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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Making supplemental transportation appropriations
for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

1 AN ACT Relating to transportation fiscal matters; amending RCW
2 46.01.385, 46.68.067, 46.68.170, 46.68.280, 47.28.030, and 47.66.140;
3 amending 2025 c 416 ss 105, 108, 109, 110, 114, 201, 202, 203, 204,
4 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219,
5 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310,
6 311, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 601, 606, 609, and 701
7 (uncodified); adding new sections to 2025 c 416 (uncodified); making
8 appropriations and authorizing expenditures for capital improvements;
9 and declaring an emergency.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

11 **2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM**

12 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—OPERATING**

13 **Sec. 101.** 2025 c 416 s 105 (uncodified) is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

16 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$1,530,000)~~)
17 \$1,547,000

1 (5) \$29,744,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
2 appropriation is provided solely for grants for the development of
3 community electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

4 (a) Funding provided in this subsection must be used for projects
5 that provide a benefit to the public through development,
6 demonstration, and deployment of clean energy technologies that save
7 energy and reduce energy costs, reduce harmful air emissions, or
8 increase energy independence for the state.

9 (b) Projects that receive funding under this subsection must be
10 implemented by, or include partners from, one or more of the
11 following: Local governments, federally recognized tribal
12 governments, or public and private electrical utilities that serve
13 retail customers in the state.

14 (c) Grant funding must be used for level two or higher charging
15 infrastructure and related costs including, but not limited to,
16 construction and site improvements. Projects may include a robust
17 public and private outreach plan that includes engaging with affected
18 parties in conjunction with the new electric vehicle infrastructure.

19 (d) The department must prioritize funding for projects in the
20 following order: (i) Multifamily housing; (ii) publicly available
21 charging at any location; (iii) schools and school districts; (iv)
22 state and local government buildings and public hospitals; and (v)
23 all other eligible projects.

24 (e) The department must coordinate with other electrification
25 programs, including projects developed by the department of
26 transportation, to determine the most effective distribution of the
27 systems. The department must also collaborate with the interagency
28 electric vehicle coordinating council established in RCW 43.392.030
29 to implement this subsection and must work to meet benchmarks
30 established in chapter 182, Laws of 2022.

31 (f) The department may: (i) Provide information to applicants
32 about available clean energy tax credits and incentives, including
33 elective pay, that may be applicable to the project for which state
34 funding is being sought; (ii) inquire, as part of the application,
35 which tax credits and incentives the applicant plans to seek for the
36 project; (iii) prioritize projects seeking any applicable clean
37 energy tax credits and incentives when developing and applying
38 competitive criteria for selecting recipients under this section; and
39 (iv) consider the availability of any federal tax credits or other

1 federal or nonfederal grants or incentives that the applicant may
2 benefit from in review of the application.

3 (g) Funding awards made under this subsection may not exceed 100
4 percent of the cost of the project.

5 (h) Up to three percent of the appropriation in this subsection
6 is for the department to administer the grant program.

7 (i) Of the amounts provided in this subsection (5), \$5,000,000 is
8 provided solely for federally recognized tribal governments, with
9 first priority to applicants previously selected for but not awarded
10 grants under federal discretionary grant programs for electric
11 vehicle charging infrastructure.

12 (6) \$100,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
13 appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer a
14 pilot program to cover installation costs of residential chargers for
15 take-home state fleet electric vehicles. Cost reimbursements may not
16 exceed \$1,000 for each installation. The department may not apply
17 amounts appropriated under this subsection toward expenses to
18 administer the program. The department must provide a report to the
19 transportation committees of the legislature on the number of
20 residential chargers installed under the pilot program by December
21 15, 2026.

22 (7) \$1,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
23 appropriation is provided solely for the department to conduct a
24 review under the state environmental policy act (chapter 43.21C RCW)
25 and issue a programmatic final environmental impact statement (EIS)
26 evaluating zoning changes and related issues for the jurisdictions
27 subject to RCW 36.70A.840 regarding transit-oriented development. The
28 department shall publish the programmatic final EIS by July 1, 2027.
29 Issuance of the programmatic final EIS does not affect or modify the
30 requirements of chapter 43.21C RCW, including the obligations of
31 cities.

32 (8) (a) \$5,000,000 of the electric vehicle account—state
33 appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement an
34 incentive program for the purchase of, or conversion to, used
35 alternative fuel vehicles. The department must work with the
36 interagency electric vehicle coordinating council to develop and
37 implement the program. Only individuals with household incomes at or
38 below 300 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible to

1 receive incentives under the program. The department must prioritize
2 incentives for such individuals who also:

3 (i) Live in an overburdened community, as defined in RCW
4 70A.02.010;

5 (ii) Are in greatest need of this assistance to reduce the carbon
6 emissions and other environmental impacts of their current mode of
7 transportation in the overburdened community in which they live; and

8 (iii) Reside in communities with the greatest health disparities
9 and communities of color that are most likely to receive the greatest
10 health benefits from the incentives through a reduction in greenhouse
11 gas emissions and other pollutants that will result in improved
12 groundwater and stormwater quality, improved air quality, and
13 reductions in noise pollution.

14 (b) If chapter . . . (Senate Bill No. 6354), Laws of 2026 is not
15 enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
16 lapses.

17 (9) \$245,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
18 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter . . .
19 (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5746), Laws of 2026 (EV charger property
20 crime). If chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5746), Laws of
21 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this
22 subsection lapses.

23 **Sec. 103.** 2025 c 416 s 109 (uncodified) is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **FOR THE BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS**

26 Pilotage Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$3,335,000)~~)
27 \$3,704,000

28 **Sec. 104.** 2025 c 416 s 110 (uncodified) is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 **FOR THE ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL**

31 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$987,000)~~)
32 \$1,011,000

33 **Sec. 105.** 2025 c 416 s 114 (uncodified) is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 **FOR THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE**

36 Aeronautics Account—State Appropriation. \$94,000

1	Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation.	\$108,000
2	<u>Multimodal Transportation Account—State</u>	
3	<u>Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
4	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	(\$202,000)
5		<u>\$702,000</u>

6 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
7 conditions and limitations:

8 (1) The entire aeronautics account—state appropriation is
9 provided solely for the Washington state institute for public policy
10 to:

11 (a) Conduct an independent assessment of the passenger and air
12 cargo forecasts cited in the Puget Sound regional council regional
13 aviation baseline study, including an evaluation of the underlying
14 data, assumptions, methodologies, and calculation of the level of
15 uncertainty around the forecast;

16 (b) Conduct a comprehensive literature review to identify
17 effective national and international strategies to reduce demand for
18 air travel, including diverting such demand to other modes and
19 whether such diversion avoids net environmental impacts to
20 overburdened communities and vulnerable populations;

21 (c) Conduct a review of existing operational and technological
22 enhancements to address environmental impacts from commercial
23 aviation activities, including, but not limited to, climate friendly
24 routing of aircraft, innovations intended to address the climate
25 change effects of noncarbon dioxide emissions from aviation
26 activities, simulation models applied to congested airports, and
27 online tools to track, analyze, and improve carbon footprints related
28 to aviation activities. The review should identify the feasibility of
29 enhancements to be deployed in the state of Washington; and

30 (d) Provide a report to the office of the governor and the
31 transportation committees of the legislature by December 31, 2025.

32 (2)(a) \$108,000 of highway safety account—state appropriation is
33 provided solely for the Washington state institute for public policy,
34 in consultation with the Washington traffic safety commission and
35 other entities as it deems appropriate, to develop an inventory of
36 evidence-based, research-based, policies and programs aimed at
37 reducing impaired driving and the resulting traffic fatalities and
38 serious injuries.

1 (b) The institute must create an inventory of the national and
2 international research associated with the following impaired driving
3 public policies and programs:

- 4 (i) Lowering the blood alcohol concentration for purposes of
5 impaired driving from the current .08 level;
- 6 (ii) Sobriety checkpoints; and
- 7 (iii) Increased enforcement and penalties.

8 (c) By June 30, 2026, the institute shall publish a report with
9 information identifying the projected costs and benefits of
10 implementing the policies and programs identified in (b) of this
11 subsection, including an assessment of the comparative benefits
12 associated with each policy and program. The report may also include
13 recommendations on future research in this area.

14 (3) \$500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
15 appropriation is provided solely for the Washington state institute
16 for public policy, in consultation with the office of the insurance
17 commissioner, the department of licensing, and the Washington state
18 patrol, to review data on uninsured motorist rates both in Washington
19 state and nationally, perform an equity analysis of the uninsured
20 motorist population in Washington state, and review other factors
21 that may have a disparate impact on uninsured motorists who forgo
22 purchasing motor vehicle liability insurance, including insurance
23 premium costs and rates, eligibility for coverage, and the
24 availability of such insurance. The institute must also evaluate the
25 potential impacts of requiring proof of liability insurance coverage
26 at the time of vehicle registration renewal. The institute must
27 report its findings, with any recommendations, to the appropriate
28 policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by June 30, 2027.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 106. A new section is added to 2025 c 416
30 (uncodified) to read as follows:

31 **FOR THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT**

32 RV Account—State Appropriation. \$2,000,000

33 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
34 conditions and limitations: The entire RV account—state appropriation
35 is provided solely for the military department to establish a vehicle
36 flood relief grant program to assist owners of recreational vehicles,
37 including motor homes, campers, and travel trailers, significantly
38 damaged or destroyed as a result of the December 2025 weather events.

1 Applicants for grants under this section must establish that the
2 damaged or destroyed recreational vehicle, motor home, camper, or
3 travel trailer was their primary residence, their income is no more
4 than 80 percent of the area median income for the county in which
5 they reside, and their insurance coverage, if any, does not cover the
6 damage or loss. Individual grants may be awarded up to \$25,000.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 107.** A new section is added to 2025 c 416
8 (uncodified) to read as follows:

9 (1) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall
10 conduct an independent audit and review of the Washington state
11 patrol toxicology laboratory that assesses:

12 (a) The impact of toxicology processing delays on investigations,
13 court proceedings, and public health outcomes;

14 (b) How the lab prioritizes toxicology analyses and whether
15 prioritization complies with statutory and court requirements;

16 (c) The impact of funding from the omnibus appropriations act and
17 omnibus transportation appropriations act on case processing and
18 resource allocation;

19 (d) Recommended staffing levels relative to workload growth and
20 use of temporary or contract staffing;

21 (e) Potential alternative strategies used to manage service
22 backlogs; and

23 (f) Recommended performance measures for backlog reduction and
24 turnaround times.

25 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the joint
26 legislative audit and review committee must report audit and review
27 findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the
28 legislature by December 1, 2027.

(End of part)

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—OPERATING

Sec. 201. 2025 c 416 s 201 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation.	((\$9,794,000))
	<u>\$11,841,000</u>
Highway Safety Account—Federal Appropriation.	((\$39,998,000))
	<u>\$50,001,000</u>
Highway Safety Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$60,000
Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Account—	
State Appropriation.	\$400,000
School Zone Safety Account—State Appropriation.	\$850,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$51,102,000))
	<u>\$63,152,000</u>

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) \$600,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is provided solely for the commission to purchase telematics data from a qualified vendor that provides anonymized information on vehicle speeds and driver behaviors, such as hard braking, on a statewide basis and in selected geographical areas based upon demographic characteristics and crash history. The commission must provide an annual report summarizing findings from the telematics data to the transportation committees of the legislature beginning by June 30, 2025, and until June 30, (~~(2027)~~) 2029.

(2) \$1,500,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is provided solely for a pilot program for dedicated probation or compliance officers at the local level to improve compliance with ignition interlock device installation requirements associated with impaired driving offenses. The commission must select locations based on an assessment of ignition interlock device compliance rates, and the willingness and ability to have staff dedicated to this activity. The commission must provide to the transportation committees of the legislature a preliminary status report on the specific locations selected and any outcome information by December 1, 2025, with a final report due by June 30, 2027.

(3) (~~(\$2,000,000)~~) \$2,500,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is provided solely to implement a multifaceted approach

1 to supplement existing funding targeted at impaired driving and other
2 enforcement. The areas of emphasis expected to be funded include
3 additional high visibility enforcement and indigenous knowledge-
4 informed tribal traffic safety support. \$500,000 of the amount
5 appropriated under this subsection is provided solely for indigenous
6 knowledge-informed tribal traffic safety support. Funding is also
7 provided for the commission to administer and provide oversight of
8 these activities. The commission must provide a preliminary report to
9 the transportation committees of the legislature and the office of
10 financial management on these funded activities and any outcome
11 information by December 1, 2025, with a final report due by December
12 1, 2026.

13 (4) \$350,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
14 provided solely to complete an annual report on impacts of the
15 automated traffic safety cameras used in the state as required in RCW
16 46.63.220(6)(b)(ii), beginning July 1, 2026.

17 (5) \$200,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
18 provided solely for the commission, in collaboration with the
19 department of licensing and Washington state patrol, to review
20 practices regarding ignition interlock device financing program
21 eligibility screening and fund distribution and to provide
22 recommendations on improving access to and increased funding for the
23 program. The commission must submit a report to the transportation
24 committees of the legislature by December 15, 2026.

25 (6) \$1,100,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation
26 is provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Engrossed
27 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5374), Laws of 2026 (tribal traffic safety
28 coordinator program). If chapter . . . (Engrossed Substitute Senate
29 Bill No. 5746), Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the
30 amount provided in this subsection lapses.

31 (7) \$200,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
32 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
33 Senate Bill No. 5067), Laws of 2026 (impaired driving). If
34 chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5067), Laws of 2026 is not
35 enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
36 lapses.

37 **Sec. 202.** 2025 c 416 s 202 (uncodified) is amended to read as
38 follows:

1 **FOR THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

2	<u>Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$267,000</u>
3	Rural Arterial Trust Account—State Appropriation.	((\$4,059,000))
4		<u>\$1,558,000</u>
5	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$3,532,000))
6		<u>\$6,058,000</u>
7	County Arterial Preservation Account—State	
8	Appropriation.	((\$4,549,000))
9		<u>\$4,548,000</u>
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$12,140,000))
11		<u>\$12,431,000</u>

12 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
13 conditions and limitations:

14 (1) Within appropriated funds, the county road administration
15 board may opt in as provided under RCW 70A.02.030 to assume all of
16 the substantive and procedural requirements of covered agencies under
17 chapter 70A.02 RCW. The board shall include in its 2025 and 2026
18 annual reports to the legislature a progress report on opting into
19 the healthy environment for all act and a status report on diversity,
20 equity, and inclusion within the board's jurisdiction. The county
21 road administration board may revise program standards, as needed,
22 with legislative consultation.

23 (2) \$2,500,000 of the ((~~rural arterial trust~~)) motor vehicle
24 account—state appropriation and \$2,500,000 of the county arterial
25 preservation account—state appropriation are provided solely for a
26 grant program to assist counties and cities with the costs associated
27 with obtaining a new federal highway administration load rating for
28 bridges to accommodate legal loads as authorized under RCW 46.44.041.

29 **Sec. 203.** 2025 c 416 s 203 (uncodified) is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

32	<u>Complete Streets Grant Program Account—State</u>	
33	<u>Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$163,000</u>
34	Transportation Improvement Account—State	
35	Appropriation.	((\$4,771,000))
36		<u>\$4,836,000</u>
37	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	<u>\$4,999,000</u>

1 The appropriations in this section (~~is~~) are subject to the
2 following conditions and limitations: Within appropriated funds, the
3 transportation improvement board may opt in as provided under RCW
4 70A.02.030 to assume all of the substantive and procedural
5 requirements of covered agencies under chapter 70A.02 RCW. The board
6 shall include in its 2025 and 2026 annual reports to the legislature
7 a progress report on opting into the healthy environment for all act
8 and a status report on diversity, equity, and inclusion within the
9 board's jurisdiction. The transportation improvement board may revise
10 program standards, as needed, with legislative consultation.

11 **Sec. 204.** 2025 c 416 s 204 (uncodified) is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **FOR THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

14	Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
15	Appropriation.	\$624,000
16	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	(\$3,379,000)
17		<u>\$3,387,000</u>
18	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
19	Appropriation.	(\$350,000)
20		<u>\$700,000</u>
21	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	(\$4,353,000)
22		<u>\$4,711,000</u>

23 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
24 conditions and limitations:

25 (1) \$75,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
26 for the joint transportation committee, in collaboration with the
27 facilities program within the department of transportation, to
28 evaluate the cost and benefits associated with having the facilities
29 program take on full responsibility for planning and support of some
30 or all of the facilities currently operated by the Washington state
31 ferries. The joint transportation committee must provide a
32 preliminary assessment, including any recommendations, by December 1,
33 2025. The joint transportation committee must prepare a final report,
34 including any recommendations, by October 1, 2026.

35 (2) \$390,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
36 for the joint transportation committee, from amounts set aside out of
37 statewide fuel taxes distributed to cities according to RCW
38 46.68.110(2), for the following activities:

1 (a) \$250,000 is to contract with the association of Washington
2 cities for the contracting for a facilitator for the process of
3 updating the memorandum of understanding reached by the association
4 of Washington cities and the Washington state department of
5 transportation in 2013 for the construction, operations, and
6 maintenance responsibilities for city streets as part of state
7 highways. With the help of the facilitator, a work group must be
8 convened to collaborate on updating the agreement and developing
9 recommendations for maintaining the agreement. Work group
10 participants must consist of six members representing cities,
11 appointed by the association of Washington cities, and six members of
12 the Washington state department of transportation. The final work of
13 the facilitated process must be completed by June 2027.

