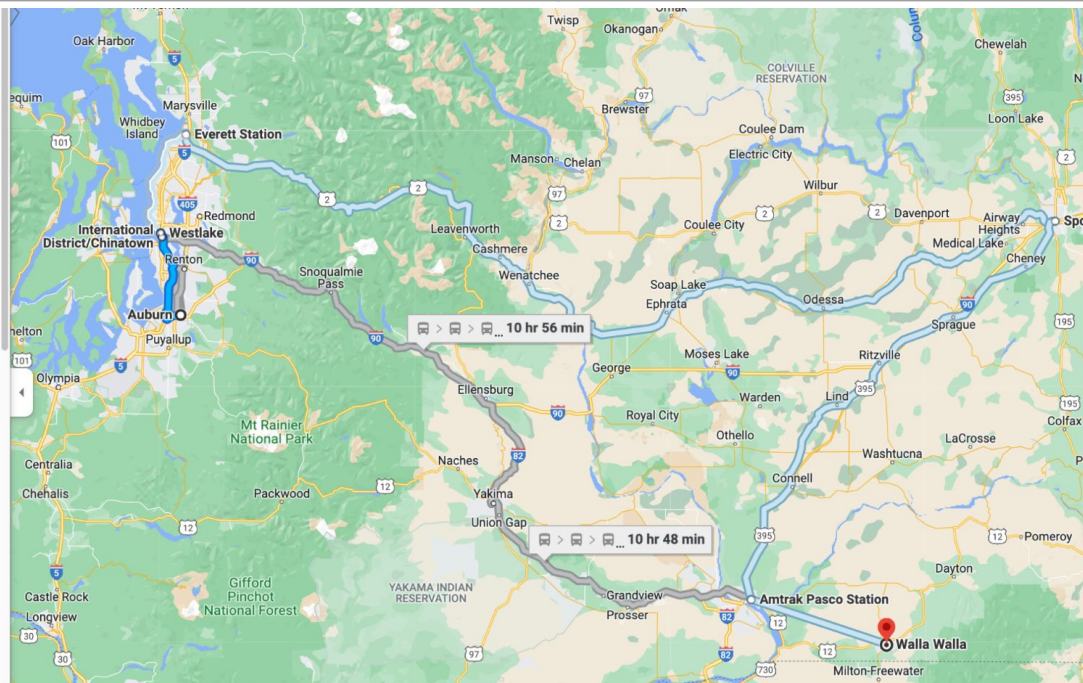
Driving: 4 hours 19 minutes

3:01 PM - 11:12 AM
(Wednesday)
(20 hr 11 min)

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3:01 PM from Auburn Station - Bay 3
11 min

- 3:01 PM **Auburn**
Washington
- 3:01 PM **Auburn Station - Bay 3**
- 578 SEATTLE via FEDERAL WAY
57 min (3 stops) · Platform 3 · Stop ID: 2297
- 3:58 PM **Olive Way & 6th Ave**
- Walk
About 3 min
- 4:05 PM **Westlake**



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Pullman: 17 hours 28 minutes







