

# Seamless, Statewide Transportation

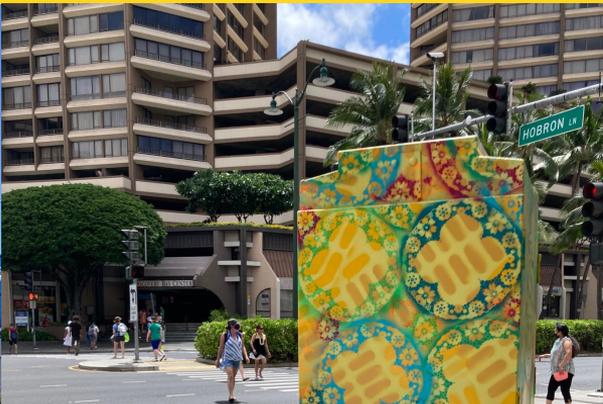
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**IT TAKES  
TRANSPORTATION**

# What is World-Class Transportation?



# It's More Than Just Trains

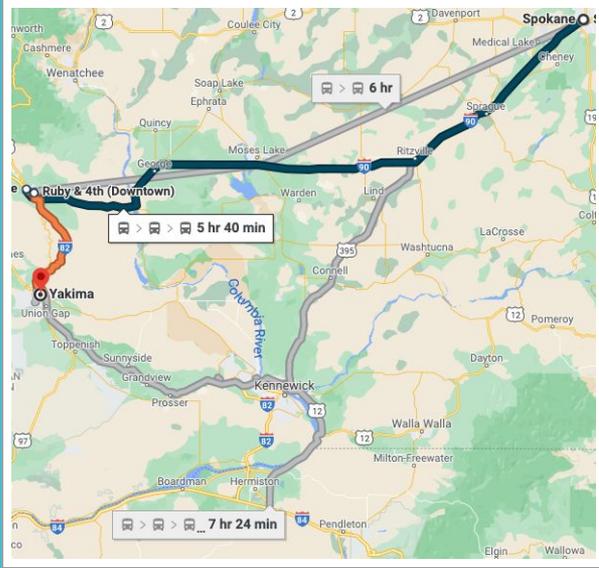
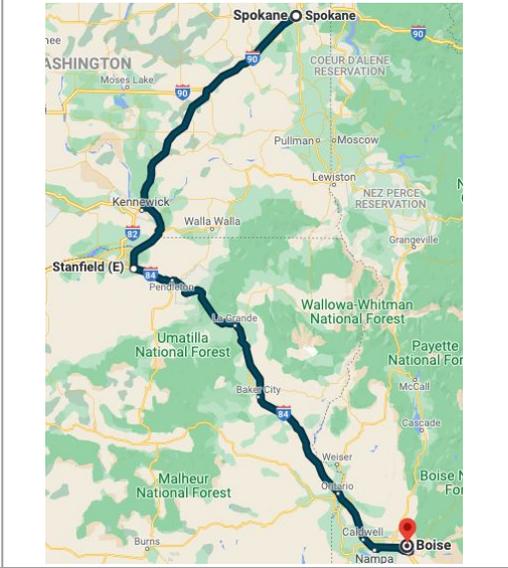
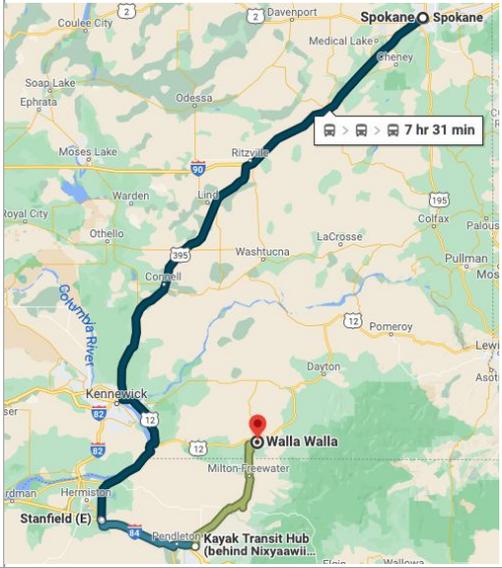




## **It Really Boils Down to One Simple Question**

**Is it reasonably easy to  
get from here to there?**

# Most of the Time, It Isn't...

Spokane to: Yakima	Boise	Walla Walla	Ritzville
Car: 3 hr 9 min	Car: 6 hr 40 min	Car: 2 hr 46 min	Car: 58 min
Transit: 5 hr 40 min (Fri)	Transit: 18 hr 12 min (Fri)	Transit: 7 hr 31 min	Transit:
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# Limited Train Service in Spokane