14 (b) \$140,000 is for the joint transportation committee to
15 contract for an update to the 2019 assessment of city transportation
16 funding needs to assess the current state of city transportation
17 funding, identify emerging issues, and recommend funding sources to
18 meet current and future needs. The association of Washington cities
19 and the Washington department of transportation shall provide
20 technical support to the study. The joint transportation committee
21 must issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the
22 transportation committees of the legislature by September 2026.

23 (3) \$75,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
24 for the joint transportation committee to continue the alternative
25 project delivery methods and innovative practices study under section
26 204(9), chapter 310, Laws of 2024. The next phase of the study must
27 provide additional consultation on collaborative procurement and
28 contracting approaches that may be used by the Washington state
29 department of transportation in public works contracting to increase
30 contract competition and support containing costs and project
31 delivery schedule. A supplemental report on findings and
32 recommendations, including any changes in current practice and
33 statutory requirements, is due to the transportation committees of
34 the legislature by December 1, 2025.

35 (4) \$274,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
36 appropriation is reappropriated for the joint transportation
37 committee for a study of the impacts of implementing California's
38 emissions standards for ocean-going vessels at berth in Titles 13 and
39 17 of the California Code of Regulations in Washington. The joint

1 transportation committee must report to the transportation committees
2 of the legislature by December 31, 2025.

3 (5) \$250,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
4 for the joint transportation committee to contract with the Freight
5 Policy Transportation Institute of Washington State University to
6 serve as the independent review team to work in coordination with the
7 Washington state department of transportation's analysis, funded in
8 section 217(5) (~~of this act~~), chapter 416, Laws of 2025, of
9 highway, road, and freight rail transportation needs, options, and
10 impacts from shifting the movement of freight and goods that
11 currently move by barge through the lower Snake river dams to
12 highways, other roads, and rail.

13 (a) The department shall include the independent review team in
14 all phases of the analysis to enable the team to develop an
15 independent assessment of the analysis, assumptions, stakeholder
16 engagement, and cost and impact estimates. Summary findings from the
17 independent assessment must be provided to the department, the
18 governor's office, and the transportation committees of the
19 legislature on a quarterly basis, with an end of biennium report due
20 to the governor and the transportation committees of the legislature
21 by December 31, 2026.

22 (b) The independent review team must conduct an independent
23 stakeholder engagement effort. The river transportation work group
24 must be formed to provide data and guidance to the independent review
25 team for the independent stakeholder engagement effort. The river
26 transportation work group must be made up of stakeholders, including
27 farming and agricultural production, fishing industry, tug and barge
28 operators, shippers and receivers, public ports, railroad operators,
29 cruise lines, the federal highway administration, and the army corps
30 of engineers. Consultations with federally recognized tribes must
31 also occur in coordination with the Washington state department of
32 transportation.

33 (c) The independent review team shall make regular presentations
34 to the joint transportation committee and, by request, to the
35 transportation committees of the legislature.

36 (6) \$200,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
37 for the joint transportation committee to conduct a study and make
38 recommendations on alternative new methods for local governments to
39 fund sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to establishing
40 a sidewalk utility. The study must review revenue options utilized in

1 other states and make evaluations based on fairness, stability,
2 adequacy, regressivity, simplicity, and the effect on economic
3 vitality. The joint transportation committee must submit a
4 preliminary report of findings and recommendations to the
5 transportation committees of the legislature by December 15, 2025. A
6 final report is due to the office of the governor and the
7 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2026.

8 (7) \$250,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
9 appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to review and
10 evaluate administrative, performance, and delivery efficiencies for
11 alternative fuel and zero emission vehicle and vessel and
12 infrastructure programs and other transportation electrification
13 programs funded under the climate commitment act. As part of its
14 review, the committee must analyze previously and currently funded
15 programs under the omnibus operating, capital, and transportation
16 appropriations acts. By October 1, 2026, the committee must provide
17 to the transportation committees of the legislature a report on
18 evaluation findings and recommendations on improvements to program
19 delivery, including the consolidation of any programs, and as to
20 which agency or agencies are appropriate and optimal to administer
21 such climate commitment act funded programs.

22 (8) (a) \$100,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
23 appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to continue
24 its contract with a national expert on developing inclusive, mixed-
25 income, mixed-use transit-oriented housing to complete a review of
26 transit-oriented development conditions in cities in King, Pierce,
27 Spokane, Clark, and Snohomish counties as described under section
28 204(13), chapter 310, Laws of 2024.

29 (b) The review must also analyze transit-oriented development
30 housing supply and affordability strategies within chapter 267, Laws
31 of 2025, and include any recommendations on how such legislation may
32 be most effectively implemented by local governments. The contracted
33 party shall provide its review to the appropriate committees of the
34 legislature by December 15, 2025.

35 (9) \$100,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
36 appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to oversee
37 the development of tools and methodologies to assist in program
38 delivery evaluation for fuel conversion activity programs that
39 receive appropriations from the carbon emissions reduction account.

1 Program delivery evaluation must include carbon emissions reduction
2 estimates by program and by unit of time, program cost per unit of
3 emission reduction, quantified benefits to vulnerable populations and
4 overburdened communities by program cost, any additional appropriate
5 qualitative and quantitative metrics, and actionable recommendations
6 for improvements in program delivery. A report is due to the
7 transportation committees of the legislature by October 1, 2025.

8 (10)(a) \$100,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
9 appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to contract
10 with an independent third party to conduct a study and make
11 recommendations to modify or maintain the credit provided by the
12 department of transportation on bid proposals for hybrid diesel-
13 electric ferry vessels constructed in the state of Washington. The
14 study must consider economic and cost factors including, but not
15 limited to:

16 (i) The economic and revenue loss to the state of Washington from
17 constructing vessels outside the state of Washington; and

18 (ii) Additional costs of transport, potential delay, and owner
19 oversight incurred for construction at shipyards outside of
20 Washington.

21 (b) Final recommendations from the independent study must be
22 provided to the department, the office of the governor, and the
23 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2027.

24 (11)(a) The joint transportation committee must conduct the
25 following activities on transportation-related liability issues:

26 (i) Evaluate and review other state laws on minimum liability
27 insurance requirements, to determine if current minimum requirements
28 for drivers in Washington state should be modified;

29 (ii) Evaluate and review other state laws related to failure to
30 wear a seat belt as evidence of negligence in any civil action, to
31 determine if current state laws in this regard should be modified or
32 tailored to narrower evidentiary standards; and

33 (iii) Evaluate and review other state laws related to state
34 defenses involving claims for injury or wrongful death when the
35 person was engaged in a felony, to determine if the current state
36 defense in this regard should be expanded to include traffic-related
37 misdemeanors, including impaired driving, reckless driving, and
38 racing.

39 (b) The joint transportation committee must report on its
40 findings, including any recommendations, by December 15, 2026.

1 (12) The joint transportation committee must convene a work group
2 to study and recommend options to streamline and enhance reporting
3 and data sharing between the department of transportation and the
4 legislature.

5 (a) The work group's recommendations should aim to:

6 (i) Identify recurring, legislatively directed department of
7 transportation reporting that can be streamlined or eliminated;

8 (ii) Establish processes to make data sharing more efficient,
9 including by transmitting data through electronic systems instead of
10 static documents whenever possible;

11 (iii) Identify prioritized options to implement the communication
12 and transparency recommendations of the committee's project delivery
13 and innovative practices studies; and

14 (iv) Leverage recent investments in department of transportation
15 information technology systems to improve reporting and data sharing.

16 (b) The work group must consist of one or more representatives
17 from the following entities:

18 (i) The office of financial management;

19 (ii) The department of transportation;

20 (iii) The office of program research;

21 (iv) Senate committee services; and

22 (v) The legislative evaluation and accountability program.

23 (13) (a) \$250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
24 appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to evaluate
25 the costs and benefits associated with the use of a short- or long-
26 term lease of a hydrogen or hybrid hydrogen powered vessel for the
27 state ferry system. The evaluation must include an analysis of the
28 following:

29 (i) Whether hydrogen fueling would assist in electrification of
30 the state ferry fleet;

31 (ii) Whether a lease-to-purchase option would assist in
32 fulfilling the obligations of the WSF 2040 long range ferry plan; and

33 (iii) Whether a lease option would assist the state in meeting
34 the state's goals for stability and reliability of the ferry system,
35 while fulfilling other transportation preservation and maintenance
36 obligations.

37 (b) The joint transportation committee must consult with
38 companies that design, build, and lease hybrid vessels, including
39 hydrogen-powered vessels. The joint transportation committee must
40 provide a report with findings and recommendations to the governor

1 and the transportation committees of the legislature by December 1,
2 2027.

3 **Sec. 205.** 2025 c 416 s 205 (uncodified) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

6	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$2,105,000))
7		<u>\$1,916,000</u>
8	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
9	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	\$150,000
10	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
11	Appropriation.	\$488,000
12	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
13	Appropriation.	\$178,000
14	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
15	State Appropriation.	\$368,000
16	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$3,289,000))
17		<u>\$3,100,000</u>

18 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
19 conditions and limitations:

20 ((+2)) (1) Within the parameters established under RCW
21 47.56.880, the commission shall review toll revenue performance on
22 the Interstate 405 and state route number 167 corridor and adjust
23 Interstate 405 tolls as appropriate to increase toll revenue to
24 provide sufficient funds for payments of future debt pursuant to RCW
25 47.10.896 and to support improvements to the corridor. The commission
26 shall consider adjusting maximum toll rates, minimum toll rates, day-
27 of-week rates and time-of-day rates, and restricting direct access
28 ramps to transit and HOV vehicles only, or any combination thereof,
29 in setting tolls to increase toll revenue. The commission is
30 encouraged to make any adjustments to toll rates in coordination with
31 the planned expansion of express toll lanes between the cities of
32 Renton and Bellevue.

33 ((+3)) (2) The commission must evaluate and consider temporary
34 toll rate adjustments for the state route number 99 tunnel to support
35 management of increased demand leading up to and during the 2026
36 World Cup.

37 ((+4)) (3)(a) \$200,000 of the state route number 520 corridor
38 account—state appropriation and \$200,000 of the Alaskan Way viaduct

1 replacement project account—state appropriation are provided solely
2 for the commission, in coordination with the department of
3 transportation, to conduct a pilot or pilots of advanced tolling
4 technology provided by the private sector. The purpose of this pilot
5 or pilots will be to assess the viability and accuracy of advanced
6 technologies that may reduce the implementation and long-term costs
7 of the toll system or enable more flexible operations. The commission
8 shall retain a separate independent third-party vendor or vendors who
9 can provide expert oversight, guidance, and advisement on the work,
10 including: The pilot design; the evaluation plan; data analysis; and
11 reporting on findings.

12 (b) A final report of findings is due to the transportation
13 committees of the legislature by July 1, 2026. The report must, at a
14 minimum: Outline the technology tested; provide a comparison of
15 system performance, operations, costs, and revenue collection
16 efficiencies between the test system or test systems and the roadway
17 toll system in use today; assess the requirements for achieving
18 compatibility with the existing back-office system; provide a summary
19 of how lessons learned from the pilot or pilots were incorporated
20 into the planned procurement of new roadside toll systems; and
21 provide recommendations on next steps.

22 ~~((+5))~~ (4) The commission shall partner with the department of
23 transportation to design and implement a toll relief program based
24 upon income qualification. Implementation must start with facilities
25 where tolling begins in fiscal year 2026 or later. The commission
26 shall work with the department of transportation to assess potential
27 impacts of extending the toll relief program based upon income
28 qualification to existing tolled facilities that opened prior to
29 fiscal year 2026. The assessment, at a minimum, must determine
30 potential impacts to meeting current financial and legal requirements
31 in place for each facility. The commission, in partnership with the
32 department of transportation, shall provide annual updates on the
33 program to the transportation committees of the legislature.

34 ~~((+6))~~ (5) The commission shall provide regular updates on the
35 status of ongoing coordination with the state of Oregon regarding
36 toll rates and exemptions. Prior to finalizing tolling proposals, the
37 commission shall advise on the status of any bistate agreements to
38 the joint transportation committee beginning in September 2025 and
39 quarterly thereafter until any agreements are finalized.

1	Appropriation.	\$328,000
2	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
3	Appropriation.	\$90,000
4	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
5	Appropriation.	\$274,000
6	I-405 and SR 167 Express Toll Lanes Account—State	
7	Appropriation.	\$2,894,000
8	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	(\$755,799,000)
9		<u>\$775,183,000</u>

10 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
11 conditions and limitations:

12 (1) \$580,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
13 appropriation is provided solely for the operation of and
14 administrative support to the license investigation unit to enforce
15 vehicle registration laws in southwestern Washington. The Washington
16 state patrol, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall
17 maintain a running estimate of the additional vehicle registration
18 fees, sales and use taxes, and local vehicle fees remitted to the
19 state pursuant to activity conducted by the license investigation
20 unit. Beginning October 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter, the
21 Washington state patrol shall submit a report detailing the
22 additional revenue amounts generated since July 1, 2023, to the
23 director of the office of financial management and the transportation
24 committees of the legislature. At the end of the fiscal quarter in
25 which it is estimated that more than \$625,000 in state sales and use
26 taxes have been remitted to the state since July 1, 2023, the
27 Washington state patrol shall notify the state treasurer and the
28 state treasurer shall transfer funds pursuant to section 406 (~~of~~
29 ~~this act~~), chapter 416, Laws of 2025.

30 (2)(a) \$250,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
31 appropriation is provided solely for the activities of a vehicle
32 registration pilot program in the Puget Sound region. The pilot
33 program must emphasize compliance with annual vehicle registration
34 requirements. By February 15, 2026, the Washington state patrol must
35 provide a status report on pilot program implementation.

36 (b) The Washington state patrol must provide information on the
37 funding needed and a preliminary plan for statewide implementation of
38 activities related to ensuring compliance with annual vehicle
39 registration in the report under (a) of this subsection.

1 (3) Washington state patrol officers engaged in off-duty
2 uniformed employment providing traffic control services to the
3 department of transportation or other state agencies may use state
4 patrol vehicles for the purpose of that employment, subject to
5 guidelines adopted by the chief of the Washington state patrol. The
6 Washington state patrol must be reimbursed for the use of the vehicle
7 at the prevailing state employee rate for mileage and hours of usage,
8 subject to guidelines developed by the chief of the Washington state
9 patrol.

10 (4) (a) By December 1st of each year during the 2025-2027 fiscal
11 biennium, the Washington state patrol must report to the
12 transportation committees of the legislature on the status of
13 recruitment and retention activities as follows:

14 (i) A summary of recruitment and retention strategies;

15 (ii) The number of transportation funded staff vacancies by major
16 category;

17 (iii) The number of applicants for each of the positions by these
18 categories;

19 (iv) The composition of workforce;

20 (v) Other relevant outcome measures with comparative information
21 with recent comparable months in prior years; and

22 (vi) Activities related to the implementation of the agency's
23 workforce diversity plan, including short-term and long-term,
24 specific comprehensive outreach, and recruitment strategies to
25 increase populations underrepresented within both commissioned and
26 noncommissioned employee groups.

27 (b) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the office of financial
28 management, with assistance of the Washington state patrol, must
29 conduct two surveys regarding the competitiveness with law
30 enforcement agencies within the boundaries of the state of Washington
31 pursuant to RCW 43.43.380, with the first survey being informational
32 regarding the change since the last survey was conducted and the
33 second survey used as part of the collective bargaining process.
34 Prior to the 2026 legislative session, the office of financial
35 management, with assistance of the Washington state patrol, must also
36 provide comparison information regarding recruitment bonus amounts
37 currently being offered by local law enforcement agencies in the
38 state.

1 (5) (a) (~~(\$8,504,000)~~) \$11,337,000 of the state patrol highway
2 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the land mobile
3 radio system replacement, upgrade, and other related activities.

4 (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, the Washington state patrol must
5 report semiannually to the office of the chief information officer on
6 the progress related to the projects and activities associated with
7 the land mobile radio system, including the governance structure,
8 outcomes achieved in the prior six-month time period, and how the
9 activities are being managed holistically as recommended by the
10 office of the chief information officer. At the time of submittal to
11 the office of the chief information officer, the report must be
12 transmitted to the office of financial management and the
13 transportation committees of the legislature.

14 (6) (a) \$2,610,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
15 appropriation is provided solely for enhancing the state patrol's
16 diversity, equity, and inclusion program, a community engagement
17 program to improve relationships with historically underrepresented
18 communities and to recruit and retain a diverse workforce, and
19 contracting with an external psychologist to perform exams. The state
20 patrol must work with the state office of equity and meet all
21 reporting requirements and responsibilities pursuant to RCW
22 43.06D.060. Funds provided for the community engagement program must
23 ensure engagement with communities throughout the state.

24 (b) The state patrol may revise program standards, as needed,
25 with legislative consultation.

26 (7) (a) \$7,552,000 of the (~~state patrol~~) highway safety account—
27 state appropriation is provided solely for costs associated with the
28 work zone speed safety camera pilot program with the amounts for
29 specific activities as follows:

30 (i) \$2,353,000 for the Washington state patrol's oversight,
31 administrative, overtime, and other costs associated with the
32 processing of work zone speed violations;

33 (ii) \$3,990,000 for interagency reimbursements to the office of
34 administrative hearings for adjudication related expenses associated
35 with work zone speed violations; and

36 (iii) \$1,209,000 for interagency reimbursements to the office of
37 attorney general for legal guidance and adjudication related expenses
38 associated with work zone speed violations.

1 (b) By December 1st of each year during the 2025-2027 fiscal
2 biennium, the Washington state patrol, in conjunction with the other
3 agencies involved in the work zone speed safety camera pilot program,
4 must report on the number of deployments and locations, workload,
5 violations issued, detailed expenses incurred by each agency in the
6 pilot program, and efficiency measures each agency is taking in
7 operating the pilot program in the most cost-effective manner
8 possible.

