The Senate Highways & Transportation
2003-05 Biennial Budget and Investment Package

A Comprehensive Package of Reforms, Funding Options and Investments

1. Improving the Delivery of Transportation Services:

The Senate package starts by improving the accountability and oversight of our state’s transportation agencies. Efficiency measures reform prevailing wage and contracting laws to ensure that new revenues are spent wisely. Regional options allow local governments to directly address congestion problems and partner with the state’s investment package.

Accountability
- √ Performance audits (SSB 5748 – in House Transportation)
- √ Strengthening the state transportation planning process
  (SSB 5987 – in House Transportation)
- √ Have legislators directly involved in project planning process
  (ESB 5245 – in House Transportation)

Efficiency
- √ Contracting out, prevailing wage reforms and transportation efficiencies
  (SSB 5248 – in House Rules)
- √ Agency reorganization (PSSB 5527 – Senate Rules)
- √ Permit efficiency streamlining (SB 5279 – in House Transportation)
- √ Ferry terminal alternative contracting (SSB 5520 – in House Transportation)
- √ Maintaining passenger ferry service (ESSB 5850 – in House Transportation)
- √ Exercising sound business practices to enhance revenues for WA State Ferries
  (PSSB 5974 – in House Transportation)

Regional Options
- √ Implementing the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) for
  King/Snohomish/Pierce counties
- √ Regional Transportation Investment District Bonding
  (SB 5769 – in House Transportation)
- √ Local gas tax (SSB 5247 – in House Transportation)
- √ Provide local regions opportunities for local control (Transportation Benefit
  Districts, PSSB 5585 – Senate Rules)
Senate Package Continued:

2. **New Transportation Revenues:**
   (Ten-Year Estimates – Dollars in Thousands)

Revenues Restricted to Highway Use (18th Amendment to Constitution)

- 5 Cent Gas Tax Increase $1,747,250
- 15% Increase to Weight Fees $ 206,728
  (Incl. Motor Homes)

Total Cash Revenue $1,953,978
Bond Proceeds $2,600,000
Debt Service on New Bonds ($943,969)

Revenues Available for any Transportation Investment

- Sales Tax on Motor Vehicles $ 347,797
  (Three tenths of one percent)
- General Obligation Bond for Rail $ 120,000

**Total 10-Year Investment Package** $4,077,806

Revenue Comparison 2003-05 Biennium:

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3. New Transportation Investments:

The Senate Package is sized to fix congestion problems in the 36 counties and be the foundation for RTID in the Puget Sound region. The package makes specific project appropriations to hold the Department of Transportation to cost estimates and timelines. New revenue is kept separate to make sure that it is dedicated only to identified projects. New revenue goes away when projects are completed.

Senate New Revenue Project Selection Criteria:

1. Safety benefits, including high accident locations
2. Measurable congestion relief benefits
3. Freight benefit
4. Direct economic development benefit
5. Transit/pedestrian benefit
6. Water/habitat fix
7. Partner funding
8. Special federal program
9. Cost benefit

Highlights of Senate New Revenue Projects:

- 266 New Lane Miles Added
  FINISHES 97 Highway Construction Projects addressing:
  - Congestion relief, freight mobility & economic development

- 9 Projects that include HOV lanes
  ($660 million in HOV projects)

- 10 New interchanges
- 17 Interchange improvements
### 10-YEAR NEW REVENUE EXPENDITURE PLAN

(Dollars in Millions)

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4. The 2003-05 Biennium Transportation Budget  
(Includes New Revenue Expenditures)

The 2003-05 transportation budget appropriates $3.078 billion in current resources (revenue and bonds) for the operation and maintenance of the state transportation system. In addition to reappropriations from the prior biennium, the Senate Revenue Package provides $638 million for the construction of new highways, ferries and for funding of additional public transportation services.

Department of Transportation Highway Activities:

- **$974 million** is provided for the design, right of way and construction of projects that improve mobility, safety and efficiency of moving freight and goods on the state highway system. A highway improvement project list can be found in Section 5.

- **$289 million** is provided for maintenance activities on the state highway system. Maintenance activities include damage repair, installation of drainage systems and maintenance on bridges, tunnels and rest areas.

- **$657 million** is provided to preserve the structural integrity of the state highway system. This funding is used to repair, repave and restripe highways as well as to restore existing safety features.
Ferry and Rail Activities:

- **$309 million** is provided for the administrative support, maintenance and daily operation of Washington State Ferry boats and terminals.

- **$181 million** is provided for investment in vessels, terminals and emergency repairs. Funding includes new revenue projects identified in Section 5 of this document.

- **$81 million** is provided for the operations and construction of passenger rail and construction of freight rail activities as well as the additional new law capital projects included on the list in Section 5 of this document.
  - **$21 million** is provided for track improvements from Seattle to Bellingham.
  - **$9 million** is provided for freight rail projects that keep trucks off the highway system.

Other WSDOT Activities:

- **$43 million** is provided for traffic operations, including the continuation of the expanded incident response program.

- **$1.9 million** is provided for grants to preserve the existing infrastructure of airports that are ineligible to receive federal funding.

- **$2 million** is provided for support Regional Transportation Planning Organization and long range planning efforts.

- **$8 million** is provided to assist the Regional Transportation Investment District with project oversight and to provide an external review of RTID project cost estimates.

- **$6 million** is provided for grants for special needs transportation.

- **$10 million** is provided for rural mobility grants.

- **$6 million** is provided for commute trip reduction tax credits and grants.

- **$2 million** is provided for vanpools.
Senate Package Continued:

Other Transportation Agency Highlights:

**Department of Licensing:**

- $8.2 million is provided to enable the agency to move data and computer applications to a server-computing environment
- $586 thousand is provided to enable the agency to improve network security
- $609 thousand is provided for the agency to participate in the National Title Information System
- $64 thousand is provided to enable the agency to replace server hardware and perform server and software maintenance.

**Washington State Patrol:**

- $1.7 million is provided for 13 troopers to continue service levels established after the September 11th attack
- $3.2 million is provided for mobile and portable radios
- $1.0 million is provided for new servers
- $2.8 million is provided for Capital improvements; including funding for the Shelton Academy’s share of the Shelton water and sewer plan

**Washington Traffic Safety Commission:**

- $1.6 million is provided for school zone safety enforcement activities and educational programs to improve traffic safety in school zones

**Local Boards Coordinated Program:**

Existing staff for the Transportation Improvement Board and County Road Administration Board are combined into the Local Boards Coordinated Program under Substitute Senate Bill 5527.

- $160 thousand is provided to assist local agencies in complying with the Endangered Species Act regarding road maintenance functions
- $342 thousand is provided for training to local agencies on how to conduct roadway maintenance activities in compliance with regulations contained in the Endangered Species Act