

Weekly Legislative Update: **Transportation**

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The first week of the 2022 session saw few transportation bills heard in committee. Both the House and Senate held public hearings on the Governor's proposed transportation budget, and comments on that proposal will inform the House and Senate's respective transportation budget proposals. The League is supporting much of what the Governor has proposed but would like a much greater infusion of funding for transit operations, statewide.

Additionally, the House Transportation Committee had an update this week on Green Transportation as well as on megaprojects, such as the Puget Sound Gateway, I-405/509, the SR 520 corridor and US Route 395/North Spokane corridor. You can view these briefings at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules?eventID=2022011164#//31651>.

The Senate Transportation Committee held briefings on several issues which people interested in transportation may wish to watch.

- The federal infrastructure act and on the Climate Commitment Act/Clean Fuels Program, at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/?eventID=2022011133#//TRAN////year>.
- The Washington state ferries and electric vehicle policies/programs, at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/?eventID=2022011134#//TRAN////year>
- The "state of transportation" by WSDOT, at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/?eventID=2022011135#//TRAN////year>.

None of the League's high priority bills need special attention in the coming week.

Much of the work is being done behind the scenes as the House and Senate prepare and negotiate a new transportation funding package, which will probably not be released for several weeks.

How You Can Be Involved

- During the legislative session we will send Action Alerts in the [Legislative Newsletter](#). Please respond to these, which will direct you to an application to facilitate communicating with your legislators on an important vote in committees or on the chamber floor.

- Local Leagues in Washington have action chairs who coordinate action teams. Some local Leagues have education teams to take action locally. Contact your local League action chair to find out and join.
- You may also express your opinion on legislation with the LWVWA issue chairs. We will take your perspectives under considerations as we determine our support for legislation and prepare testimony. Cynthia Stewart, Growth Management Issue Chair, cstewart@lwvwa.org