9 (8) \$1,668,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
10 appropriation is provided solely for three accelerated training
11 programs for lateral hires. It is the intent of the legislature that
12 the three accelerated training programs for lateral hires offered in
13 the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium achieve at least 30 qualified graduates
14 based on the Washington state patrol aggressively recruiting,
15 advertising bonus policies, and taking other steps to achieve this
16 outcome.

17 (9) By December 1, 2026, the Washington state patrol must provide
18 a report to the governor and appropriate committees of the
19 legislature on the status of *McClain v. Washington State Patrol* and
20 an update on legal expenses associated with the case.

21 (10) \$7,572,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
22 appropriation is provided solely for ~~((one additional trooper basic
23 training class with troopers graduating in the 2025-2027 fiscal
24 biennium and funding to initiate an additional trooper basic training
25 class with troopers graduating in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium))~~
26 additional trooper basic training classes starting or graduating in
27 the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

28 (11) Within existing resources, the Washington state patrol must
29 offer a minimum of 14 emergency vehicle operator courses per year at
30 its Shelton driving track exclusively for basic law enforcement
31 academies offered by the criminal justice training commission.

32 (12)(a) It is the intent of the legislature to address any
33 demographic disparities that might exist regarding traffic stops
34 initiated by troopers, including traffic stops of indigenous
35 motorists. Therefore, within the amounts provided in this section,
36 the Washington state patrol must provide a report to the joint
37 transportation committee by October 1, 2025, detailing the
38 demographic breakout of traffic stops for each of the most recent
39 three calendar years for which data is available. The report must
40 include counts and per capita rates for each demographic group on:

1 ~~((a))~~ (i) Traffic stops; ~~((b))~~ (ii) verbal warnings; ~~((c))~~
2 (iii) written warnings; ~~((d))~~ (iv) citation issuance; ~~((e))~~ (v)
3 arrests; and ~~((f))~~ (vi) searches. The joint transportation
4 committee must hold a work session on the traffic stop report by
5 December 15, 2025. If deemed warranted, the joint transportation
6 committee shall make recommendations to the office of financial
7 management and the transportation committees of the legislature on
8 future funding adjustments or other actions necessary to address any
9 demographic disparities identified in the report.

10 (b) It is the intent of the legislature to learn more about the
11 demographic per capita disparities regarding traffic stops initiated
12 by troopers, including traffic stops of indigenous motorists,
13 documented in the traffic stop demographic report submitted on
14 October 1, 2025, and any actions taken or planned to be taken by the
15 state patrol to address historic disparities. Within the amounts
16 provided in this section, the state patrol must provide an update of
17 this report to the joint transportation committee detailing the
18 demographic breakout of traffic stops with the three years of
19 information provided in the October 2025 report. The updated report
20 must be submitted by October 1, 2026, and include counts and per
21 capita rates for each demographic group on: (i) Traffic stops; (ii)
22 verbal warnings; (iii) written warnings; (iv) citation issuance; (v)
23 arrests; and (vi) searches where available. This information must be
24 reported as granular as possible.

25 (c) In conjunction with the governor's office of Indian affairs,
26 the state patrol must also submit to the joint transportation
27 committee by November 1, 2026, details of the best practices that the
28 state patrol implemented or will implement, including any timeline
29 for implementation to reduce demographic per capita disparities that
30 exist or existed regarding traffic stops.

31 (13) \$800,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation
32 is provided solely for increased chain enforcement on Interstate 90
33 in the area around Snoqualmie Pass. The legislature intends that the
34 Washington state patrol, pursuant to RCW 46.37.005, require
35 commercial vehicles to carry chains statewide during winter months
36 and, in coordination with the department of transportation, develop a
37 process for monitoring compliance at weigh stations.

38 (14) \$3,500,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
39 appropriation is provided solely to address emergent issues that may
40 arise due to the high level of commissioned and noncommissioned

1 vacancies. Potential uses of the funding include the following:
2 Employee leave buyouts, increased contracting to maintain adequate
3 service levels, unanticipated facility and equipment needs, increased
4 overtime, travel, and other related costs.

5 (15) (~~(\$3,000,000)~~) \$1,600,000 of the state patrol highway
6 account—state appropriation is provided solely for hiring additional
7 staff (~~and~~), increased overtime, increased contracting to maintain
8 adequate service levels, purchasing equipment, and other related
9 costs for the toxicology laboratory to reduce the DUI processing
10 backlog, with the expectation that processing times will be reduced.
11 Beginning December 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter, the state
12 patrol must report on the activities undertaken and planned with the
13 funding provided in this subsection and current DUI processing times
14 compared to those as of June 2025.

15 (16) (~~(\$4,500,000)~~) \$9,300,000 of the state patrol highway
16 account—state appropriation is provided solely for updates and
17 improvements to the agency's wide area and local area network. The
18 office of financial management, in consultation with Washington
19 technology solutions, must actively monitor the expenditure of funds
20 provided in this subsection to ensure that the state patrol is
21 staying within the scope, schedule, and budget of the project and has
22 adequately addressed issues identified by Washington technology
23 solutions in its review of the budget request. These issues include
24 the appropriate phasing of the equipment replacement, conducting a
25 cost-benefit analysis of leasing versus purchasing the equipment, and
26 the utilization of existing state patrol staff compared to
27 contracting for certain functions and activities to achieve the
28 desired outcomes. The office of financial management may unallot any
29 unused funding or pause the project at any time based on its
30 assessment and monitoring.

31 (17) \$5,000,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
32 appropriation is provided solely to enhance the vehicle replacement
33 cycle for higher mileage vehicles in the agency's fleet.

34 (18)(a) \$3,644,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
35 appropriation is provided solely for administrative costs,
36 advertising, outreach, and bonus payments associated with developing
37 and implementing a state trooper expedited recruitment incentive
38 program for the purpose of recruiting and filling vacant trooper
39 positions in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. The legislature is

1 committed to continuing the state trooper expedited recruitment
2 incentive program until the vacancy levels are significantly reduced
3 from current levels. The recruitment, advertising, and outreach
4 associated with this program must continue efforts to create a more
5 diverse workforce and must also provide an accelerated pathway for
6 joining the state patrol for high quality individuals who have
7 previously been employed as a general authority peace officer.

8 (b) The state trooper expedited recruitment incentive program
9 must include:

10 (i) Thorough hiring procedures to ensure that only the highest
11 quality candidates are selected as cadets and as lateral hires,
12 including extensive review of past law enforcement employment history
13 through extensive reference checks, Brady list identification, and
14 any other issues that may impact the performance, credibility, and
15 integrity of the individual;

16 (ii) An accelerated training program for lateral hires from other
17 agencies that recognizes the knowledge and experience of candidates
18 previously employed in law enforcement; and

19 (iii) A sign-on bonus for each trooper hired through the
20 expedited recruitment incentive program as follows:

21 (A) \$5,000 for each cadet after completion of the Washington
22 state patrol academy;

23 (B) \$5,000 for each successful graduating cadet after completion
24 of a one-year probation period;

25 (C) \$8,000 for each lateral hire after completion of the
26 accelerated training program for lateral hires;

27 (D) \$6,000 for each lateral hire after completion of a one-year
28 probation period; and

29 (E) \$6,000 for each lateral hire after completion of two years of
30 service.

31 (c) The expenditures on the state trooper expedited recruitment
32 incentive program are contingent upon execution of an appropriate
33 memorandum of understanding between the governor or the governor's
34 designee and the exclusive bargaining representative, consistent with
35 the terms of this section.

36 (d) For the purposes of this subsection:

37 (i) "Cadet" means a person employed for the express purpose of
38 receiving the on-the-job training required for attendance at the
39 Washington state patrol academy and for becoming a commissioned
40 trooper.

1 (ii) "Lateral hire" means an eligible employee previously
2 employed as a general authority peace officer.

3 (19) (~~(\$2,178,000)~~) \$1,865,000 of the state patrol highway
4 account—state appropriation is provided solely to continue the bonus
5 policy for commissioned staff who reach 26 or more years of service
6 in the Washington state retirement system pursuant to chapter 237,
7 Laws of 2024.

8 (20) \$600,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
9 appropriation is provided solely for staffing and security equipment
10 for Washington state patrol to staff the international border
11 crossing and provide support for the department of homeland security,
12 during the months of June and July 2026 for the purposes of the World
13 Cup, to facilitate border crossings and screening against human
14 trafficking, narcotics trafficking, unlawful crossings, and other
15 unlawful activity.

16 (21) \$84,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
17 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter . . .
18 (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5067), Laws of 2026 (impaired driving).
19 If chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5067), Laws of 2026 is
20 not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
21 lapses.

22 (22) \$53,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
23 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter . . .
24 (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6032), Laws of 2026 (vehicle loads). If
25 chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6032), Laws of 2026 is not
26 enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
27 lapses.

28 (23) \$998,000 of the state patrol highway account—state
29 appropriation is provided solely for staffing and other related costs
30 to support video coordination and processing for public disclosure
31 and discovery requests. Within the amounts provided under this
32 subsection, the department must research and evaluate technology and
33 automation enhancements to gain efficiency and reduce costs.

34 **Sec. 208.** 2025 c 416 s 208 (uncodified) is amended to read as
35 follows:

36 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**

37 Driver Licensing Technology Support Account—State

38 Appropriation. (~~(\$1,765,000)~~)

1		<u>\$1,680,000</u>
2	Marine Fuel Tax Refund Account—State Appropriation.	\$34,000
3	Motorcycle Safety Education Account—State	
4	Appropriation.	((\$5,382,000))
5		<u>\$5,419,000</u>
6	Limited Fish and Wildlife Account—State	
7	Appropriation.	((\$495,000))
8		<u>\$509,000</u>
9	Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation.	((\$289,511,000))
10		<u>\$303,837,000</u>
11	Highway Safety Account—Federal Appropriation.	\$1,311,000
12	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$94,639,000))
13		<u>\$94,788,000</u>
14	Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$1,336,000
15	Ignition Interlock Device Revolving Account—State	
16	Appropriation.	((\$6,831,000))
17		<u>\$6,836,000</u>
18	Department of Licensing Services Account—State	
19	Appropriation.	((\$8,585,000))
20		<u>\$7,653,000</u>
21	License Plate Technology Account—State Appropriation.	((\$3,747,000))
22		<u>\$3,847,000</u>
23	Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account—State	
24	Appropriation.	((\$3,109,000))
25		<u>\$4,983,000</u>
26	Limousine Carriers Account—State Appropriation.	((\$128,000))
27		<u>\$147,000</u>
28	Electric Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	\$459,000
29	DOL Technology Improvement & Data Management	
30	Account—State Appropriation.	((\$968,000))
31		<u>\$967,000</u>
32	Agency Financial Transaction Account—State	
33	Appropriation.	((\$16,317,000))
34		<u>\$13,699,000</u>
35	Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation.	((\$1,506,000))
36		<u>\$1,471,000</u>
37	Driver's Education Safety Improvement Account—State	
38	Appropriation.	((\$10,460,000))
39		<u>\$10,143,000</u>

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. ((~~\$446,583,000~~))
2 \$459,119,000

3 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
4 conditions and limitations:

5 (1) \$1,100,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation
6 and \$1,100,000 of the move ahead WA flexible account—state
7 appropriation are provided solely for the department to provide an
8 interagency transfer to the department of children, youth, and
9 families for the purpose of providing driver's license support. In
10 addition to support services required under RCW 74.13.338(2), support
11 services may include reimbursement of:

12 (a) The cost for a youth in foster care of any eligible age to
13 complete a driver training education course, as outlined in chapter
14 46.82 or 28A.220 RCW;

15 (b) The costs incurred by foster youth in foster care for a motor
16 vehicle insurance policy;

17 (c) The costs of roadside assistance, motor vehicle insurance
18 deductibles, motor vehicle registration fees, towing services,
19 vehicle maintenance, comprehensive motor vehicle insurance, and gas
20 cards; and

21 (d) Any other costs related to obtaining a driver's license and
22 driving legally and safely.

23 (2)(a) (~~(\$2,200,000)~~) \$2,700,000 of the highway safety account—
24 state appropriation is provided solely for organizations providing
25 driver's license assistance and support services. Of the amount
26 provided in this subsection, \$500,000 is provided solely to expand
27 services to the number of people served or for additional contracted
28 providers in fiscal year 2027.

29 (b) By December 1st of each year during the 2025-2027 fiscal
30 biennium, the department must submit information on the contracted
31 providers, including: The annual budget of the contracted providers
32 in the preceding year; information regarding private and other
33 governmental support for the activities of the providers; and a
34 description of the number of people served, services delivered, and
35 outcome measures.

36 (3) Within existing resources, the department must continue to
37 issue nonemergency medical transportation vehicle decals under the
38 high occupancy vehicle lane access pilot program in accordance with
39 sections 217(2) and 208(20), chapter 310, Laws of 2024.

1 (4) (a) (~~(\$3,109,000)~~) \$4,083,000 of the abandoned recreational
2 vehicle disposal account—state appropriation is provided solely for
3 providing reimbursements in accordance with the department's
4 abandoned recreational vehicle disposal reimbursement program. It is
5 the intent of the legislature that the department prioritize this
6 funding for allowable and approved reimbursements and not to build a
7 reserve of funds within the account. During the 2025-2027 fiscal
8 biennium, the department must report any amounts recovered to the
9 office of financial management and appropriate committees of the
10 legislature on a quarterly basis.

11 (b) Within the amounts appropriated under this subsection, the
12 department, after consulting with abandoned recreational vehicle
13 disposal reimbursement program participants, must assess current
14 practices and reimbursement rates associated with the fiscal
15 sustainability of the program. By December 1, 2025, the department
16 must submit a financial plan demonstrating sustainability for a
17 minimum of two subsequent fiscal biennia at current or proposed fee
18 rates.

19 (~~(+6)~~) (5) The department shall report on a quarterly basis on
20 licensing service office operations, associated workload, and
21 information with comparative information with recent comparable
22 months in prior years. The report must include detailed statewide and
23 by licensing service office information on staffing levels, average
24 monthly wait times, the number of enhanced drivers' licenses and
25 enhanced identicards issued and renewed, and the number of primary
26 drivers' licenses and identicards issued and renewed. By November 1,
27 2025, the department must update a report with recommendations on the
28 future of licensing service office operations based on the recent
29 implementation of efficiency measures designed to reduce the time for
30 licensing transactions and wait times, and the implementation of
31 statutory and policy changes.

32 (~~(+7)~~) (6) \$6,000 of the motorcycle safety education account—
33 state appropriation, \$1,000 of the limited fish and wildlife account—
34 state appropriation, \$406,000 of the highway safety account—state
35 appropriation, \$137,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
36 appropriation, \$5,000 of the ignition interlock device revolving
37 account—state appropriation, and \$6,000 of the department of
38 licensing services account—state appropriation are provided solely
39 for the department of licensing for additional finance and budget

1 staff. By December 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to
2 the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on the
3 specific steps the department has taken to address the findings of
4 the State Auditor's Office FY2022 Accountability Audit Report No.
5 1032793.

6 ~~((8))~~ (7) \$50,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
7 appropriation is provided solely for the department to conduct a
8 study on the feasibility of implementing and administering a per mile
9 fee program. The study must identify the staffing and resources
10 needed to implement and administer the program, including possible
11 technical investments, leveraging existing technology platforms. The
12 legislature intends to require a final report that includes potential
13 third-party costs and options to the governor and the transportation
14 committees of the legislature by December 31, 2025.

15 ~~((9))~~ (8)(a) ~~(\$300,000)~~ \$900,000 of the highway safety
16 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to
17 enter into an interagency agreement with the commission on Asian
18 Pacific American affairs to contract with one or more private
19 nonprofit organizations with appropriate expertise and experience to
20 provide REAL ID compliance support to residents of the state who are
21 compact of free association citizens, comprised of citizens of the
22 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
23 and the Republic of Palau, by providing the following assistance
24 using a culturally and linguistically appropriate approach:

25 (i) Communication and community outreach activities to inform
26 compact of free association citizens of federally acceptable
27 identification options that will be required and for which they are
28 eligible for the purposes of domestic air travel once the REAL ID Act
29 policy takes effect;

30 (ii) Case management assistance through the use of community
31 navigators who can provide assistance in the process to obtain
32 federally acceptable identification documents that will be required
33 for the purposes of domestic air travel when the REAL ID Act policy
34 is in effect, including in obtaining any documentation necessary for
35 the application process; and

36 (iii) For those who meet the requirements of (b) of this
37 subsection, financial assistance to obtain federally acceptable
38 identification documents that will be required for the purposes of
39 domestic air travel when the REAL ID Act policy is in effect,
40 including financial assistance to obtain a foreign passport.

1 (b) To qualify for assistance under (a)(ii) of this subsection
2 (~~(9)~~) (8), a compact of free association citizen who resides in the
3 state of Washington must be:

4 (i) A recipient of, or eligible for, public assistance under
5 Title 74 RCW; or

6 (ii) A participant in, or eligible for, the Washington women,
7 infants, and children program.