Driving: 4 hours 33 minutes

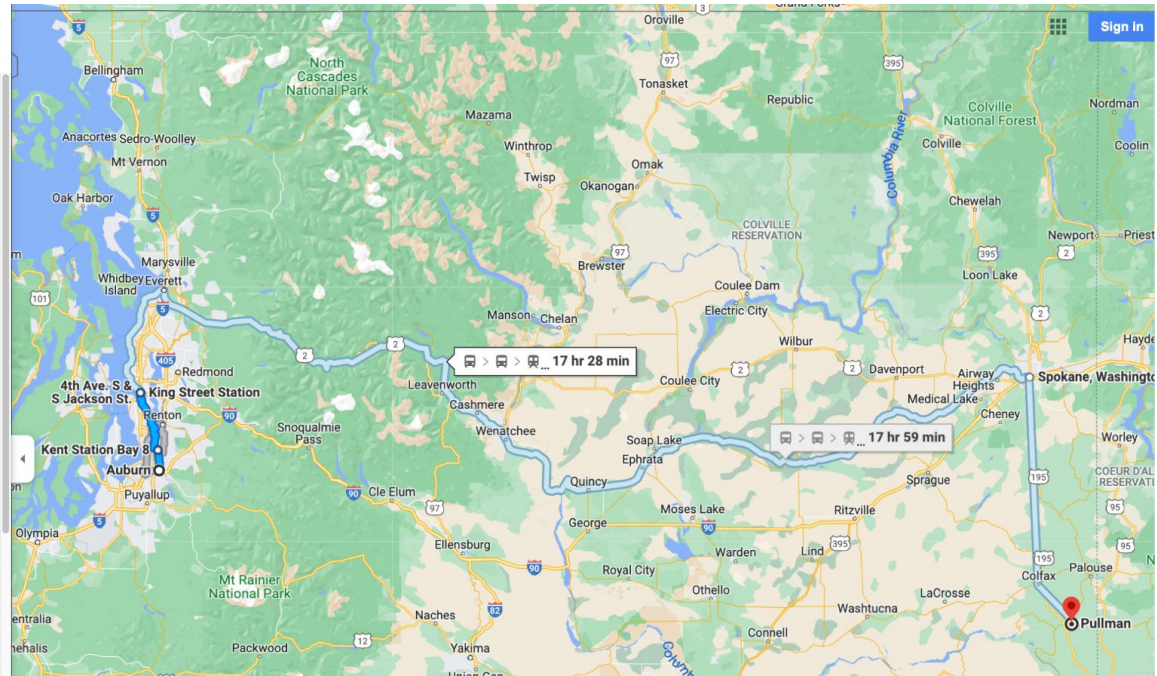
← from Auburn, Washington
to Pullman, Washington 99163

2:27 PM - 7:55 AM
(Wednesday)
(17 hr 28 min)

160 > 150 > Empire Builder > Amtrak Thruway Connecting Service

2:27 PM from Auburn Transit Center - Bay 4
3 min

- 2:27 PM  Auburn Washington
- 2:27 PM  Auburn Transit Center - Bay 4
-  160 Renton Kent
25 min (21 stops) · Platform 2 · Stop ID: 5774
 Detour
- 2:52 PM  Kent Sounder Station - Bay 3
-  Walk
About 1 min





How About High Speed Rail?



North-South Corridor

- Major stations
- Major airport
- Local service

East-West Route

- Route option



Great, but will it get you to Pullman or Walla Walla, and sometime before 2040?

We Support High Speed Rail as Part of an Integrated System

- The High Speed Rail Alliance envisions an [integrated network approach](#) including high-speed, regional and shared-use lines.
- Almost all high-speed rail systems—including China, Japan and most of Europe—have been built on a foundation of a robust conventional rail system.

How Do We Get To High-Speed Rail?

- Get more frequent and faster trains running as soon as possible on the existing infrastructure.
- Start planning now for high-speed rail in twenty years.

Options Available Today

- Amtrak *Cascades* to Eugene, Portland
- *Sounder* to Everett and Tacoma
- Amtrak *Coast Starlight* to Los Angeles
- Amtrak *Empire Builder* to Chicago





Cascades Delayed



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Suspended for over two years, Amtrak delays train service to Canada until late 2022

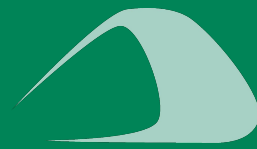
The route served Seattle, Edmonds, Everett, Stanwood, Mount Vernon, Bellingham and Vancouver, BC but has been suspended since May 2020.



