

Recap  
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# 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



# 2023 SESSION – STATS AND NEXT SESSION(S)

- 105 Days
- Began January 9 and adjourned Sine Die April 23
- Bills Introduced: House 1,090 bills/Senate 1,066
- Bills Passed Legislature: 485
- Governor's Action: Signed 202, V1 and PV3 (technical)
- Special Session: May 16 – up to 30 days not limited to 1 topic
- 2024 Session: 60 Days/All 2023 bills active

# THANKS

- Our Delegation
  - Council: Clark Gilman & Joe DePinto
  - Transportation Policy Board: Andy Ryder & Renee Radcliff Sinclair
  - TRPC Staff: Veronica Jarvis
- State Representatives & Senators: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts
- You – Council & Policy Board – for narrowing the list of priorities!

# 2023 TRPC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## Transportation

- I-5/Delta, 507 Roundabouts, & Yelm Loop - **Yes, Yes, & Yes**
- Regional Airport - **New Bill, New Process**
- Overarching - **Maintain/grow public transportation & multimodal system, fund special needs/rural transportation, bridges, roads – Yes and Yes...**



# OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES

- **Rural Community Main Streets - No, but...**
- **Regional Mobility Grants – Yes. for 2023-25 Biennium! (Interim work on defining “local government” in state law.)**
- **Broadband – Yes. \$50M in Capital Budget/state sales & use tax exemption for internet/telecom infrastructure for federally recognized Tribes.**

- UW Statewide Sidewalk Inventory
- Study on commercial drivers (bus operators)
- Create procedure for DOT/locals to partner for preservation/maintenance & construct projects on state highways.
- Evaluate/recommendations for statewide household travel survey and additional analytical capacity
- Develop implementation plan for truck parking solutions & sites – near & long term.
- Implement Yellow Alert System to inform public of hit & run fatality/substantial bodily harm.
- Implement Speed Safety Cameras – work zones
- Develop plan for older driver safety & implement improving young driver safety

# TRANSPRO BUDGET



# MORE TRANSPRO BUDGET

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Conduct Space study for DOT post Telework Impact Study - space efficiency.

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Pilot, install, and test intelligent speed monitoring tech in WSDOT fleet while using GPS.

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Traffic Operations: Low Cost enhancements with priority to projects that improve safety & relieve congestion.

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Address emergent issues related to safety for pedestrians and bicyclists

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VMT target implementation

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TRPC HCT Study continuation

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Develop/implement outreach for overburdened communities to develop community centered carbon reduction strategies.



# EVEN MORE TRANSPRO BUDGET

- Additional CTR funding – first time in 30 years
- Tribal transit grant program
- Vanpool subsidy for all state employees
- Technical assistance/ed program for public agencies on use of alt fuel vehicles.
- Federal fund exchange pilot program
- Action plan to establish cycle highways in locations that connect population centers and support mode shift – *along I-5 in Thurston County?*
- Local grants to implement network-wide traffic conflict screening programs using video analytics in intersections with ^ traffic violations/injuries to active trans users.
- WSDOT to establish e-bike rebate program

# TRANSPORTATION BILLS

- HB 1004: Bridge Jumping Signs (Abbarno, Orcutt)
- HB 1058: Eases CDL process (Orcutt)
- SHB 1084: Primarily duty of Freight Mobility & Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) – provide strategic advice to Gov/LEG. Dev 6-yr investment program & ID emerging issues. Requires freight project sponsors to dev. plan to engage with/evaluate & mitigate impacts overburdened communities
- HB 1112: Establishes new gross misdemeanor offense of Negligent Driving with a Vulnerable User Victim in the first degree
- HB 1319: Expands when law enforcement must report driver to DOL for re-examination
- SHB 1457: Businesses that ship/receive cargo or property must provide restroom for delivery driver, under certain circumstances.



# TRANSPORTATION BILLS

- SHB 1638: State Trooper expedited recruitment incentive program for lateral hires from other law enforcement – hiring/retention bonuses. (Barkis)
- SHB 1853: License service fees include all trucks...
- SB 5023: Allows tow trucks to use certain lights. Expands req for drivers to reduce speed in emergency/work zones.
- SSB 5272: Speed safety cameras in highway work zones. WSDOT responsible for cameras/St Patrol responsible for enforcement
- SSB 5504: DOL to check for open safety recalls on vehicles & provide written notice to owner.
- SSB 5753: Creates remedy for lack of provision in state statute for WSDOT to convey active public right-of-way to the governing authority of a tribe, even if the tribe agrees to keep the road or street open for public use. (Lummi Nation)

## Thanks Again for Limiting Priorities...

housing, homelessness, comp plans, environment, childcare, energy, land use, wildfires & drought, salmon recovery, trust lands, national infrastructure bank, elementary school recess, light pollution, tax increment financing, 988 system mobile rapid response, language access, manufacturing that aligns with GHG goals, unemployment insurance/leave for transportation network company employees, internship programs, easier contracting with community organizations, voluntary stewardship program, mental health, equity, cyber security...