8 (~~(10)~~) (9) \$173,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
9 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 332,
10 Laws of 2025 (improving collector vehicle regulations). (~~If~~
11 ~~chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5127), Laws of 2025 is not~~
12 ~~enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection~~
13 ~~lapses.~~

14 (~~(12)~~) (10) \$44,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
15 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of
16 (~~chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5410), Laws of 2025~~
17 ~~(veteran parking privileges) or~~) chapter 295, Laws of 2025 (veteran
18 parking privileges). (~~If neither chapter . . . (Substitute Senate~~
19 ~~Bill No. 5410), Laws of 2025 or chapter . . . (Substitute House Bill~~
20 ~~No. 1371), Laws of 2025 are enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount~~
21 ~~provided in this subsection lapses.~~

22 (~~(13)~~) (11) \$4,971,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
23 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 385,
24 Laws of 2025 (special license plates). (~~If chapter . . . (Substitute~~
25 ~~Senate Bill No. 5444), Laws of 2025 is not enacted by June 30, 2025,~~
26 ~~the amount provided in this subsection lapses.~~

27 (~~(14)~~) (12) \$36,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
28 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 10,
29 Laws of 2025 (vehicle inspection backlog). (~~If chapter . . . (Senate~~
30 ~~Bill No. 5462), Laws of 2025 is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the~~
31 ~~amount provided in this subsection lapses.~~

32 (~~(15)~~) (13) \$64,000 of the highway safety account—state
33 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter 217,
34 Laws of 2025 (blood type information). (~~If chapter . . . (Engrossed~~
35 ~~Senate Bill No. 5689), Laws of 2025 is not enacted by June 30, 2025,~~
36 ~~the amount provided in this subsection lapses.~~

37 (~~(16)~~) (14) \$150,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
38 appropriation is provided solely for the department to send periodic
39 notifications to vehicle owners with significantly expired vehicle

1 registrations to increase compliance with annual vehicle registration
2 requirements. Notifications must contain information about vehicle
3 registration requirements and possible penalties associated with
4 operating a vehicle with an expired registration.

5 ~~((17))~~ (15) \$638,000 of the highway safety account—
6 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter
7 417, Laws of 2025 (transportation resources). ~~((If chapter . . .
8 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5801), Laws of 2025 is not
9 enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection
10 lapses.))~~ Of this amount:

11 (a) ~~((256,000))~~ \$331,000 is provided solely for the
12 implementation of new revenues; and

13 (b) ~~((470,000))~~ \$307,000 is provided solely for the department
14 to implement a program to compensate registered tow truck operators
15 for private property impounds.

16 ~~((18))~~ (16) \$50,000 of the highway safety account—state
17 appropriation is provided solely for the department to translate the
18 driver licensing examination manual and knowledge test into Dari,
19 Farsi, and Somali.

20 ~~((20))~~ (17) \$106,000 of the highway safety account—state
21 appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of chapter
22 175, Laws of 2025 (driver training alternative). ~~((If chapter . . .,
23 Laws of 2025 (House Bill No. 1244) is not enacted by June 30, 2025,
24 the amount provided in this subsection lapses.~~

25 ~~(21))~~ (18) \$1,081,000 of the highway safety account—state
26 appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of chapter
27 228, Laws of 2025 (speeding). ~~((If chapter . . ., Laws of 2025
28 Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1596) is not enacted by June 30,
29 2025, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.~~

30 ~~(23))~~ (19) \$2,000,000 of the highway safety account—state
31 appropriation is provided solely to continue the DOL2Go program,
32 bringing driver licensing and identicard services to underrepresented
33 and rural communities.

34 ~~((24))~~ (20) \$464,000 of the highway safety account—state
35 appropriation is provided solely for the department's costs to
36 provide an interagency transfer to the Washington center for deaf and
37 hard of hearing youth to continue efforts to make driver training
38 education more accessible for deaf and hard of hearing youth in the
39 state.

1 ~~((25))~~ (21) \$300,000 of the highway safety account—state
2 appropriation is provided solely for additional actions in accordance
3 with the recently completed evaluation of ways to implement an older
4 and medically at-risk driver program.

5 ~~((26))~~ (22) \$10,460,000 of the driver education safety
6 improvement account—state appropriation is provided solely for the
7 implementation of chapter 299, Laws of 2025 (young driver safety).
8 ~~((If chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill No.
9 1878) is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this
10 subsection lapses.~~

11 ~~(27))~~ (23) \$22,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
12 appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of chapter
13 229, Laws of 2025 (transportation network companies). ~~((If
14 chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill No.
15 1332) is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this
16 subsection lapses.))~~

17 (24) \$1,308,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation
18 is provided solely for the department to establish a program that
19 allows every qualifying applicant for a driver's license or
20 identocard the ability to acquire a mobile credential in addition to
21 the physical version of these documents by July 1, 2028. By January
22 1, 2028, the department must adopt rules to implement this program,
23 to include, but not be limited to, issuance and verification
24 requirements, expiration date, security and privacy protections, and
25 the uses associated with the mobile credential.

26 (25) \$26,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
27 provided solely for the department to provide reduced-fee identicards
28 to individuals aged 70 or over that voluntarily replace their
29 driver's license with an identicard.

30 (26) \$600,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation,
31 \$100,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation, and
32 \$300,000 of the license plate technology account—state appropriation
33 are provided solely for improvements and necessary changes to the
34 department's information technology systems. In utilizing the funding
35 provided in this subsection, the department must prioritize
36 legislatively directed changes and statutory changes resulting from
37 legislation.

38 (27) \$817,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
39 provided solely for the department to finalize the upgrade and

1 improvements to its prorated and fuel tax system, and is subject to
2 the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of section 701
3 of this act.

4 (28) \$5,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
5 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
6 Senate Bill No. 5067), Laws of 2026 (impaired driving). If
7 chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5067), Laws of 2026 is not
8 enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
9 lapses.

10 (29) \$15,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
11 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
12 Senate Bill No. 5234), Laws of 2026 (snowmobile fees). If
13 chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5234), Laws of 2026 is not
14 enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
15 lapses.

16 (30) \$18,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
17 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.
18 5832), Laws of 2026 (new vehicle arbitration fee). If chapter . . .
19 (Senate Bill No. 5832), Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026,
20 the amount provided in this subsection lapses.

21 (31) \$42,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
22 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
23 Senate Bill No. 5890), Laws of 2026 (reckless driving in cases
24 involving excessive speed). If chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill
25 No. 5890), Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount
26 provided in this subsection lapses.

27 (32) \$57,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation is
28 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
29 Senate Bill No. 6081), Laws of 2026 (sex designation information). If
30 chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6081), Laws of 2026 is not
31 enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
32 lapses.

33 (33) \$89,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
34 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Engrossed
35 Substitute Senate Bill No. 6110), Laws of 2026 (electric-assisted
36 bicycles and electric motorcycles). If chapter . . . (Engrossed
37 Substitute Senate Bill No. 6110), Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June
38 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.

1 (34) \$33,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
2 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
3 Senate Bill No. 6155), Laws of 2026 (parking privileges for persons
4 with disabilities). If chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No.
5 6155), Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount
6 provided in this subsection lapses.

7 (35) \$89,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
8 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.
9 6230), Laws of 2026 (eliminating the need for pennies). If
10 chapter . . . (Senate Bill No. 6230), Laws of 2026 is not enacted by
11 June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.

12 (36) \$12,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
13 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Substitute
14 Senate Bill No. 6262), Laws of 2026 (vehicles fees maximum weight).
15 If chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6262), Laws of 2026 is
16 not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in this subsection
17 lapses.

18 (37) \$4,050,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
19 is provided solely for the licensing, oversight, and inspections
20 associated with auto dealers, including reinstating, as
21 appropriate, on-site inspections as part of the initial application
22 process for retail auto dealers by August 1, 2026. The on-site
23 inspections, as part of the initial application process and at other
24 times, must focus on locations with more than ten auto dealers at the
25 same location and other areas identified by the department. By
26 January 15, 2027, the department must submit a report to the governor
27 and appropriate committees of the legislature on the specific steps
28 the department has taken to improve auto dealer licensing and
29 inspection activities and planned actions in the future.

30 (38) \$200,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation
31 is provided solely to implement a quarterly report of statistical
32 information and a status report on actions taken to protect personal
33 individual data from misuse, particularly for immigrant communities.
34 Beginning June 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the department must
35 include a breakout, by federal, state, and local agency, on the
36 number of queries on Washington driver's license and identicard
37 holders in the following systems: Driver and plate search (DAPS) and
38 the driver information and adjudication system (DIAS). Beginning June
39 1, 2026, the department must collect statistical information from the

1 Washington state patrol on queries received from the Nlets system on
 2 Washington driver's license and identicard records. This data must
 3 identify the number of incoming queries, broken out by federal and
 4 state agencies that access Washington systems via Nlets. The
 5 quarterly report must also include information on the current
 6 federal, state, and local agencies that are allowed and denied
 7 access. The first quarterly report must include detailed information
 8 on the actions the department has taken in the prior 12 months to
 9 ensure compliance with chapter 440, Laws of 2019 (keep Washington
 10 working act), and governor Executive Order 25-09.

11 (39) \$300,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
 12 provided solely to continue and improve parking ticket information
 13 provided as part of the vehicle registration renewal process, which
 14 may include information technology improvements to allow vehicle
 15 owners a quicker, more efficient method to resolve unpaid parking
 16 tickets that serve as a barrier to vehicle registration renewal.

17 **Sec. 209.** 2025 c 416 s 209 (uncodified) is amended to read as
 18 follows:

19 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—TOLL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**
 20 **—PROGRAM B**

21	Puget Sound Gateway Facility Account—State	
22	Appropriation.	\$7,701,000
23	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
24	Appropriation.	((\$50,261,000))
25		<u>\$51,426,000</u>
26	State Route Number 520 Civil Penalties Account—State	
27	Appropriation.	\$2,378,000
28	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
29	Appropriation.	((\$38,652,000))
30		<u>\$39,154,000</u>
31	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
32	State Appropriation.	((\$26,683,000))
33		<u>\$27,336,000</u>
34	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
35	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	((\$42,255,000))
36		<u>\$42,761,000</u>
37	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$167,930,000))
38		<u>\$170,756,000</u>

1 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
2 conditions and limitations:

3 (1) \$1,300,000 of the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account—state
4 appropriation and \$12,820,000 of the state route number 520 corridor
5 account—state appropriation are provided solely for the purposes of
6 addressing unforeseen operations and maintenance costs on the Tacoma
7 Narrows bridge and the state route number 520 bridge, respectively.
8 The office of financial management shall place the amounts provided
9 in this subsection, which represent a portion of the required minimum
10 fund balance under the policy of the state treasurer, in unallotted
11 status. The office may release the funds only when it determines that
12 all other funds designated for operations and maintenance purposes
13 have been exhausted.

14 (2) As long as the facility is tolled, the department must
15 provide annual reports to the transportation committees of the
16 legislature on the Interstate 405 express toll lane project
17 performance measures listed in RCW 47.56.880(4). These reports must
18 include:

19 (a) Information on the travel times and travel time reliability
20 (at a minimum, average and 90th percentile travel times) maintained
21 during peak and nonpeak periods in the express toll lanes and general
22 purpose lanes for both the entire corridor and commonly made trips in
23 the corridor including, but not limited to, northbound from Bellevue
24 to Rose Hill, state route number 520 at NE 148th to Interstate 405 at
25 state route number 522, Bellevue to Bothell (both NE 8th to state
26 route number 522 and NE 8th to state route number 527), and a trip
27 internal to the corridor (such as NE 85th to NE 160th) and similar
28 southbound trips; and

29 (b) Underlying congestion measurements, that is, speeds, that are
30 being used to generate the summary graphs provided, to be made
31 available in a digital file format.

32 (3) The department shall make detailed annual reports to the
33 transportation committees of the legislature and the public on the
34 department's website in a manner consistent with past practices as
35 specified in section 209(5), chapter 186, Laws of 2022.

36 (4) As part of the department's 2027-2029 biennial budget
37 request, the department shall update the cost allocation
38 recommendations that assign appropriate costs to each of the toll
39 funds for services provided by relevant Washington state department

1 of transportation programs, the Washington state patrol, and the
2 transportation commission. The recommendations shall be based on
3 updated traffic and toll transaction patterns and other relevant
4 factors.

5 (5) \$150,000 of the state route number 520 corridor account—state
6 appropriation, \$150,000 of the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account—
7 state appropriation, \$150,000 of the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement
8 project account—state appropriation, and \$150,000 of the Interstate
9 405 and state route number 167 express toll lanes account—state
10 appropriation are provided solely for the development of a strategic,
11 long-range tolling feasibility assessment that indicates the
12 operational viability and revenue potential for possible future
13 tolled facilities in the state. At a minimum, the department, working
14 in partnership with the transportation commission, shall: Identify
15 candidate projects for modeling analysis utilizing a screening tool
16 that seeks to maximize systemwide performance; determine tolling
17 feasibility and potential gross and net toll revenue for each
18 identified project; consider various approaches to tolling operations
19 and their associated costs; and identify the potential impacts of
20 tolling to surrounding roadways. The strategic tolling feasibility
21 assessment must be submitted to the transportation committees of the
22 legislature by October 1, 2026.

23 (6) As part of its 2026 supplemental budget submittal, the
24 department must submit recommendations to further reduce mailing and
25 other customer correspondence costs over the long-term, including
26 implementation cost estimates.

27 (7) The legislature intends that tolling commence as soon as
28 possible on the I-405 express toll lanes Renton to Bellevue corridor.
29 The legislature intends to provide additional funding for operations
30 and maintenance expenditures on the corridor if such funding is
31 necessary due to earlier than expected tolling commencement.

32 **Sec. 210.** 2025 c 416 s 210 (uncodified) is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—PROGRAM**
35 **C**

36	Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	\$11,970,000
37	Transportation Partnership Account—State	
38	Appropriation.	\$2,472,000

1 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$127,544,000)~~)
 2 \$130,520,000
 3 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State
 4 Appropriation. \$307,000
 5 Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 6 Appropriation. (~~(\$3,059,000)~~)
 7 \$3,062,000
 8 Transportation 2003 Account (Nickel Account)—State
 9 Appropriation. \$1,488,000
 10 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. (~~(\$146,840,000)~~)
 11 \$149,819,000

12 **Sec. 211.** 2025 c 416 s 211 (uncodified) is amended to read as
 13 follows:

14 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—FACILITY MAINTENANCE,**
 15 **OPERATIONS, AND CONSTRUCTION—PROGRAM D—OPERATING**

16 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$43,820,000)~~)
 17 \$44,037,000
 18 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$2,044,000)~~)
 19 \$7,044,000
 20 State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State
 21 Appropriation. \$34,000
 22 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. (~~(\$45,898,000)~~)
 23 \$51,115,000

24 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
 25 conditions and limitations:

26 (1) \$2,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
 27 is provided solely for tenant improvements and other costs associated
 28 with administrative space efficiency actions taken throughout the
 29 agency. The department must continue to aggressively pursue office
 30 and administrative space efficiency as detailed in recent reports
 31 identifying opportunities for savings and cost avoidance, including:

32 (a) Reducing costs, such as leases, facility maintenance, and
 33 utilities, from agency consolidations;

34 (b) Implementing colocations with other state, local, and other
 35 public agencies to reduce costs and improve cost-efficiency while
 36 meeting utilization standards; and

37 (c) Evaluating specific additional opportunities for space
 38 efficiency, consolidations, and colocation opportunities associated

1 with the Bellingham engineering field office, the Corson Avenue
2 regional headquarters campus, the Dayton Avenue northwest regional
3 headquarters, and the transportation building in Olympia.

4 (2) By January 1st of each year during the 2025-2027 fiscal
5 biennium, the department must provide a progress report on
6 implementing the actions under subsection (1) of this section in the
7 most recent calendar year and any planned actions in the subsequent
8 two-year period in these efforts.

9 (3) \$100,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
10 provided solely for implementation of chapter (Second
11 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5098), Laws of 2026 (weapons in certain
12 areas). If chapter (Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5098),
13 Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in
14 this subsection lapses.

15 **Sec. 212.** 2025 c 416 s 213 (uncodified) is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—AVIATION—PROGRAM F**

18 Aeronautics Account—State Appropriation.	((\$13,398,000))
	<u>\$15,441,000</u>
19 Aeronautics Account—Federal Appropriation.	((\$2,597,000))
	<u>\$3,154,000</u>
20 Aeronautics Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$60,000
21 TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$16,055,000))
	<u>\$18,655,000</u>

22 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
23 conditions and limitations:

24 (1) The department shall submit a report to the transportation
25 committees of the legislature by October 1, 2026, identifying a
26 selection of sustainable aviation projects for funding by the
27 legislature. In considering projects to recommend to fund, the
28 department shall only consider projects that advance the state of
29 sustainable aviation technology and lead to future innovation.
30 Innovative sustainable aviation projects may include, but are not
31 limited to, pilot projects demonstrating the use of:

- 32 (a) Mobile battery charging technology;
- 33 (b) Hydrogen electrolyzers and storage;
- 34 (c) Electric ground equipment; and
- 35 (d) Hanger charging technology.

1 (2) \$500,000 of the aeronautics account—state appropriation is
2 provided solely for Snohomish county to conduct a study to plan for
3 and identify on-site or off-site improvements necessary to implement
4 capacity expansion at Paine Field to meet future regional commercial
5 passenger demand.

6 (3) \$300,000 of the aeronautics account—state appropriation is
7 provided solely for the Port of Bremerton to conduct the second phase
8 of a feasibility study on the possibility of offering commercial
9 service at the Bremerton National Airport. The department may not
10 require a match for this project.

11 (4) \$750,000 of the aeronautics account—state appropriation is
12 provided solely for the city of Yakima for an overflow parking lot at
13 the Yakima Air Terminal. The department may not require a match for
14 this project.

15 (5) \$1,774,000 of the aeronautics account—state appropriation is
16 provided solely for the commercial aviation work group created in
17 chapter 463, Laws of 2023, specifically for the following activities:

18 (a) The state commercial aviation work group shall
19 comprehensively evaluate the long-range commercial aviation needs of
20 Washington within the broader context of state transportation needs
21 and the specific needs of western Washington taking into
22 consideration airport capacity in adjacent states and provinces. The
23 work group shall review existing data and conduct research to
24 determine Washington's long-range commercial aviation facility needs
25 while considering alternatives to additional airport capacity.

