



# Washington's Next Transportation Revenue Package:

Smart investments in physical activity,  
health, and economic development

The 2015 transportation revenue package must include a bold package of investments to revitalize our neighborhoods and streets to create healthy and livable places, support local businesses and foster economic development.

## Building Healthier Communities Through Active Transportation

This portion of the revenue package offers complementary but distinct investments in our state road and transit network that provide mobility options, improve safety and health, and help address the capacity and congestion problems that plague our state.

### Safe Routes to Schools for Washington's Kids

- Invest in the entire shovel-ready backlog of statewide Safe Routes to School grant program projects: \$44 million (spread over first 2 biennia)
- Invest in the State Safe Routes to School Grant Program (Z Program – Capital): \$15 million/year

### Walkways and Bikeways to Connect Washington

- Invest in a shovel-ready project list of statewide walking and biking priorities: \$200 million (spread over first 3 biennia)
- Invest in the State Bicycle & Pedestrian Grant Program (Z Program – Capital): \$15 million/year

## Active Transportation Supports Multiple State Priorities

- Congestion Relief: Nationally 11-14% of peak hour congestion is caused by student drop-off and pickups; a 2007 FHWA study indicates a decrease in traffic by 3% can reduce peak-hour congestion levels by at least 20%.
- Safety: A disproportionate number of deaths occur on WSDOT main street highways; 14% of Washington state traffic fatalities occur while walking and biking, but less than 1% of state transportation investments go to addressing these issues. These investments can save lives and improve safety for all users.
- Economic Development: Annually, bike riders spend \$3.1 billion across Washington state. More cost-effective physical activity investments can grow this important element of Washington state's outdoor economy.
- Job Creation: Walk/bike projects create more jobs per dollar spent when compared to typical road-only projects. There is also increasing bicycle-based tourism opportunities, especially in rural communities.
- Health: Improving conditions for walking and bicycling in our communities leads to more exercise in the course of daily life. This positive effect is only amplified with our children, where we have the opportunity to create healthy habits for life.

## Partner Organizations:

Childhood Obesity  
Prevention Coalition

American Heart  
Association

Washington Bikes

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## Partner Organizations, continued:

Action for Healthy Kids – WA Chapter  
American Academy of Pediatrics – WA Chapter  
American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network  
American Diabetes Association  
American Planning Association – WA Chapter  
Beecher’s Pure Food Kids Foundation  
Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation  
Center for MultiCultural Health  
Children’s Alliance  
Coalition for Safety and Health in Early Learning  
Feet First  
Forterra  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Group Health Cooperative  
Healthy King County Coalition  
Hope Heart Institute  
Let’s Move Cheney  
MultiCare Health Systems  
Nutrition First  
Odessa Brown Children’s Clinic  
Physical Therapy Association of Washington  
Public Health Roundtable  
School’s Out Washington  
Sea Mar Community Health Centers  
Seattle Children’s  
Seattle and King County Public Health  
Seattle Parks and Recreation  
Skagit County Healthy Communities Project  
Snohomish Health District  
Spokane Regional Health District  
Tacoma Pierce County Health Department  
Transportation Choices  
WA Assoc. of Community & Migrant Health Centers  
Washington Bikes  
WA Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
Washington Dental Service Foundation  
Washington Health Foundation  
Washington Recreation & Park Association  
Washington School Nutrition Association  
WA St. Association of Local Public Health Officers  
WA State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Washington State PTA  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network  
Washington Trails Association  
WithinReach  
Yakima County Memorial Hospital  
YMCA – Greater Seattle

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[SafeRoutesHealthyKids.org](http://SafeRoutesHealthyKids.org)**

