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Train Trek to Ellensburg

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Last month, we heard about the feasibility study commissioned by the state legislature. It confirmed that passenger train service between Spokane and Seattle via the Yakima Valley and Stampede Pass is technically and financially feasible. Today, we delve into the financial aspects of the service: its return on investment, and how it can be a successful part of economic recovery for our communities and the state.

- 12:45 PM Meeting Opens
- 1:00 PM **Welcome, Background on AAWA, Introductions**
Kathy Davis & Gary Wirt, AAWA
- 1:05 PM **Current State of Passenger Rail in Washington**
John Bowen, Central Washington University
- 1:20 PM **The Student Case for East-West Passenger Rail**
Edgar Espino, Central Washington University

Economic Recovery and Development with Passenger Rail

- 1:30 PM **Passenger Rail's Return on Investment & Community Economic Recovery**
Jim Mathews, Rail Passengers Association
Abe Zumwalt, AAWA
- 2:10 PM **Comments and Questions**
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How Communities Can Make Passenger Rail Happen

- 2:20 PM **Financing with County Rail Districts**
Louis Musso
- 2:25 PM **How Kittitas County Can Leverage its CRD**
Cory Wright, Kittitas County Commissioner
- 2:30 PM **Next Steps and How You Can Help**
Charlie Hamilton, AAWA
Luis Moscoso, AAWA

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