26 (b) (i) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the
27 work group shall investigate the expansion of existing aviation
28 facilities and possible siting locations for new greenfield aviation
29 facilities, with the expected outcome to be a report that compares
30 the strengths and weaknesses of each site considered. In this
31 investigation, the work group shall consider both new sites and those
32 previously identified in previous aviation planning documents. The
33 work group must consider all impacts that, whether by the expansion
34 of a current facility or the location of a new greenfield site, the
35 creation of a new primary commercial aviation facility may have,
36 including impacts on:

37 (A) Community members and quality of life;

1 (B) The environment, including the impacts of a facility on water
2 quality and the ability of the state to meet the greenhouse gas
3 emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.020;

4 (C) County master plans and other local planning and zoning,
5 including development regulations and comprehensive plans adopted
6 under chapter 36.70A RCW; and

7 (D) Current airspace operations.

8 (ii) The work group shall:

9 (A) Perform outreach to and make efforts to collaborate with:

10 (I) Applicable federal agencies including the federal aviation
11 administration, the United States environmental protection agency,
12 the United States department of defense, and the United States
13 department of energy;

14 (II) Indian tribes, as defined in RCW 43.376.010, through
15 outreach and collaboration by the work group under this subsection
16 does not constitute or substitute for formal government-to-government
17 consultation under the 1989 State-Tribal Relations/Centennial Accord
18 and chapter 43.376 RCW;

19 (III) The environmental community;

20 (IV) Local communities;

21 (V) Economic development agencies;

22 (VI) Other states and provinces as appropriate;

23 (B) Identify potential site infrastructure shortfalls and make
24 recommendations as to how they could be most suitably addressed,
25 including the feasibility of the specific transportation
26 infrastructure required to move people to the potential site. This
27 process includes the delivery of an adequate supply of aircraft fuel
28 and supporting infrastructure along with facilities needed to
29 transition to the use of sustainable aviation fuels;

30 (C) Consider the cost of construction of a facility and
31 supporting infrastructure;

32 (D) In cooperation with the federal aviation administration,
33 analyze:

34 (I) Airspace requirements and airspace restrictions of potential
35 sites;

36 (II) Any possible terrain and man-made obstacles that could
37 possibly create a hazard to aircraft;

38 (III) Local weather patterns and microclimates to determine if
39 they will create issues for the operation of large aircraft; and

40 (E) Carry out other duties as assigned by the legislature.

1 (c) The work group shall not consider:
 2 (i) Expansion opportunities for a port or county run airport
 3 located in a county with a population of 2,000,000 or more; or
 4 (ii) The expansion of an existing airport or the siting of a new
 5 airport that would be incompatible with the operations of a military
 6 installation.

7 (d) In addition, the work group shall provide information to the
 8 transportation committees of the legislature on the future of
 9 aviation growth in the state, including potential commercial
 10 aviation, general aviation, and air cargo demands, with consideration
 11 of new technologies, alternative transportation modes, and the
 12 airport of the future.

13 (e) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to endorse,
 14 limit, or otherwise alter existing or future plans for capital
 15 development and capacity enhancement at existing commercial airports
 16 in Washington.

17 (6) (~~(\$2,100,000)~~) \$2,553,000 of the aeronautics account—state
 18 appropriation is provided solely for the move ahead WA aviation
 19 grants. The department shall prioritize projects eligible for federal
 20 funding.

21 **Sec. 213.** 2025 c 416 s 214 (uncodified) is amended to read as
 22 follows:

23 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—PROGRAM DELIVERY MANAGEMENT AND**
 24 **SUPPORT—PROGRAM H**

25 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$70,272,000))
26	<u>\$70,306,000</u>
27 Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	\$500,000
28 Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
29 Appropriation.	((\$1,176,000))
30	<u>\$4,282,000</u>
31 Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation.	\$572,000
32 TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$72,520,000))
33	<u>\$75,660,000</u>

34 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
 35 conditions and limitations:

36 (1) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, if the department takes
 37 possession of the property situated in the city of Edmonds for which
 38 a purchase agreement was executed between Unocal and the department

1 in 2005 (Tax Parcel Number 262703-2-003-0009), and if the department
2 confirms that the property is still no longer needed for
3 transportation purposes, the department shall provide the city of
4 Edmonds with the first right of purchase at fair market value in
5 accordance with RCW 47.12.063(3) for the city's intended use of the
6 property to rehabilitate near-shore habitat for salmon and related
7 species.

8 (2)(a) \$572,000 of the move ahead WA flexible account—state
9 appropriation is provided solely to track and maximize clean fuels
10 credits and revenue generated by state agencies pursuant to chapter
11 70A.535 RCW.

12 (b) The LEAP Transportation Document (~~((2025-2))~~ 2026-2 ALL
13 PROJECTS as developed (~~((April—26,—2025))~~ February 23, 2026,
14 anticipates fulfillment of the requirements under chapter 70A.535 RCW
15 of generating credits and revenue for transportation investments
16 funded in an omnibus transportation appropriations act, including the
17 move ahead WA transportation package. The omnibus transportation
18 appropriations act anticipates credits for ferry electrification for
19 new hybrid electric vessels, active transportation, transit programs
20 and projects, alternative fuel infrastructure, connecting
21 communities, and multimodal investments.

22 (c) Pursuant to the reporting requirements of RCW 70A.535.050(5),
23 the department must present a detailed projection of the credit
24 revenues generated and achieved directly as a result of the funding
25 and activities in this subsection.

26 (3) \$350,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
27 appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for the
28 department to explore alternative uses of the state's highway rights-
29 of-way consistent with section 214(7), chapter 310, Laws of 2024.
30 Within amounts provided in this subsection, the department must
31 deliver two pollinator habitat test sections in eastern Washington
32 and recommend any additional opportunities to enhance pollinator
33 habitat in highway rights-of-way in its final report.

34 (4) The department may not execute a state highway route transfer
35 under RCW 36.75.090 and 47.24.010 without approval from the receiving
36 city or county from July 1, 2025, until June 30, 2026. The department
37 may continue discussions with local jurisdictions regarding state
38 highway route transfers to local jurisdictions that may occur after
39 consideration of the final report and recommendations of the
40 Washington State Route Jurisdiction Study expected by December 2025.

1 (5) The legislature must be consulted before any decisions on
2 parcel numbers 7666206955 and 7666206950 for more than temporary use
3 and before entering into any negotiations, or signing any contracts
4 or lease for development, lease, or sale of those properties.

5 (6) \$250,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
6 provided solely for the implementation of chapter 298, Laws of 2025
7 (lease of unused highway land). ~~((If chapter . . ., Laws of 2025
8 (Substitute House Bill No. 1774) is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the
9 amount provided in this subsection lapses.))~~

10 (7) \$285,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
11 provided solely for the implementation of chapter 365, Laws of 2025
12 (streamlining of permitting for transportation projects work group).
13 ~~((If chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill No.
14 1902) is not enacted by June 30, 2025, the amount provided in this
15 subsection lapses.))~~

16 (8) The property located between S Freya St and S Myrtle St and E
17 4th Ave and E 3rd Ave in Spokane that is not needed for the alignment
18 of the NSC I-90 Connection Freya to Appleway project is deemed
19 surplus property. Therefore, the department shall provide Beloved
20 Kijiji LLC the option to purchase four acres of the property in
21 accordance with RCW 47.12.063(3)(i) by July 30, 2026.

22 (9) \$3,106,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
23 appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement a
24 low-carbon transportation materials program to reduce embodied carbon
25 in transportation construction materials.

26 **Sec. 214.** 2025 c 416 s 215 (uncodified) is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS—**
29 **PROGRAM K**

30	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	\$1,647,000
31	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
32	Appropriation.	(((\$200,000))
33		<u>\$700,000</u>
34	Multimodal Transportation Account—Federal	
35	Appropriation.	(((\$51,526,000))
36		<u>\$83,733,000</u>
37	Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
38	Appropriation.	(((\$167,962,000))

1 \$170,467,000
2 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. ((\$221,335,000))
3 \$256,547,000

4 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
5 conditions and limitations:

6 (1) (~~(\$25,000,000)~~) \$27,005,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
7 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the clean
8 alternative fuel vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure
9 program described in RCW 47.04.350.

10 (2) \$125,851,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
11 appropriation is provided solely for a point-of-sale voucher
12 incentive program, inclusive of costs for program administration and
13 staffing, to encourage the faster adoption of zero-emission medium
14 and heavy-duty vehicles to further state climate goals under RCW
15 70A.45.020 and state equity goals under chapter 70A.02 RCW. The
16 voucher incentive program must be administered by a third-party
17 administrator that has experience administering voucher incentive
18 programs, with oversight conducted by the department.

19 (a) The voucher program is required to be designed based on the
20 recommendations of the Joint Transportation Committee report
21 *Washington State Infrastructure and Incentive Program Design for MHD*
22 *ZEVs*, and to include:

23 (i) Simplified zero-emission vehicle eligibility requirements;
24 (ii) Vehicle and infrastructure incentives aligned with programs
25 in other jurisdictions, where appropriate, to streamline user
26 planning;

27 (iii) Financial enhancements for select populations based on
28 equity considerations, including for vehicles in disadvantaged
29 communities and vehicles to be purchased by small, minority-owned
30 businesses, with consideration for support of the secondary vehicle
31 market;

32 (iv) A centralized user and manufacturer portal for information,
33 application, and assistance;

34 (v) A fleet assistance and qualification program to assist in
35 zero-emission vehicle and infrastructure planning, to be administered
36 by the Washington State University extension energy program in
37 coordination with the department and the voucher program's third-
38 party administrator; and

1 (vi) A voucher preapproval process to evaluate participant
2 eligibility, readiness for fleet deployment, and infrastructure
3 preparedness.

4 (b) The following battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell
5 electric vehicle categories and associated charging, as well as
6 refueling infrastructure for these categories, are eligible for the
7 voucher program, subject to additional qualification criteria to be
8 determined by the department and the voucher program third-party
9 administrator:

10 (i) On-road vehicles from class 2b, heavy work pickups and vans,
11 through class 8, heavy tractor-trailer units and refuse trucks; and

12 (ii) Cargo handling and off-road equipment.

13 (c) School buses and transit vehicles eligible for state grant
14 programs for the purchase of zero-emission vehicles are not eligible
15 for vouchers under this program, but are eligible for fleet
16 assistance provided in association with the voucher program, which
17 must include assistance in determining state and federal grant
18 eligibility for these vehicles.

19 (d) The voucher amounts selected by the department and voucher
20 program third-party administrator must further the policy goals of
21 the program cited in this subsection by offsetting investments
22 required for medium and heavy-duty vehicle and equipment owners to
23 transition to zero-emission vehicles and equipment. The department
24 and voucher program third-party administrator must condition vehicle
25 and infrastructure voucher funding to ensure these program policy
26 goals are furthered through the voucher funding provided.

27 (e) Consistent with voucher program design, the department is
28 required to distribute funds to the voucher program third-party
29 administrator sufficiently in advance of final requirements for
30 voucher distribution being met to facilitate the voucher's timely
31 distribution by the third-party administrator to sellers of zero-
32 emission vehicles and infrastructure.

33 (3) (a) \$14,986,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—
34 state appropriation is provided solely for grants, or to serve as a
35 state match for secured federal funds, to finance hydrogen refueling
36 infrastructure and fueling stations for medium and heavy-duty
37 vehicles and up to two years of hydrogen fueling station operational
38 costs along corridors designated as hydrogen corridors by the state
39 or near or on transit agency, port, or public utility district
40 property, or finance hydrogen fuel cell transportation infrastructure

1 projects. The department, in consultation with the interagency
2 electric vehicle coordinating council, should pursue any federal
3 funding available through the charging and fueling infrastructure
4 discretionary grant program and any other sources under the federal
5 infrastructure investment and jobs act (P.L. 29 117-58), and other
6 public or private funding sources as necessary, to bring hydrogen
7 fueling stations into commercial operation.

8 (b) \$2,500,000 of the amount provided in (a) of this subsection
9 is provided solely to Community Transit for a hydrogen fuel cell
10 demonstration project.

11 (c) \$200,000 of the amount provided in (a) of this subsection is
12 provided solely for hydrogen fuel cell demonstration projects that
13 provide long term power equipment and fuel for traffic signals at
14 critical intersections during emergencies involving power disruptions
15 or shutoffs.

16 (d) \$1,000,000 of the amount provided in (a) of this subsection
17 (3) is provided solely to the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association
18 for technical assistance for hydrogen supply chain projects and
19 hydrogen market development in the transportation sector.

20 (4) \$400,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
21 appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for the cities of
22 Bellevue and Redmond to each purchase an electric fire engine.

23 (5) \$1,725,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
24 appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for a Tacoma
25 Public Utilities medium-duty zero-emission utility service vehicle
26 pilot project that includes charging infrastructure and mobile
27 battery units.

28 (6) \$500,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
29 appropriation is provided solely to the Making a Difference
30 Foundation to purchase electric vehicles for food distribution to
31 low-income households across Pierce County and for the installation
32 of corresponding on-site charging infrastructure.

33 (7)(a) \$500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to study the
35 feasibility of procuring and delivering improvements to U.S. Highway
36 2 over the Snohomish river delta under the public-private partnership
37 model prescribed under chapter 47.47 RCW. The feasibility study must
38 be informed by previous studies on and ongoing analysis of the US 2
39 Trestle Capacity Improvements & Westbound Trestle Replacement project

1 (L4000056) funded in section 304 of this act, and include an analysis
2 of public-private partnership market feasibility for the project. The
3 department must submit a report on study findings and recommendations
4 to the transportation committees of the legislature by January 1,
5 2027.

6 (b) It is the intent of the legislature to evaluate, during the
7 2027-2029 fiscal biennium, the following projects for potential
8 procurement and delivery under the public-private partnership model:

9 (i) Development of surplus state property near ferry terminals;
10 and

11 (ii) Development of a solar energy facility or facilities on the
12 highway right-of-way.

13 (8) \$890,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
14 provided solely for implementation of chapter 417, Laws of 2025
15 (transportation resources). ((If chapter . . . , Laws of 2025
16 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5801) is not enacted by June
17 30, 2025, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.

18 (7) \$8,342,000)) (9) \$10,080,000 of the multimodal transportation
19 account—federal appropriation is provided solely for the electric
20 vehicle charger reliability and accessibility accelerator program for
21 projects to support the repair or replacement of existing broken or
22 nonoperational publicly accessible chargers.

23 ((+8)) (10) \$3,164,000 of the multimodal transportation account—
24 federal appropriation is provided solely for funding for the west
25 coast charging and fueling corridor project for two medium and heavy-
26 duty vehicle electric vehicle charging station sites and one site
27 with a hydrogen refueling station along the I-5 corridor.

28 ((+9)) (11) The department shall notify the transportation
29 committees of the legislature if approval of federal funding for
30 department activities under the national electric vehicle
31 infrastructure formula program, the electric vehicle charger
32 reliability and accessibility accelerator program, or the west coast
33 charging and fueling corridor project is permanently revoked.

34 **Sec. 215.** 2025 c 416 s 216 (uncodified) is amended to read as
35 follows:

36 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE—PROGRAM M**
37 **Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.** ~~(\$571,090,000)~~
38 \$572,355,000

1	Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	\$7,000,000
2	Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	(\$53,675,000)
3		<u>\$93,675,000</u>
4	Puget Sound Gateway Facility Account—State	
5	Appropriation.	(\$3,402,000)
6		<u>\$3,202,000</u>
7	RV Account—State Appropriation.	\$1,100,000
8	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
9	Appropriation.	\$4,726,000
10	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
11	Appropriation.	\$1,585,000
12	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
13	State Appropriation.	\$10,752,000
14	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
15	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	\$2,624,000
16	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	(\$655,954,000)
17		<u>\$697,019,000</u>

18 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
19 conditions and limitations:

20 (1) \$5,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
21 is provided solely for a contingency pool for snow and ice removal.
22 The department must notify the office of financial management and the
23 transportation committees of the legislature when they have spent the
24 base budget for snow and ice removal and will begin using the
25 contingency pool funding.

26 (2) \$25,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
27 is provided solely for repair and replacement of traffic barriers
28 including, but not limited to, low-speed concrete barriers, beam
29 guardrails, steel-backed timber guardrails, and other systems
30 necessary to fabricate, construct, and install traffic barriers to
31 improve safety on state highway infrastructures.

32 (3) \$11,500,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
33 is provided solely for lane striping using ~~((the most reflective~~
34 ~~paint available to maximize the visibility of lane striping,~~
35 ~~especially at night))~~ materials that meet or exceed the federal
36 minimum retro reflectivity requirements established in the manual on
37 uniform traffic control devices (MUTCD) to ensure maximizing
38 nighttime and low visibility lane-marking performance.

1 (4) (a) \$5,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
2 appropriation is provided solely for the department to address the
3 risks to safety and public health associated with homeless
4 encampments on department owned rights-of-way. The department must
5 coordinate and work with local government officials and social
6 service organizations who provide services and direct people to
7 housing alternatives that are not in highway rights-of-way to help
8 prevent future encampments from forming on highway rights-of-way and
9 may reimburse the organizations doing this outreach assistance who
10 transition people into treatment or housing or for debris clean up on
11 highway rights-of-way. Of the amounts provided in this subsection, a
12 minimum of \$2,000,000 must be used to deliver more frequent removal
13 of litter on the highway rights-of-way that is generated by
14 unsheltered people and may be used to hire crews specializing in
15 collecting and disposing of garbage, clearing debris or hazardous
16 material, and implementing safety improvements where hazards exist to
17 the traveling public and department employees. The department may use
18 these funds to either reimburse local law enforcement costs or the
19 Washington state patrol if they are providing enhanced safety to
20 department staff during debris cleanup or during efforts to prevent
21 future encampments from forming on highway rights-of-way.

