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## About All Aboard Washington

For over forty years, All Aboard Washington (AAWA) has promoted better passenger and freight rail service in the Pacific Northwest. We champion safe, reliable, frequent, competitive, and convenient passenger rail services that meet the needs of all Washingtonians. We actively support intercity passenger rail service and intermodal connections with local transit as a door-to-door option for non-drivers, and for those who prefer not to drive.

AAWA's vision is to provide seamless, multimodal, public transportation connectivity for our region focused around a robust passenger rail system. Improved door-to-door connectivity (sidewalks, local public transit, intercity rail) provides [economic, environmental and equity benefits](#) to all, including underserved, low-income, and rural communities where transportation alternatives are limited, in recognition that [nearly 30 percent](#) of our population does not drive.

## Community Outreach and Engagement

AAWA engages, educates and energizes the public, elected officials, business and local leaders, through outreach, Train Treks, presentations for legislators and communities, advocacy, soliciting resolutions and letters of support, publicity, coalition building and event planning.

### Train Treks

In cooperation with All Aboard Northwest, All Aboard Washington conducts the "Train Trek" series of in-person and electronic meetings in communities of all sizes throughout our region.

Train Treks are an efficient and effective way to meet local stakeholders, gain valuable information, make local connections, and build coalitions needed to envision large-scale infrastructure projects.

In 2022, AAWA worked with the Pioneer Coalition to undertake a Train Trek along the route of the discontinued *Pioneer* that served Seattle-Portland-Pendleton-La Grande-Baker City-Boise-Salt Lake City and beyond. We met with many elected officials and community leaders, all of whom were anxious to work with us. In addition, Train Trek events were covered by the press in small towns and large cities.

### Regional Cooperation

In addition to our work in Washington state, we represent the needs of rail passengers with such organizations as the Oregon Rail Advisory Committee, and The Oregon Rail Users' League (ORULE), while working to create similar organizations in

Washington, as well as developing a region-wide working group that will facilitate rail needs among cooperation among states and Canadian provinces.

## Other Recent Activities

- [Testimony to WA Legislature's House Transportation Committee](#)
- [Joint Meeting with regional advocacy organizations](#)
- [Presentation at Legislative Rail Caucus meeting in the Tri-Cities](#)
- Presentation at the [Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Summit](#) in Billings, MT (coverage from the [Western Governors' Association](#))
- [Discussion of Rail Funding on KING5 TV](#)
- [Presentations to Spokane Rotary 21](#) and many other [community groups](#)
- [Presentations at PNWER Annual Summit in Big Sky, MT](#)
- [Presentations to the Washington State Transportation Commission](#)

## AAWA's Leaders

- Kathy Davis, Board President – Federal Way
- Gary Wirt, Board Vice President – Yakima
- Hendrik de Kock, Board Treasurer – Seattle
- Rocky Shay, Board Secretary – Federal Way
- Charles Hamilton, Co-Executive Director – Seattle
- Patrick Carnahan, Co-Executive Director – Lacey
- Luis Moscoso, Government Affairs Director – Tumwater

## Our Partners

We build regional coalitions of environmental, economic development, equity, labor, and health organizations including those representing rail, ports, public transit, and other transportation modes. AAWA coordinates with a broad-based group of organizations including:

- All Aboard Northwest
- All Aboard Minnesota
- All Aboard Wisconsin
- Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates
- Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority
- Colorado Rail Passenger Association
- Disability Rights Washington
- League of Women Voters of Washington
- Oregon Legislative Rail Caucus
- Pacific Northwest Economic Region
- Rail Passenger Association of CA & NV
- Rail Passengers Association
- Sierra Club Washington State
- Transportation For America
- Utah Rail Passengers Association
- Washington Legislative Environment and Climate Caucus
- Washington Legislative Rail Caucus
- Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility

... and metropolitan planning organizations and community leaders throughout the Pacific Northwest.