

Transportation budget

2015-17 transportation budget – facts and figures | House Bill 1299 (passed in 2015)

- Spends \$3.8 billion for capital projects, \$2.3 billion for operating programs and \$1.5 billion in debt service payments for a total of \$7.6 billion.
 - The 2015 second supplemental transportation budget reduced the 2013-15 transportation budget from \$9.2 billion to \$8.4 billion.
- Funds collective bargaining agreements for the Washington State Patrol and Washington State Ferries.
- \$746 million (\$484 million operating and \$262 million capital) for Washington State Ferries.
- \$425.8 million for Washington State Patrol.
- \$295.4 million for Department of Licensing.
- \$193 million for the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) capital investment account.
- \$88 million for capital investment administered by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).
- \$70 million for fish-passage-barrier removal.
- \$40 million of federal funding to repair or replace structurally deficient bridges.
- \$24 million for Safe Routes to Schools projects and \$15 million for pedestrian and bicycle safety program projects.
- \$17 million for additional transit due to the Alaskan Way Viaduct disruption.
- \$15 million for WSDOT for the West Side SR 520 Bridge.

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- The transportation budget funds: the construction and maintenance of infrastructure; Washington State Ferries; Washington State Patrol; public transportation and rail programs; public transportation grants to local governments; and studies.
- Sources of funding for the transportation budget: the fuel tax; bonds; federal funds; licenses/permits/fees; ferry fares; toll revenue; vehicle sales tax; rental car tax; local funds; and a \$0.25 ferry capital surcharge.
- The federal government collects a gas tax of 18.4-cents per gallon. The state collects 37.5-cents per gallon – one of the highest in the nation. This state number increased to 44.5 cents per gallon on August 1, 2015, and will increase to 49.4 cents in July 2016.

2016 supplemental transportation budget | House Bill 2524

- Provides an additional \$416 million for capital projects (including \$325 million in reappropriations) and \$61 million for operating programs (including \$20 million in debt service payments), for a total increase of \$477 million. The revised 2015-17 transportation budget is \$8.7 billion.

More information on transportation budget

- <http://www.fiscal.wa.gov/BudgetTBills.aspx>
- <http://www.fiscal.wa.gov/TransportationMaps.aspx>
- <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2015/st1517p.asp>
- <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/citizensguidetranspo2012.pdf>

Connecting Washington funding package

Connecting Washington funding package – facts and figures | passed in 2015

- **Senate Bill 5987** (tax bill), **Senate Bill 5988** (spending bill) and **Senate Bill 5989** (bond bill).
- 11.9 cent state gas-tax increase: 7 cents in 2015 and 4.9 cents in 2016.
- Passenger vehicle registration weight-fee increases from \$15 to \$35 starting July 1, 2016 and \$10 more in 2022.
- \$11.5 billion in new state funding and \$5.3 billion in bond authorizations. Debt service estimated at \$2.8 billion.
- Six major projects: SR 520 Bridge west side; I-395 North Spokane; I-405 corridor widening; SR 509/SR 167; I-90 Snoqualmie to Easton; and I-5 corridor JBLM. More than 100 smaller road projects throughout the state.
- Breakdown: Highway preservation (\$1.2 billion); transit (\$657 million); direct distribution to cities and counties (\$375 million); rail improvements (\$174 million); bike and pedestrian grants (\$75 million); special projects (\$89 million); Safe Routes to Schools (\$56 million); and Complete Street grants (\$96 million).
- Sound Transit will be able to have an increase of .05 percent sales tax, .08 percent motor vehicle excise tax and 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed value property tax to raise about \$15 billion.
- Consumer protection provision providing a disincentive for the governor to adopt a low carbon fuel standard.

Transportation reforms | passed in 2015

- **House Bill 1219** streamlines replacement of structurally deficient bridges.
- **House Bill 2012** directs savings achieved by WSDOT's use of practical design and puts the funding into an account for future projects.
- **Senate Bill 5992** reforms how ferries are built, including a design-build, fixed-price contract model without impacting current ferry contracts.
- **Senate Bill 5993** applies the 15 percent apprenticeship labor hours requirements for five years to projects costing more than \$3 million, and thereafter applies to contracts of \$2 million.
- **Senate Bill 5994** streamlines transportation corridor projects' permits.
- **Senate Bill 5995** makes congestion relief and improved freight mobility part of the transportation goals.
- **Senate Bill 5996** creates a multiagency permitting process to provide early project coordination that focuses on environmental aspects of the project.
- **Senate Bill 5997** encourages WSDOT to use design build on all projects costing more than \$2 million.

More information on Connecting Washington funding package

- <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Funding/CWA/>
- <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/leapdocs/transpodocs.asp>