22 (b) Beginning November 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter, the
23 Washington state patrol and the department of transportation must
24 jointly submit a report to the governor and the transportation
25 committees of the legislature on the status of these efforts,
26 including:

27 (i) A summary of the activities related to addressing
28 encampments, including information on arrangements with local
29 governments or other entities related to these activities;

30 (ii) A description of the planned activities in the ensuing two
31 quarters to further address the emergency hazards and risks along
32 state highway rights-of-way; and

33 (iii) Recommendations for executive branch or legislative action
34 to achieve the desired outcome of reduced emergency hazards and risks
35 along state highway rights-of-way.

36 (5) \$1,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
37 is provided solely for a partnership program between the department
38 and the city of Spokane, to be administered in conjunction with
39 subsection (4) of this section. The program must address the safety
40 and public health problems created by homeless encampments on the

1 department's property along state highways within the city limits. Of
2 the amounts provided in this subsection, \$555,000 is for dedicated
3 department maintenance staff and associated clean-up costs. The
4 department and the city of Spokane shall enter into a reimbursable
5 agreement to cover up to \$445,000 of the city's expenses for clean-up
6 crews and landfill costs.

7 (6) \$1,025,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
8 is provided solely for the department to implement safety
9 improvements and debris clean up on department-owned rights-of-way in
10 the city of Seattle at levels above that being implemented as of
11 January 1, 2019, to be administered in conjunction with subsection
12 (2) of this section. The department must maintain a crew dedicated
13 solely to collecting and disposing of garbage, clearing debris or
14 hazardous material, and implementing safety improvements where
15 hazards exist to the traveling public, department employees, or
16 people encamped upon department-owned rights-of-way. The department
17 may request assistance from the Washington state patrol as necessary
18 in order for both agencies to provide enhanced safety-related
19 activities regarding the emergency hazards along state highway
20 rights-of-way in the Seattle area.

21 (7) \$1,015,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
22 is provided solely for a partnership program between the department
23 and the city of Tacoma, to be administered in conjunction with
24 subsection (4) of this section. The program must address the safety
25 and public health problems created by homeless encampments on the
26 department's property along state highways within the city limits. Of
27 the amounts provided in this subsection, \$570,000 is for dedicated
28 department maintenance staff and associated clean-up costs. The
29 department and the city of Tacoma shall enter into a reimbursable
30 agreement to cover up to \$445,000 of the city's expenses for clean-up
31 crews and landfill costs.

32 (8) \$3,675,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
33 is provided solely for initial and ongoing implementation costs of
34 the department's Snoqualmie winter operations study recommendations,
35 which include installation of large regulatory signs, installation of
36 a remote avalanche control system, developing chain enforcement
37 processes in coordination with the Washington state patrol, improving
38 cost recovery from violators, and securing an on-call class C towing
39 company.

1 (9) \$2,000,000 of the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project
2 account—state appropriation is provided solely for maintenance
3 activities in the vicinity of the state route number 99 deep bore
4 tunnel in preparation for, and during, the 2026 World Cup.
5 Appropriations in this subsection assume additional revenue from a
6 temporary toll rate adjustment on the state route number 99 tunnel
7 leading up to and during the 2026 World Cup.

8 (10)(a) \$1,200,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
9 appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with
10 the city of Fife to address the risks to safety and public health
11 associated with homeless encampments on department-owned rights-of-
12 way along the SR 167/SR 509 Puget Sound Gateway project corridor in
13 and adjacent to the city limits.

14 (b) The city must coordinate and work with the department and
15 local governments and social service organizations who provide
16 services and direct people to housing alternatives that are not in
17 highway rights-of-way to help prevent future encampments from forming
18 on highway rights-of-way. State funds may be used to reimburse the
19 organizations doing this outreach assistance who transition people
20 into treatment or housing that is not on the rights-of-way or for
21 debris clean up on highway rights-of-way.

22 (c) The department may hire crews specializing in collecting and
23 disposing of garbage, clearing debris or hazardous material, and
24 implementing safety improvements where hazards exist to the traveling
25 public and department employees.

26 (d) Funds may also be used to reimburse local law enforcement
27 costs or the Washington state patrol if they are participating as
28 part of a state or local government agreement to provide enhanced
29 safety related activities along state highway rights-of-way.

30 (e) It is the intent of the legislature that the city and
31 collaborating partners should place particular emphasis on utilizing
32 available funds for addressing large scale and multiple homeless
33 encampments that impact public safety and health. Funding for
34 initiatives associated with such encampments may include targeted
35 assistance to local governments and social service organizations,
36 directing moneys toward not only initial efforts to clear
37 encampments, clean up debris and restore sightlines, but to ongoing
38 work, monitoring, and maintenance of efforts to place individuals in
39 housing, treatment, and services, and to better ensure individuals

1 experiencing homelessness receive needed assistance while sites
2 remain safe and secure for the traveling public.

3 (11) \$180,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
4 provided solely for graffiti mitigation operations using spray drone
5 technology.

6 (12) \$40,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
7 is provided solely to support essential maintenance activities
8 necessary for timely repairs, adequate equipment and materials, and
9 the reliable operation of Washington's transportation system.

10 **Sec. 216.** 2025 c 416 s 217 (uncodified) is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS—**
13 **PROGRAM Q—OPERATING**

14	Highway Safety ((Fund)) <u>Account</u> —State Appropriation.	\$10,621,000
15	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	(\$88,980,000)
16		<u>\$91,374,000</u>
17	Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	(\$2,088,000)
18		<u>\$2,087,000</u>
19	Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$294,000
20	Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	\$8,124,000
21	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
22	Appropriation.	\$5,000,000
23	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
24	Appropriation.	\$247,000
25	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
26	Appropriation.	\$44,000
27	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
28	State Appropriation.	\$1,122,000
29	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
30	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	\$36,000
31	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	(\$116,556,000)
32		<u>\$118,949,000</u>

33 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
34 conditions and limitations:

35 (1) (a) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the department shall
36 continue a pilot program that expands private transportation
37 providers' access to high occupancy vehicle lanes. Under the pilot
38 program, when the department reserves a portion of a highway based on

1 the number of passengers in a vehicle, the following vehicles must be
2 authorized to use the reserved portion of the highway if the vehicle
3 has the capacity to carry eight or more passengers, regardless of the
4 number of passengers in the vehicle: (i) Auto transportation company
5 vehicles regulated under chapter 81.68 RCW; (ii) passenger charter
6 carrier vehicles regulated under chapter 81.70 RCW, except marked or
7 unmarked stretch limousines and stretch sport utility vehicles as
8 defined under department of licensing rules; (iii) private nonprofit
9 transportation provider vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW;
10 and (iv) private employer transportation service vehicles. For
11 purposes of this subsection, "private employer transportation
12 service" means regularly scheduled, fixed-route transportation
13 service that is offered by an employer for the benefit of its
14 employees. Nothing in this subsection is intended to authorize the
15 conversion of public infrastructure to private, for-profit purposes
16 or to otherwise create an entitlement or other claim by private users
17 to public infrastructure.

18 (b) The department shall expand the high occupancy vehicle lane
19 access pilot program to vehicles that deliver or collect blood,
20 tissue, or blood components for a blood-collecting or distributing
21 establishment regulated under chapter 70.335 RCW. Under the pilot
22 program, when the department reserves a portion of a highway based on
23 the number of passengers in a vehicle, blood-collecting or
24 distributing establishment vehicles that are clearly and identifiably
25 marked as such on all sides of the vehicle are considered emergency
26 vehicles and must be authorized to use the reserved portion of the
27 highway.

28 (c) The department shall expand the high occupancy vehicle lane
29 access pilot program to for hire nonemergency medical transportation
30 vehicles, when in use for medical purposes, as described in section
31 208(20), chapter 472, Laws of 2023. Under the pilot program, when the
32 department reserves a portion of a highway based on the number of
33 passengers in a vehicle, nonemergency medical transportation vehicles
34 that meet the requirements identified in section 208(20), chapter
35 472, Laws of 2023 must be authorized to use the reserved portion of
36 the highway.

37 (d) The department shall expand the high occupancy vehicle lane
38 access pilot program to private, for hire vehicles regulated under
39 chapter 81.72 RCW that have been specially manufactured, designed, or
40 modified for the transportation of a person who has a mobility

1 disability and uses a wheelchair or other assistive device. Under the
2 pilot program, when the department reserves a portion of a highway
3 based on the number of passengers in a vehicle, wheelchair-accessible
4 taxicabs that are clearly and identifiably marked as such on all
5 sides of the vehicle are considered public transportation vehicles
6 and must be authorized to use the reserved portion of the highway.

7 (e) Nothing in this subsection is intended to exempt these
8 vehicles from paying tolls when they do not meet the occupancy
9 requirements established by the department for express toll lanes.

10 (2) The appropriations in this section assume implementation of
11 additional cost recovery mechanisms to recoup at least \$100,000 in
12 credit card and other financial transaction costs related to the
13 collection of fees imposed under RCW 46.17.400, 46.44.090, and
14 46.44.0941 for driver and vehicle fee transactions beginning January
15 1, 2023. The department may recover transaction fees incurred through
16 credit card transactions.

17 (3) \$10,621,000 of the highway safety account—state appropriation
18 is provided solely for implementation of chapter 17, Laws of 2023
19 (speed safety cameras). Pursuant to the reporting requirements of RCW
20 46.63.200(10), the department, in collaboration with the Washington
21 state patrol and the Washington traffic safety commission, must
22 report to the transportation committees of the legislature by July 1,
23 2027, on the data and efficacy of speed safety camera system use in
24 state highway work zones. A preliminary report on the pilot
25 activities is due to the transportation committees of the legislature
26 by December 1, 2025, and must include, but is not limited to: (a) The
27 number of deployments and locations of the speed safety cameras, (b)
28 staffing workload, (c) number of violations issued, (d) detailed
29 expenses incurred by each agency in the pilot, and (e) efficiency
30 measures each agency has taken in operating the pilot program in the
31 most cost-effective manner possible.

32 (4) \$1,279,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
33 is provided solely for maintenance and operations of the virtual
34 coordination center. The department is encouraged to apply for
35 federal grant funds for the virtual coordination center and may use
36 state funds as a match. By December 1, 2026, the department shall
37 report to the transportation committees of the legislature: (a)
38 Recommendations to expand the center's operations, including specific
39 additional jurisdictions and corridors across the state; and (b)
40 amounts received and dates of receipt of any new cash and in-kind

1 matches from virtual coordination center partners including, but not
2 limited to, the city of Seattle, King county, other state and local
3 jurisdictions, and private sector partners.

4 (5) \$1,900,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
5 is reappropriated and provided solely for the department, in
6 coordination with the independent review team of the joint
7 transportation committee, to conduct an analysis of highway, road,
8 and freight rail transportation needs, options, and impacts from
9 shifting the movement of freight and goods that currently move by
10 barge through the lower Snake river dams to highways, other roads,
11 and rail, consistent with section 217(9), chapter 310, Laws of 2024.
12 The department shall provide status updates on a quarterly basis in
13 coordination with the joint transportation committee. The department
14 must submit a final report to the governor and the transportation
15 committees of the legislature by December 31, 2026.

16 (6) \$4,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
17 is provided solely for transportation operations activities to help
18 keep people and goods moving during the 2026 World Cup. These
19 activities include, but are not limited to, transportation management
20 center operations and upgrades, additional incident response team
21 coverage, trail crossing improvements, and updated guide signage/
22 wayfinding.

23 (7) \$5,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
24 appropriation is provided solely for the department to address
25 emergent issues related to safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
26 Funds may only be spent after approval from the office of financial
27 management. By December 15th of each odd-numbered year, the
28 department shall provide a report to the legislature listing all
29 emergent issues addressed in the prior fiscal biennium.

30 (8) The department is encouraged to erect wayfinding signs along
31 northbound and southbound Interstate 5 identifying routes to Paine
32 Field airport.

33 (9) \$6,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
34 is provided solely for low-cost enhancements. The department shall
35 give priority to low-cost enhancement projects that improve safety or
36 provide congestion relief. The department must identify low-cost
37 enhancement projects that could substantially fulfill safety
38 improvements before proceeding on full project scope designs and
39 engineering. Low-cost enhancements may include, but are not limited

1 to, new signage, rumble strips, speed bumps, flashing crosswalk
2 lights, lowering speed limits, lane narrowing via traffic calming,
3 and other safety improvements. By December 15th of each odd-numbered
4 year, the department shall provide a report to the legislature
5 listing all low-cost enhancement projects completed in the prior
6 fiscal biennium.

7 (10) The department shall promote safety messages encouraging
8 drivers to slow down and move over and pay attention when emergency
9 lights are flashing on the side of the road and other suitable safety
10 messages on electronic message boards the department operates across
11 the state. The messages must be promoted through June 30, 2027. The
12 department may coordinate such messaging with any statewide public
13 awareness campaigns being developed by the department of licensing or
14 the Washington state traffic safety commission, or both.

15 (11) \$1,050,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
16 is provided solely for Washington's share of efforts to mitigate
17 collision risk at the Lewis and Clark and Astoria-Megler bridges,
18 including a vessel collision risk assessment, installation of an air
19 gap sensor, and expansion of the virtual coordination center.

20 (12) \$234,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
21 provided solely to the department to report annually to the
22 legislature until June 30, 2029, any crash data or wrong-way driving
23 violations that occur at locations where wrong-way driving prevention
24 strategies were implemented, as funded under section 217(10), chapter
25 310, Laws of 2024.

26 **Sec. 217.** 2025 c 416 s 218 (uncodified) is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND**
29 **SUPPORT—PROGRAM S**

30 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$45,218,000))
31	<u>\$47,678,000</u>
32 Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	\$780,000
33 Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$500,000
34 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	\$3,650,000
35 Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation.	\$5,400,000
36 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State	
37 Appropriation.	\$510,000
38 Multimodal Transportation Account—State	

1	Appropriation.	((\$7,920,000))
2		<u>\$11,503,000</u>
3	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
4	Appropriation.	\$220,000
5	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
6	Appropriation.	\$136,000
7	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
8	State Appropriation.	\$127,000
9	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
10	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	\$114,000
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$64,575,000))
12		<u>\$70,618,000</u>

13 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
14 conditions and limitations:

15 (1) (a) \$2,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
16 appropriation and \$5,400,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
17 appropriation are provided solely for efforts to increase diversity
18 in the transportation construction workforce through:

19 (i) The preapprenticeship support services (PASS) and career
20 opportunity maritime preapprenticeship support services (COMPASS)
21 programs, which aim to increase diversity in the highway construction
22 and maritime workforces and prepare individuals interested in
23 entering the highway construction and maritime workforces. In
24 addition to the services allowed under RCW 47.01.435, the PASS and
25 COMPASS programs may provide housing assistance for youth aging out
26 of the foster care and juvenile rehabilitation systems to support
27 their participation in a transportation-related preapprenticeship
28 program and support services to obtain necessary maritime documents
29 and coast guard certification; and

30 (ii) Assisting minority and women-owned businesses to perform
31 work in the highway construction industry.

32 (b) The department shall report every even-numbered year to the
33 transportation committees of the legislature on efforts to increase
34 diversity in the transportation construction workforce.

35 (c) The office of equity and civil rights may revise program
36 standards, as needed, with legislative consultation.

37 (2) \$1,512,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
38 and \$488,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
39 appropriation are provided solely for monitoring, assistance,

1 engagement, reporting, and other activities consistent with section
2 218(2), chapter 310, Laws of 2024.

3 (3) \$3,650,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
4 is provided solely for activities to help keep people and goods
5 moving during the 2026 World Cup. These activities include, but are
6 not limited to, digital advertising for traveler information, Title
7 VI compliance and language access, and Americans with disabilities
8 act compliance and training.

9 (4) The department's office of equity and civil rights and the
10 office of minority and women's business enterprises must develop two
11 new business-size thresholds within the office's certification
12 program. The two new thresholds must include emerging small
13 businesses and rising small businesses with gross receipts of no more
14 than (a) \$3,000,000 and (b) \$10,000,000. This work must include
15 evaluation of all state-funded contracts over \$50,000,000 for
16 emerging small business goals, rising small business goals, small
17 business goals, or any combination thereof. The office of equity and
18 civil rights and the office of minority and women's business
19 enterprises must submit a report to the office of financial
20 management and the transportation committees of the legislature by
21 November 1, 2025, on this work and any recommendations on next steps.

22 (5) Within amounts provided in this section, a maximum of \$75,000
23 is for the department's office of equity and civil rights to contract
24 with Western Washington University to analyze the economic benefit of
25 utilizing small businesses on department projects to the Washington
26 state economy.

27 (6) For department small works roster projects under RCW
28 39.04.151, the department may only allow firms certified as public
29 works small business enterprises, under RCW 39.19.030, to bid on the
30 project contract, unless the department determines there would be
31 insufficient bidders for a particular project. The department shall
32 report on the effectiveness of this policy to the transportation
33 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2026.

34 (7) (~~(\$6,791,000)~~) \$10,374,000 of the multimodal transportation
35 account—state appropriation (~~(is)~~) and \$2,500,000 of the motor
36 vehicle account—state appropriation are provided solely for the
37 department to complete the transportation reporting and accounting
38 information system to the current cloud version of the software, and

1 is subject to the conditions, limitations, and review requirements of
2 section 701 of this act.

