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- ▶ Transportation Package – What’s in it? What projects? What reforms?
- ▶ How does it compare to 2013 House proposal
- ▶ What’s good? What’s bad? WPC’s take.
- ▶ Where does it stand now?

# What's in the package?

- ▶ \$14 Billion in spending over 16 years:
  - \$8.2 Billion in road construction projects;
  - \$1.3 Billion in maintenance and preservation;
  - \$581 Million in ferry operating and capital;
  - \$486 Million in transit grants;
  - \$375 Million to cities and counties;
  - \$240 Million to State Patrol.
- ▶ Eight Reform Bills
- ▶ LCFS “Poison Pill” – All non-bondable revenues would go to Motor Vehicle Fund
- ▶ \$11 Billion in Sound Transit tax authority

# Major Project Spending

<b>Major Transportation Projects (over \$100 Million)</b>	
SR 167/509 Gateway	\$1,876,906,000
SR 520 Bridge	\$1,570,000,000
I-405 Renton to Lynnwood	\$1,239,806,000
US 395 North Spokane	\$861,860,000
I-5 JBLM Improvements	\$450,000,000
I-90 Pass widening to Easton	\$426,488,000
US-12 Walla Walla Corridor	\$168,807,000
SR-9 Bridge Replacement	\$145,600,000

# What's in the package?

## ▶ Reforms

- SB 5990 – Exempt highway projects from sales and use tax.
- SB 5992 – Designates 20% from ELSA account for stormwater and culvert projects.
- SB 5992 – Would allow limited open bidding on ferry construction.
- SB 5994 – Exempts certain projects from Shorelines Act and SEPA. Limits appeals.
- SB 5993 – Prevailing Wage apprenticeship 15% to 13%.
- SB 5995 – Adds congestion relief as a funding priority.
- SB 5996 – Streamline permitting.
- SB 5997 – Using more design-build procurement.

# 2013 House plan v. 2015 Senate plan

## ▶ House Plan:

- 10.5c/gal fuel tax v. 11.7c/gal fuel tax
- \$10B in spending v. \$14B
- \$4.7B in roads and highways v. \$8.2B
- House had \$250M in direct operating subsidies to transit.
- House had more in ferry capital spending
- Senate package relies less on tolling.
  - Ex. 405: \$774M (\$500M toll) v. \$1.02B (\$215M toll)

# Where were they last year?

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# WPC's thoughts

- ▶ Like the reforms, but could go further
  - True open bidding on ferries
  - Eliminate prevailing wages on public works projects
  - Eliminate Project Labor Agreements
  - Public-Private Partnerships
- ▶ Large Sound Transit tax authority boost without accountability measures.
- ▶ Large gas tax increase – still diverts money to bike/ped/transit while driver's needs are unmet.



# What happens next?

- ▶ House Chair Judy Clibborn says Senate proposal could be heard as soon as March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ▶ House will likely change reforms and insist on more transit \$\$.
  - ▶ Some House leaders want to hold transportation package until McCleary funded.
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