Our Vision

A transportation network that:

- Provides **seamless, door-to-door connectivity** to everyone in the region; and
- Offers **economic, environmental and equity benefits** to all, including *low-income, tribal, disability and rural communities*, locations where transportation **alternatives are limited**, and **those who cannot drive**

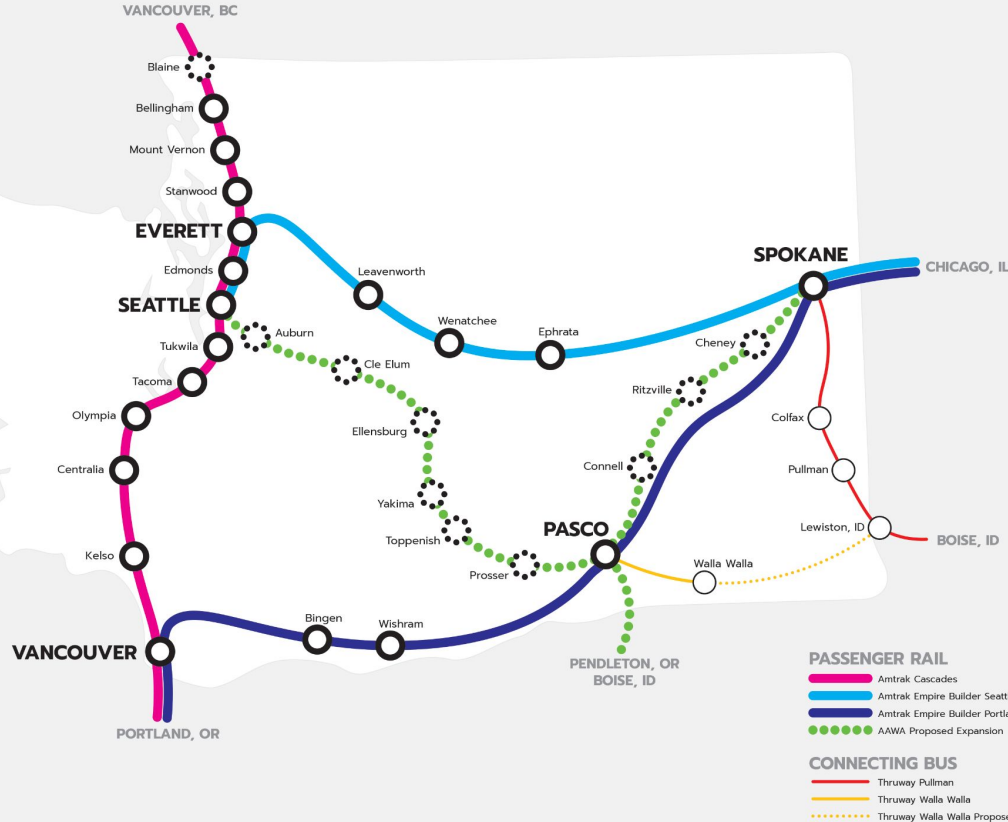


Our Goal

We must build a transportation network that will allow anyone to get from their homes to where they need to go – **work, school, medical care, family and friends – even if they don't use a car.**

Non-drivers are a large and increasing fraction of the population, including **the young, the old, the disabled, the poor,** and those who are **concerned about the planet's future.**

WASHINGTON VISION MAP



Our Vision

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

Economy, Environment, Equity

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



Economy

Intercity passenger trains help strengthen local economies across the Northwest.



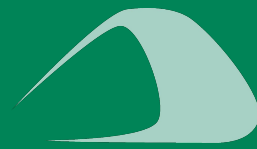
Environment

Intercity passenger trains provide low-emissions regional transportation.



Equity

Intercity passenger trains connect communities small and large.

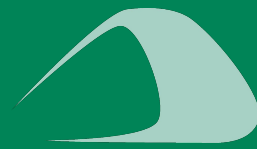


Economic Benefits

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



**A BETTER FUTURE TAKES
TRANSPORTATION**

AAWA's 2023 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

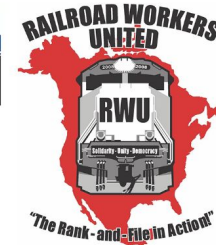


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Advocates for
Retirement
Action



All Aboard
NORTHWEST

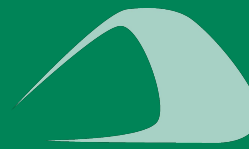


Attend the AAWA Legislative Preview

Kelso Depot

Saturday, October 8

Register at <https://www.aawa.us/events/>



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Support AAWA's Work and Vision

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