3 **Sec. 218.** 2025 c 416 s 219 (uncodified) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, DATA,**
6 **AND RESEARCH—PROGRAM T**

7 Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express

8 Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation. \$1,500,000

9 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$32,682,000

10 Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation. (~~(\$43,115,000)~~)

11 \$43,873,000

12 Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation. \$400,000

13 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation. \$6,900,000

14 Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation. \$6,348,000

15 Multimodal Transportation Account—State

16 Appropriation. (~~(\$1,489,000)~~)

17 \$1,739,000

18 Multimodal Transportation Account—Federal

19 Appropriation. \$2,816,000

20 Multimodal Transportation Account—Private/Local

21 Appropriation. \$100,000

22 State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State

23 Appropriation. (~~(\$657,000)~~)

24 \$400,000

25 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. (~~(\$96,007,000)~~)

26 \$96,758,000

27 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
28 conditions and limitations:

29 (1) \$1,557,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
30 is provided solely for the department to upgrade the department's
31 linear referencing system (LRS) and highway performance monitoring
32 system (HPMS).

33 (2) \$5,400,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
34 and the entire move ahead WA flexible account—state appropriation are
35 provided solely for Interstate 5 planning. The work under this
36 subsection must include, but is not limited to, the following:

37 (a) Continued development of an Interstate 5 master plan;

38 (b) Advancing seismic vulnerability analyses;

1 (c) An interim report on the progress of the Interstate 5 master
2 plan to the transportation committees of the legislature and the
3 office of financial management by June 30, 2026; and

4 (d) An assessment of Interstate 5 on-ramps in the core area of
5 the interstate system from the Pierce county line in Federal Way to
6 state route number 531/Smokey Point boulevard in Arlington to
7 evaluate installing new meters or revising high occupancy vehicle
8 bypasses at existing meters and prioritize locations for ramp meter
9 installations or high occupancy vehicle bypass conversions.

10 (3) \$140,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
11 appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for the city of
12 Seattle's office of planning and community development to continue to
13 support an equitable development initiative to reconnect the South
14 Park neighborhood, currently divided by state route number 99,
15 consistent with section 219(4), chapter 310, Laws of 2024. The city
16 must provide a final report that includes recommendations by June 30,
17 2027.

18 (4) Consistent with RCW 47.04.280(1)(d), when the department
19 submits the attainment report required under RCW 47.04.285, it shall
20 visually display statewide annual hours of travel delay by displaying
21 data within each major corridor, to the extent practicable.

22 (5) \$1,500,000 of the Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167
23 express toll lanes account—state appropriation is provided solely for
24 the department to develop an implementation plan for state route
25 number 167 that builds on the SR 167 master plan completed in June
26 2023. The SR 167 implementation plan must include, but is not limited
27 to, high-level engineering and cost estimating work necessary to
28 update the I-405/SR 167 corridor funding and phasing report that
29 needs to be completed to advance priority project components
30 developed in the SR 167 master plan. The SR 167 implementation plan
31 with recommendations is due to the transportation committees of the
32 legislature by December 1, 2026.

33 (6) \$4,620,000 of the motor vehicle account—federal appropriation
34 is provided solely for work on the road usage charge research project
35 overseen by the Washington state transportation commission using
36 amounts of the federal grant award.

37 (7) The department shall continue to coordinate planning work
38 focused on the transportation system in western Washington across
39 modes with the goal of maximizing system performance toward the

1 policy goals in RCW 47.04.280 in the most cost-effective manner. This
2 coordination must include, but is not limited to: The Interstate 5
3 highway corridor, existing rail infrastructure and future high-speed
4 rail alignment, and commercial aviation capacity. The department must
5 report on the status of these planning efforts including, but not
6 limited to, a long-term strategy for addressing resilience of the
7 transportation system in western Washington through consideration of
8 changing demand, modal integration, and preservation needs. The
9 coordinated work must include an analysis of different alternatives
10 to promote system resilience, including performance and cost of each
11 scenario. The report is due to the joint transportation committee by
12 November 1, 2025.

13 (8) \$1,500,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
14 is provided solely for the department to develop a corridor vision
15 and implementation plan that identifies improvement options to
16 address safety and multimodal mobility needs on the state route
17 number 164 corridor from Dogwood Street East in Auburn to High Point
18 Street in Enumclaw. The department must submit a report to the office
19 of financial management and the transportation committees of the
20 legislature with recommended safety and multimodal infrastructure
21 improvements by June 30, 2027.

22 (9) (~~(\$657,000)~~) \$400,000 of the state route number 520 corridor
23 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to
24 contract with the University of Washington department of mechanical
25 engineering(~~(7)~~) to further study measures to reduce noise impacts
26 from the state route number 520 bridge expansion joints. (~~The field~~
27 ~~testing shall be scheduled during existing construction, maintenance,~~
28 ~~or other scheduled closures to minimize impacts. The testing must~~
29 ~~also ensure safety of the traveling public. The study shall examine~~
30 ~~the types and durability of the materials used to provide noise~~
31 ~~mitigation and the costs associated with the differing types of~~
32 ~~materials. A draft report)) To address the safety of the traveling
33 public and mitigate for potential joint damage, the study must
34 include laboratory-based testing of a highly durable sound
35 attenuation system based on the system developed in the WSDOT Modular
36 Bridge Expansion Joints - Phase 2 study. A draft report, including
37 test results and recommendations describing and identifying the
38 duration of future studies, must be submitted to the transportation
39 committees of the legislature and the governor by (~~March~~) October~~

1 1, 2026. A final report must be submitted to the transportation
2 committees of the legislature and the governor by December 31, 2026.

3 (10) Within existing resources, the department shall complete an
4 analysis of bridge strikes in Washington state within the last three
5 years and of best practices of interventions utilized by other
6 jurisdictions. By September 1, 2026, the department shall develop and
7 submit recommendations to reduce the number of bridge strikes.
8 Recommendations must include: Potential improvements to physical
9 infrastructure; location, type, and height of posted warning signage;
10 information and training campaigns for drivers; and scalable options
11 for costs for each recommendation.

12 (11) \$15,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
13 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . (Engrossed
14 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5374), Laws of 2026 (transportation/tribal
15 rep.). If chapter . . . (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5374),
16 Laws of 2026 is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in
17 this subsection lapses.

18 (12)(a) \$250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
19 appropriation is provided solely for the department to develop an
20 implementation plan for a megaproject for safety program.

21 (b) The megaproject for safety program must be designed to
22 advance statewide transportation safety and mobility goals,
23 including, but not limited to, target zero, complete streets, vehicle
24 miles traveled (VMT) reduction, and the prioritization of equitable
25 safety outcomes by directing investments to communities
26 disproportionately impacted by traffic-related serious injuries and
27 fatalities on state-owned highways.

28 (c) In developing the implementation plan, the department must:

29 (i) Define the purpose, scope, and eligibility criteria of a
30 megaproject for safety program, including how projects will be
31 planned, identified, prioritized, and evaluated;

32 (ii) Identify how the program aligns with existing state and
33 agency policies, guidelines, and performance measures;

34 (iii) Identify existing funding sources, statutory authority, and
35 budget program areas within the department that could support or be
36 aligned with the program;

37 (iv) Identify opportunities for coordination with local
38 governments, tribes, metropolitan planning organizations, and other
39 partners;

1 (v) Identify short- and long-term funding needs to implement and
2 sustain the program; and

3 (vi) Identify a method for enabling multi-jurisdiction
4 partnerships to develop coordinated corridor safety strategies and
5 for guiding land use development consistent with a safer land use
6 approach.

7 (b) The department must submit a report to the appropriate
8 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2027, detailing the
9 implementation plan, program alignment, and funding recommendations.

10 **Sec. 219.** 2025 c 416 s 220 (uncodified) is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—CHARGES FROM OTHER AGENCIES—**
13 **PROGRAM U**

14	Aeronautics Account—State Appropriation.	\$7,000
15	Transportation Partnership Account—State	
16	Appropriation.	(((\$147,000))
17		<u>\$205,000</u>
18	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	(((\$103,363,000))
19		<u>\$149,555,000</u>
20	Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State	
21	Appropriation.	(((\$1,120,000))
22		<u>\$1,683,000</u>
23	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
24	Appropriation.	(((\$86,000))
25		<u>\$92,000</u>
26	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation.	(((\$1,180,000))
27		<u>\$1,649,000</u>
28	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
29	Appropriation.	(((\$5,835,000))
30		<u>\$8,787,000</u>
31	Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State	
32	Appropriation.	\$51,000
33	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
34	State Appropriation.	\$38,000
35	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
36	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	(((\$66,000))
37		<u>\$72,000</u>
38	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	(((\$111,893,000))

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Consistent with existing protocol and practices, for any negotiations that could result in a settlement of a claim against the state for the department that exceeds \$5,000,000, the department, in conjunction with the attorney general and the department of enterprise services, shall notify the director of the office of financial management and the transportation committees of the legislature.

(2) On August 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter, the department, in conjunction with the attorney general and the department of enterprise services, shall provide a report with judgments and settlements dealing with the Washington state ferry system to the director of the office of financial management and the transportation committees of the legislature. The report must include information on: (a) The number of claims and settlements by type; (b) the average claim and settlement by type; (c) defense costs associated with those claims and settlements; and (d) information on the impacts of moving legal costs associated with the Washington state ferry system into the statewide self-insurance pool.

(3) On August 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter, the department, in conjunction with the attorney general and the department of enterprise services, shall provide a report with judgments and settlements dealing with the nonferry operations of the department to the director of the office of financial management and the transportation committees of the legislature. The report must include information on: (a) The number of claims and settlements by type; (b) the average claim and settlement by type; and (c) defense costs associated with those claims and settlements.

(4) When the department identifies significant legal issues that have potential transportation budget implications, the department must initiate a briefing for appropriate legislative members or staff through the office of the attorney general and its legislative briefing protocol.

(5) \$1,500,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is provided solely for additional costs associated with planned consolidation of staff at a variety of facilities in Thurston county. The amount provided in this subsection must be held in unallotted

1 status until the department submits a request to the office of
2 financial management. As part of the request, the department must
3 submit a comprehensive consolidation plan, developed in conjunction
4 with the department of enterprise services and the office of
5 financial management, which details the planned action steps and
6 timeline to achieve the office and administrative space efficiency as
7 detailed in recent reports identifying opportunities for savings and
8 cost avoidance while prioritizing employee safety. Beginning July 1,
9 2026, and semiannually thereafter, the department must provide a
10 report on the progress in meeting the outcomes specified in the
11 comprehensive consolidation plan to the office of financial
12 management and the transportation committees of the legislature.

13 **Sec. 220.** 2025 c 416 s 221 (uncodified) is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION—PROGRAM V**

16	Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
17	Appropriation.	((\$275,545,000))
18		<u>\$276,498,000</u>
19	State Vehicle Parking Account—State Appropriation.	\$784,000
20	Rural Mobility Grant Program Account—State	
21	Appropriation.	\$32,223,000
22	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
23	Appropriation.	((\$101,683,000))
24		<u>\$112,785,000</u>
25	Multimodal Transportation Account—Federal	
26	Appropriation.	((\$4,459,000))
27		<u>\$4,457,000</u>
28	Multimodal Transportation Account—Private/Local	
29	Appropriation.	\$100,000
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$414,794,000))
31		<u>\$426,847,000</u>

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
33 conditions and limitations:

34 (1) (a) \$62,698,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
35 appropriation and ((~~\$78,525,000~~)) \$79,077,000 of the carbon emissions
36 reduction account—state appropriation are provided solely for a grant
37 program for special needs transportation distributed in accordance
38 with RCW 47.66.150. Fuel type may not be a factor in the grant

1 selection process. For grant awards not yet under contract, as a
2 condition of special needs transportation grants provided pursuant to
3 this subsection, public transportation agencies may not delay,
4 divert, supplant, or suspend the collection of approved local sales
5 and use taxes for the purpose of public transportation during the
6 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

7 (b) (~~(\$425,000)~~) \$977,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
8 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the
9 reappropriation of amounts provided for this purpose in the 2023-2025
10 fiscal biennium.

11 (2) The department shall not require more than a 10 percent match
12 from nonprofit transportation providers for state grants.

13 (3) (~~(\$1,124,000)~~) \$2,212,000 of the multimodal transportation
14 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to
15 provide a statewide vanpool benefit for all state employees. For
16 department employees working in remote job sites, such as mountain
17 passes, the department must ensure employees are able to access job
18 sites via a subsidized vanpool or provide a modal alternative for the
19 "last mile" to ensure employees can access the job site without
20 additional charge.

21 (4) \$500,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
22 appropriation is provided solely for an interagency transfer to the
23 Washington State University extension energy program to administer a
24 technical assistance and education program for public agencies on the
25 use of alternative fuel vehicles. The Washington State University
26 extension energy program shall prepare a report regarding the
27 utilization of the program and submit this report to the
28 transportation committees of the legislature by November 15, 2025.

29 (5) \$32,223,000 of the rural mobility grant program account—state
30 appropriation is provided solely for grants to aid small cities in
31 rural areas as prescribed in RCW 47.66.100. Fuel type may not be a
32 factor in the grant selection process. For grant awards not yet under
33 contract, as a condition of rural mobility transportation grants
34 provided pursuant to this subsection, public transportation agencies
35 may not delay, divert, supplant, or suspend the collection of
36 approved local sales and use taxes for the purpose of public
37 transportation during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

38 (6) \$3,300,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
39 appropriation, \$5,700,000 of the multimodal transportation account—

1 state appropriation, and \$784,000 of the state vehicle parking
2 account—state appropriation are provided solely for CTR grants and
3 activities. Fuel type may not be a factor in the grant selection
4 process. For grant awards not yet under contract, as a condition of
5 CTR grants provided pursuant to this subsection, public
6 transportation agencies may not delay, divert, supplant, or suspend
7 the collection of approved local sales and use taxes for the purpose
8 of public transportation during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

9 (7) (~~(\$188,900,000)~~) \$189,401,000 of the carbon emissions
10 reduction account—state appropriation is provided solely for transit
11 support grants. The department must confirm zero-fare policies are in
12 effect at transit agencies to be eligible for biennial distributions.
13 For grant awards not yet under contract, as a condition of transit
14 support grants provided pursuant to this subsection, public
15 transportation agencies may not delay, divert, supplant, or suspend
16 the collection of approved local sales and use taxes for the purpose
17 of public transportation during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

18 (8) \$3,400,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
19 appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for the pilot
20 program established under RCW 47.04.355 to provide clean alternative
21 fuel vehicle use opportunities to underserved communities and low to
22 moderate-income members of the workforce not readily served by
23 transit or located in transportation corridors with emissions that
24 exceed federal or state emissions standards.

25 (9) \$900,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
26 appropriation is provided solely for the department to implement
27 certain recommendations from the 2023 frequent transit service study.
28 The department shall define levels and types of demand-response
29 service and measure access to these services within Washington for
30 the purpose of gaining a fuller picture of transit access. The
31 department must collect ongoing transportation data and develop
32 systems to allow for analysis of disparities in access to existing
33 fixed route transit. The data collection should prioritize collecting
34 information on accessibility and inclusion of people with
35 disabilities, vulnerable populations in overburdened communities, and
36 other underserved communities. The department shall submit a report
37 on data collection efforts to the transportation committees of the
38 legislature and the office of financial management by June 30, 2026.

1 (10) \$9,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
2 appropriation is provided solely for grants to transit agencies for
3 enhanced services between June 1, 2026, and July 30, 2026.

4 (a) Enhanced services consist of:

5 (i) Increased frequency on regular routes, creating temporary
6 shuttle services, enhancing on-demand services, increasing frequency
7 of water taxi services, and supporting incentives to encourage
8 transit use; and

9 (ii) Enhancing customer experience by temporarily increasing
10 operations, cleanliness, rider communications, wayfinding, and safety
11 and security.

12 (b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, the department
13 must distribute:

14 (i) Forty percent to King County metro;

15 (ii) ~~((Twenty))~~ Forty percent to public transportation benefit
16 areas and regional transit authorities operating in the four counties
17 making up the largest regional transportation planning organization
18 in the state, distributed proportionally based on agency service
19 hours; and

20 (iii) Twenty percent to other public transit agencies operating
21 in cities named by a World Cup organizing committee to host fan
22 zones, excluding agencies already included in (b)(ii) of this
23 subsection, distributed proportionally based on agency service hours.

24 (c) Agencies must submit their planned expenditures to the
25 department and the Washington state transit association for review by
26 December 1, 2025. If any agency does not submit a plan to enhance
27 services consistent with (a) of this subsection, the department must
28 redistribute funding to other transit agencies using the distribution
29 in (b) of this subsection.

30 (11) ~~(((\$10,000,000))~~ \$20,000,000 of the multimodal transportation
31 account—state appropriation is provided solely for King county metro
32 as part of a federal funds exchange pilot.

33 ~~((Amounts))~~ (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection,
34 amounts provided in this subsection must be held in unallotted status
35 until notification has been received by the department's public
36 transportation division from Washington state ferries that the
37 conditions outlined in section 222(13) ~~((of this act))~~, chapter 416,
38 Laws of 2025 have been met. The pilot must be conducted in
39 coordination with the Puget Sound regional council, who has
40 programming authority for the federal funds to be exchanged. By

1 January 15, (~~2026~~) 2027, King county metro must report to the
2 office of financial management and the transportation committees of
3 the legislature a summary of projects funded or planned to be funded,
4 and recommendations for continuation of the federal funds exchange
5 pilot through the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, including additional
6 amounts eligible to be exchanged.