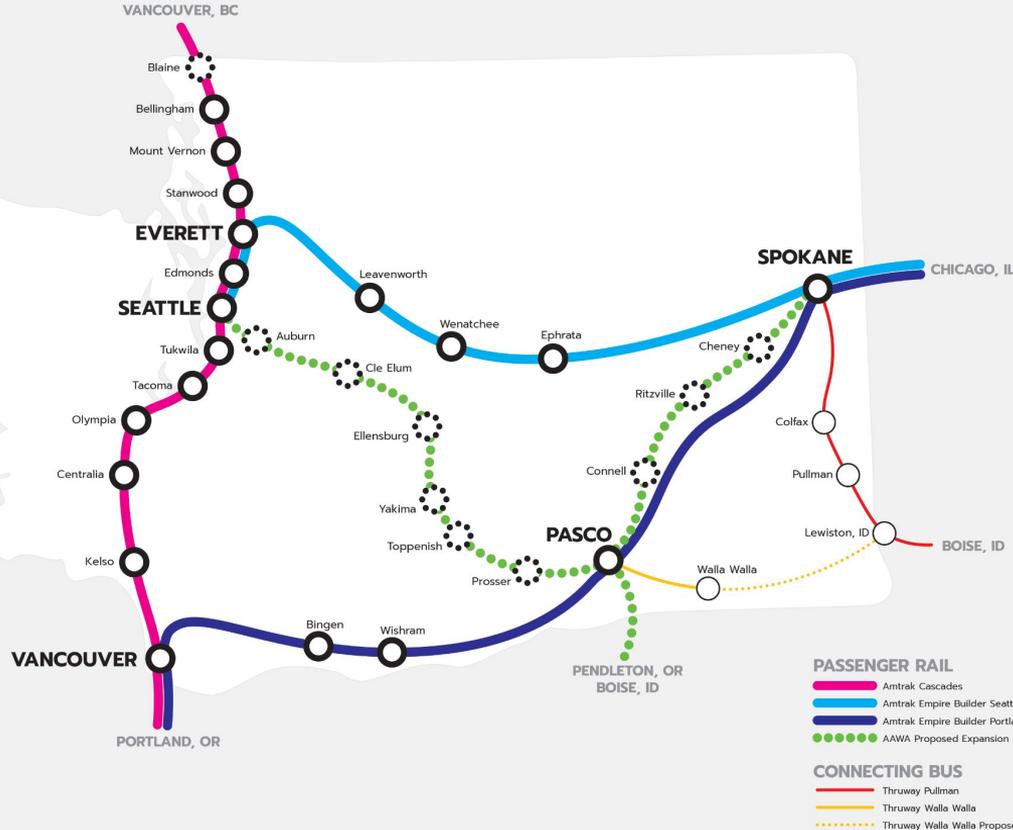
- Eastbound to Chicago, lv Spokane 1:25 am  
*Sun-Thu only through March 26*
- Westbound to Seattle, lv Spokane 2:15 am
- Westbound to Portland, lv Spokane 2:45 am  
*Tue-Sat only through March 27*

## Our Vision

A transportation network that:

- Provides **seamless**, door-to-door connectivity for our region's people and goods
- Offers **economic, environmental, and equity benefits** to all communities

# WASHINGTON VISION MAP



## Our Vision

- Frequent Amtrak trains crossing the entire Northwest
- More stations
- A competitive freight rail system
- Better connections to other modes

# Economy, Environment, Equity

Rail is an ideal option for addressing ‘the 3 Es’



## Economy

Intercity passenger trains help strengthen local economies across the Northwest.



## Environment

Intercity passenger trains provide low-emissions regional transportation.



## Equity

Intercity passenger trains connect communities small and large.



## **Economic Benefits**

Easy travel options help strengthen local economies throughout the Northwest.

On average, communities receive \$84 per day-trip visitor, and \$366 per overnight visitor, according to Experience Washington.

**ECONOMIC JUSTICE  
TAKES TRANSPORTATION**



## Environmental Benefits

Rail is the optimal low-impact freight and passenger ground transportation option.

Rail does not contribute to [salmon die-off related to tires.](#)



# Equity Benefits

A good freight and passenger rail network contributes to high quality of life in our region for everyone.

- **Improves reach** of local services
- **Expands access** for all communities



**A BETTER FUTURE TAKES  
TRANSPORTATION**

# AAWA's 2022 Legislative Priorities

1. **Restore Pre-Pandemic Rail Services**
2. **Expand Research on a Complete, Statewide Passenger and Freight Rail Network**
  - Follow in Virginia's footsteps
3. **Form a Washington Rail Advisory Committee**
  - Give rail users and stakeholders a louder voice
4. **Improve Rail Safety**
  - [HB 1418](#)

# How You Can Help

- 1. Ask Legislators to Support Local Match Funding for IIJA**
  - Flexible match funds prepare us for federal grants
- 2. Rethink the Conversation on Transportation and Access**
  - Be open-minded, discuss a broad list of ideas
- 3. Priority Projects List**
  - Locally-supported projects to bring to Olympia
- 4. Support AAWA!**

# Thank You!

Support AAWA's  
Work and Vision

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Amtrak's *Empire Builder* at Yakima, Aug. 1971. Photo: Drew Jacksich.