

AAWA's 2026 Legislative Agenda

Presentation to Nondrivers Alliance

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Who is All Aboard Washington?

- AAWA has promoted better passenger and freight rail service in the Pacific Northwest for over forty years.
- We are a nonprofit advocacy organization of citizens, businesses, and other goal-oriented groups.



Today's passenger rail

- Washington and Oregon have supported Amtrak *Cascades* trains serving the Vancouver, BC-Seattle-Portland-Eugene corridor for over 20 years
- Seattle-Yakima-Pasco-Spokane service over existing tracks is being studied
- Proposed High-Speed Rail (HSR) service has support of government and business leaders in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia



What we do

- [Train Treks](#) (outreach with local communities)
- Whistle Stops (advocacy with elected officials)
- [Rail Summits](#)

Connecting between rail and transit

AAWA educates on how to connect between Amtrak Cascades, Sounder commuter rail and public transit

- [Bellingham](#)
- [Mount Vernon](#)
- [Stanwood](#)
- [Everett](#)
- [Edmonds](#)
- [Seattle](#)
- [Kent](#)
- [Auburn](#)
- [Sumner](#)
- [Puyallup](#)
- [Tacoma, Tacoma Dome](#)
- [South Tacoma](#)
- [Lakewood](#)
- [Olympia/Lacey](#)
- [Centralia](#)
- [Kelso/Longview](#)
- [Vancouver, WA](#)
- [Portland](#)

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1. Propose and support Washington state legislation in support of restoration of passenger rail service in Washington via Stampede Pass.

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2. Support better statewide public transportation including support for high speed rail, rail infrastructure improvement projects, Amtrak Cascades, and intercity bus.

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3. Improve statewide passenger rail service as outlined in [RCW 47.79](#) and as updated in [ESHB 1837](#).

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4. Support options to create permanent funding sources for passenger rail, such as expanding Climate Commitment Act funds to provide funding for approved Federal Railroad Administration CID projects.

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5. Establish a passenger rail advisory committee.

National legislative priorities

- Reauthorization of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- [Long-Distance Corridor Relief Act](#)
- [New Siemens AIRO Cars arriving 2026](#)
- Pre-Clearance in Vancouver, BC



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