Adopt a multi-modal transportation package that addresses city needs

**AWC Position**

Adopt a statewide multimodal transportation revenue package that includes:

- Direct distribution of gas tax revenues to cities at a percentage that reflects the actual amount of travel that occurs on city streets
- An array of local transportation revenue options.
- Increased funding for programs that benefit cities, including the Transportation Improvement Board, Safe Routes to Schools, Bicycle and Pedestrian grants, Complete Streets, transit, and freight mobility.

**Local Transportation Funding Gaps Are Severe**

Cities depend heavily on general fund dollars to preserve, maintain, and enhance street systems. Streets often compete internally with other core services such as police and fire for those essential dollars.

Direct gas tax distributions fund less than 10% of city streets and aren’t keeping up with inflation and population growth. The Connecting Washington Task Force report of 2011 estimated that cities will need $3.4 billion in the next 10 years to maintain and repair city streets and bridges.

**Economic Future Depends on Transportation**

Eroding and inadequate transportation infrastructure threatens our economic competitiveness, safety, and quality of life. Improving and maintaining streets, sidewalks, transit systems, highways, and bridges is crucial for moving people and freight, and in turn, ensuring the state’s economic future.

**Emerging Challenges Increase Needs**

Like the state, many cities face the need to replace inadequate culverts or bridges in order to remove fish passage barriers.

Increasing freight rail traffic is highlighting the need to improve many at-grade rail crossings and other rail-related facilities in cities in order to reduce congestion and safety impacts.

The proportion of gas tax distributed to cities decreased while lane miles of city streets increased

![Graph showing the proportion of gas tax distributed to cities decreased while lane miles of city streets increased](image)

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City Streets are more than Pavement

- $300,000/Landscaping
- Street - $6,000,000/mile
- $1,000,000/mile
- $700,000/mile + Phase II monitoring
- $450,000 Illumination Signalization

- $250,000/mile + ADA compliance

- Easement
  - Utility Relocation $1,500,000/mile

- Sidewalk

- Planting

- Parking

- Bike Lane

- Water

- Sewer

- Storm Drainage

- Electrical

- Gas

- Telecommunications

- $4,500,000/mile

- Right of way

- Purchase R.O.W. $1,300,000/mile