7 (b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$10,000,000 is
8 provided solely to King county metro for the purpose of supporting
9 the Revive Interstate 5—Ship Canal Bridge project. These funds are
10 not subject to the requirements in (a) of this subsection; however,
11 the federal funds exchange pilot must have been initiated by King
12 county metro for these funds to be released. It is the intent of the
13 legislature that if federal funds are exchanged under this pilot
14 during the 2025-2027 or 2027-2029 fiscal biennium, the federal funds
15 must first be applied toward the amounts provided in this subsection
16 (11) (b).

17 (12) \$350,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
18 appropriation is provided solely for Pierce county to support public
19 transportation services on the Key Peninsula.

20 (13) \$950,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
21 appropriation is provided solely for RiverCities Transit to operate
22 weekday transit service from Longview to Vancouver.

23 (14) \$5,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
24 appropriation is provided solely for intercity bus expansion in
25 preparation for the 2026 World Cup. The department must report to the
26 transportation committees of the legislature and the office of
27 financial management annually on each January 15th with expansion
28 status and performance updates.

29 (15) The legislature intends to fully restore the multimodal
30 transportation account funding for transportation demand management
31 programs to levels that match 2025-2027 biennial appropriations in
32 the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium and future biennia.

33 (16) It is the intent of the legislature to provide up to
34 \$2,000,000 in multimodal transportation account—state funds during
35 the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium for transit coordination grants
36 regarding transit agency annexations.

37 **Sec. 221.** 2025 c 416 s 222 (uncodified) is amended to read as
38 follows:

1 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—MARINE—PROGRAM X**

2 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State

3 Appropriation. ((~~\$643,803,000~~))

4 \$643,882,000

5 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—Federal

6 Appropriation. ((~~\$126,642,000~~))

7 \$126,643,000

8 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—Private/Local

9 Appropriation. \$121,000

10 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation. \$1,254,000

11 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. ((~~\$770,566,000~~))

12 \$771,900,000

13 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
14 conditions and limitations:

15 (1) The office of financial management budget instructions
16 require agencies to recast enacted budgets into activities. The
17 Washington state ferries shall include a greater level of detail in
18 its 2025-2027 supplemental and 2027-2029 omnibus transportation
19 appropriations act requests, as determined jointly by the office of
20 financial management, the Washington state ferries, and the
21 transportation committees of the legislature. This level of detail
22 must include the administrative functions in the operating as well as
23 capital programs. The data in the tables in the report must be
24 supplied in a digital file format.

25 (2) (a) \$74,374,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—
26 federal appropriation and \$45,523,000 of the Puget Sound ferry
27 operations account—state appropriation are provided solely for auto
28 ferry vessel operating fuel in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. The
29 amount provided in this subsection represents the fuel budget for the
30 purposes of calculating any ferry fare fuel surcharge.

31 (b) The Washington state ferries must develop a renewable diesel
32 demonstration project for a representative group of diesel vessels.
33 By September 15, 2026, Washington state ferries must submit findings
34 and recommendations to the office of financial management and the
35 transportation committees of legislature that includes, but is not
36 limited to, performance results of the demonstration project,
37 recommendations for renewable diesel usage across the fleet, and
38 possible procurement options for renewable diesel.

1 (3) During negotiations of the 2027-2029 collective bargaining
2 agreements, (a) the department must identify provisions that create
3 barriers for, or contribute to creating a disparate impact on, newly
4 hired ferry employees, including those who are women, people of
5 color, veterans, and other employees belonging to communities that
6 have historically been underrepresented in the workforce; (b) and the
7 department must create a forum for direct discussion between the
8 governor, labor leadership, the office of financial management and
9 the Washington state ferries to collaboratively identify and resolve
10 compensation and staffing issues, with the goal of service
11 improvements for ferry riders. By January 1, 2027, the department
12 must report to the transportation committees of the legislature on
13 progress in incorporating the finding and recommendations from the
14 December 2022 joint transportation committee study on the Washington
15 state ferries' workforce.

16 (4) \$50,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
17 appropriation is provided solely for the department to conduct an
18 actuarial evaluation to determine the amount of funds needed in
19 reserve to provide an acceptable amount of self-insurance coverage as
20 compared to the commercial insurance option for the ferry system. The
21 evaluation must also include an analysis of the short and long-term
22 costs and benefits of self-insurance. By December 15, 2026, the
23 department shall report evaluation results to the transportation
24 committees of the legislature.

25 (5) Within existing resources, the department must deploy a pilot
26 program for offering customers wifi on vessels and in terminals. By
27 January 1, 2026, the department must report on the viability of the
28 program to the transportation committees of the legislature,
29 including implementation recommendations and cost estimates. The
30 department must prioritize routes or terminals with wifi coverage
31 issues and consider fee-for-service options.

32 (6) \$500,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
33 appropriation is provided solely for operating costs related to
34 moving vessels for emergency capital repairs. Funds may only be spent
35 after approval by the office of financial management.

36 (7) \$11,962,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
37 appropriation is provided solely for the Washington state ferries
38 workforce development activities.

1 (8) \$6,950,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
2 appropriation is provided solely for overtime and familiarization
3 expenses incurred by engine, deck, and terminal staff. The department
4 must provide updated staffing cost estimates for fiscal years 2026
5 and 2027 with its annual budget submittal and updated estimates by
6 January 1, 2026.

7 (9) \$2,548,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
8 appropriation is provided solely for security services at Colman
9 Dock.

10 (10) \$600,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
11 appropriation is provided solely for traffic control at ferry
12 terminals at Seattle, Fauntleroy, Kingston, Edmonds, Mukilteo, and
13 Bainbridge Island, during peak ferry travel times, with a particular
14 focus on Sundays and holiday weekends. If local law enforcement
15 entities are available, the Washington state ferries may contract
16 with local agencies for traffic control services.

17 (11) By December 31st of each year, as part of the annual ferries
18 division performance report, the department must report on the status
19 of efforts to increase the staff available for maintaining the
20 customary level of ferry service, including staff for deck, engine,
21 and terminals. The report must include data for a 12-month period up
22 to the most recent data available, by staff group, showing the number
23 of employees at the beginning of the 12-month period, the number of
24 new employees hired, the number of employees separating from service,
25 and the number of employees at the end of the 12-month period. The
26 department report on additional performance measures must include:

27 (a) Numbers of trip cancellations due to crew availability or
28 vessel mechanical issues;

29 (b) Current average monthly level of service compared to the
30 average monthly full-service schedules in effect in 2019; and

31 (c) Retention rates of employees who have completed on the job
32 workforce development programs and overall employee retention rates.

33 (12) \$75,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with
35 the Evans School of Public Policy at the University of Washington to
36 conduct a study and develop recommendations to design a modernized
37 and more inclusive Washington state ferries' customer advisory
38 process. The study must prioritize ease of customer feedback,
39 inclusion of groups that have been historically underrepresented in

1 customer feedback and engagement processes, and capturing input from
2 passengers using the system for varying purposes. The study must also
3 look at customer engagement models developed by other comparable
4 ferry systems, both domestic and international, for best practices. A
5 report with findings and recommendations is due to the office of
6 financial management and the transportation committees of the
7 legislature by December 15, 2026.

8 (13) \$12,000,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—
9 federal appropriation is provided solely for a federal fund exchange
10 pilot with King county metro.

11 (a) The pilot must be conducted in coordination with the Puget
12 Sound regional council, who has programming authority for the federal
13 funds to be exchanged. As supplemented in (b) of this subsection,
14 Washington state ferries must work with the Puget Sound regional
15 council to identify eligible projects for the exchanged federal funds
16 and amend the statewide transportation improvement program (STIP).
17 Upon approval of the amended plan and confirmation of distribution of
18 federal funds from the Puget Sound regional council, Washington state
19 ferries must notify the department's public transportation division
20 for release of state funds to King county metro in section 221(11) of
21 this act. By January 15, (~~2026~~) 2027, Washington state ferries must
22 report to the office of financial management and transportation
23 committees of the legislature recommendations for expanding the
24 exchange in current and future biennia.

25 (b) Washington state ferries must work with the Puget Sound
26 regional council to identify additional eligible projects for the
27 exchanged federal funds and amend the statewide transportation
28 improvement program (STIP) during the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium.

29 (14) The department must work to increase its outreach and
30 recruitment of populations underrepresented in maritime careers and
31 continue working to expand apprenticeship and internship programs,
32 with an emphasis on programs that are shown to improve recruitment
33 for positions with the state ferry system.

34 (15) \$2,600,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
35 appropriation is provided solely for winter service enhancements in
36 the San Juan Islands. By December 1, 2026, the department must report
37 to the transportation committees of the legislature and the office of
38 financial management impacts of the service increase including, but
39 not limited to, ridership impacts, service reliability, and whether

1 service changes have induced permanent relocation of workforce
2 serving San Juan Island routes.

3 (16) \$855,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
4 appropriation is provided solely for a workforce development pilot at
5 the Seattle maritime academy for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.
6 Amounts provided in this subsection must be utilized for programs
7 that are a benefit to the Washington state ferries or the prospective
8 workforce pipeline of the Washington state ferries. Funding may not
9 be expended until Washington state ferries certifies to the office of
10 financial management that a memorandum of agreement with Seattle
11 central community college has been executed.

12 (a) The memorandum of agreement with Seattle central community
13 college must address:

14 (i) Prioritized use of training and other facilities and
15 implementation of joint training opportunities for Washington state
16 ferries' employees and trainees;

17 (ii) Development of a joint recruitment plan with Seattle central
18 community college aimed at increasing enrollment of women and people
19 of color, with specific strategies to recruit existing community and
20 technical college students, maritime skills center students, high
21 school students from maritime programs, including maritime skills
22 center students, foster care graduates, and former juvenile
23 rehabilitation and adult incarcerated individuals; and

24 (iii) Consultation between the parties on the development of the
25 training program, recruitment plan and operational plan, with an
26 emphasis on increasing enrollment of women and people of color.

27 (b) Washington state ferries must submit the joint training and
28 recruitment plan to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of
29 the legislature and the office of financial management by December 1,
30 2025. The Washington state ferries must submit findings of program
31 effectiveness and recommendations for continuation of the pilot, to
32 the appropriate committees of the legislature and the office of
33 financial management by December 1, 2025.

34 (17) \$375,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
35 appropriation is provided solely for the implementation of chapter
36 296, Laws of 2025 (ferry system salaries). ~~((If chapter . . ., Laws
37 of 2025 (Substitute House Bill No. 1264) is not enacted by June 30,
38 2025, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.))~~

1 (18) \$19,700,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—
2 state appropriation is provided solely for the department to increase
3 deck and engine positions across the system, prioritizing positions
4 that will mitigate crew related cancellations and reduce overtime
5 expenditures. The department must consider data related to staffing
6 cancellations, as well as current and forecasted staffing levels of
7 deck and engine positions, and mitigation for job classes with the
8 highest overtime costs when adding positions. Funds provided in this
9 subsection are eligible to be used for all deck or engine job
10 classes. The department must include an update on the number of
11 positions hired by job class as part of the annual performance
12 report.

13 (19) \$36,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
14 appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter . . . ,
15 Laws of 2026 (Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5098)
16 (weapons in certain areas). If chapter . . . , Laws of 2026 (Engrossed
17 Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5098) is not enacted by June 30,
18 2026, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.

19 (20) \$1,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
20 is provided solely for the establishment of an emergent preservation
21 response team to mitigate disruption to planned preservation
22 activities caused by unexpected preservation needs within the ferry
23 fleet.

24 (21) \$254,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation is
25 provided solely for: (a) Expanding warehouse space for parts and
26 material inventory; and (b) highly trained personnel to efficiently
27 procure complex maritime equipment.

28 (22) \$50,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state
29 appropriation is provided solely for enhanced management of ferry
30 lines near the Bainbridge Island terminal to handle increased traffic
31 related to 2026 World Cup events on certain dates in June and July of
32 2026.

33 **Sec. 222.** 2025 c 416 s 223 (uncodified) is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—RAIL—PROGRAM Y—OPERATING**
36 Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State
37 Appropriation. ((\$2,000,000))
38 \$4,000,000

1 Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 2 Appropriation. ((~~\$81,085,000~~))
 3 \$83,532,000

4 Multimodal Transportation Account—Private/Local
 5 Appropriation. \$46,000
 6 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. ((~~\$83,131,000~~))
 7 \$87,578,000

8 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
 9 conditions and limitations: \$800,000 of the multimodal transportation
 10 account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish a truck
 11 coordinator position to oversee and report on the implementation of
 12 truck parking recommendations and serve as a single internal and
 13 external point of contact on truck parking. The truck parking
 14 coordinator, in collaboration with the freight mobility strategic
 15 investment board, must proactively work with local jurisdictions on
 16 truck parking issues and identification of expansion sites, support
 17 local agencies with truck parking resources, and coordinate with the
 18 private sector on private truck parking projects. The department may
 19 utilize a portion of the funding for a consultant with specialized
 20 skill sets and truck parking knowledge to develop guidance and tools
 21 and conduct outreach, as needed.

22 **Sec. 223.** 2025 c 416 s 224 (uncodified) is amended to read as
 23 follows:

24 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—LOCAL PROGRAMS—PROGRAM Z—**
 25 **OPERATING**

26 Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State
 27 Appropriation. \$274,000
 28 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. ((~~\$15,164,000~~))
 29 \$15,191,000
 30 Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation. ((~~\$2,644,000~~))
 31 \$2,643,000

32 Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 33 Appropriation. ((~~\$1,780,000~~))
 34 \$2,080,000

35 Multiuse Roadway Safety Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$1,800,000
 36 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. ((~~\$21,662,000~~))
 37 \$21,988,000

1 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
2 conditions and limitations:

3 (1) \$500,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
4 provided solely for administration, program management, and
5 evaluation of the federal fund exchange pilot program.

6 (2) \$750,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
7 appropriation is provided solely to continue the civilian
8 intervention grant program in accordance with program requirements
9 under section 224(7), chapter 472, Laws of 2023.

10 (3) For its 2027-2029 biennial agency budget request, the
11 department shall create a distinct subprogram within local programs
12 for all expenditures and activities for the active transportation
13 division.

14 (4) \$930,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
15 provided solely for the department, from amounts set aside out of
16 statewide fuel taxes distributed to counties according to RCW
17 46.68.120(3), to contract with the Washington state association of
18 counties to:

19 (a) Continue contracting with the Washington state department of
20 fish and wildlife to identify, inventory, and prioritize county-owned
21 fish passage barriers;

22 (b) Partner with the county road administration board to update
23 the road cost factor unit costs used in the calculation of the
24 allocation factor for the county's portion of the motor vehicle fuel
25 tax;

26 (c) Create specific guidance and training for county public works
27 departments developing community engagement plans to mitigate project
28 and program harms and maximize community benefits by expanding upon
29 the freight mobility strategic investment board's "Toolkit and Best
30 Practices for Integrating Community Considerations in Infrastructure
31 Investments;" and

32 (d) Continue partnering with the board of registration for
33 professional engineers and land surveyors and contract with the
34 Washington state transportation center at the University of
35 Washington to identify best practices within public works for the
36 recruitment and retention of employees, including recommendations for
37 improving outreach and recruitment to underrepresented populations,
38 methods to partner with local community colleges and universities,
39 ways to expand apprenticeship and internship programs, strategies to

1 increase training and development opportunities, and recommendations
2 for career advancement programs and better work life balance
3 outcomes.

4 (5) The city of Seattle must provide a report on any findings and
5 recommendations of the digital conflict area awareness management
6 program, for which state funding was provided in the 2023-2025 fiscal
7 biennium, and any implementation needs and process mapping for use by
8 other jurisdictions, to the department and the transportation
9 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2026.

10 (6) \$60,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
11 appropriation is provided solely for support of a United States Coast
12 Guard-compliant basic safety program with Crawford nautical training.

13 (7) \$309,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
14 provided solely for the department to fund one full-time equivalent
15 liaison position within the local program multiagency permit program.
16 The department shall provide a report with an update on activities in
17 the program to the transportation committees of the legislature by
18 December 1, 2026.

19 (8) \$70,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
20 appropriation is provided solely for the department to contract with
21 the Puget Sound harbor committee to support the development of the
22 Puget Sound harbor safety plan.

23 (9)(a) \$300,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
24 appropriation is provided solely to develop a regional connections
25 action plan for the statewide development of active transportation
26 infrastructure that connects population centers, supports mode shift,
27 and improves safety performance. By December 1, 2026, the department
28 shall provide a plan to the office of financial management and the
29 transportation committees of the legislature that:

30 (i) Examines state statutes, rules, design guidance, and funding
31 program criteria to determine if there are legal or administrative
32 barriers to building and maintaining a regional connections network;

33 (ii) Collects and updates data to support a conceptual network
34 map identifying existing, planned, and potential connections;

35 (iii) Develops a cost estimating methodology for use in route
36 planning and project prioritizing and development; and

37 (iv) Develops strategies and technical guidance for regional
38 connections maintenance and operations.

1 (b) The legislature finds that projects listed in the major
2 corridor "Regional Connections Demonstration Projects" in LEAP
3 Transportation Document 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed February 23,
4 2026, Program - Local Programs Program (Z) connect population
5 centers, supports mode shifts, and will improve safety performance.
6 (10) \$42,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
7 provided solely for implementation of chapter . . ., Laws of 2026
8 (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6311) (safe passage during certain
9 construction projects). If chapter . . ., Laws of 2026 (Substitute
10 Senate Bill No. 6311) is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount
11 provided in this subsection lapses.

(End of part)

1 **TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—CAPITAL**

2 **Sec. 301.** 2025 c 416 s 302 (uncodified) is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **FOR THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

5 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$9,333,000)~~)
6 \$40,333,000
7 Rural Arterial Trust Account—State Appropriation. \$51,573,000
8 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. (~~(\$2,103,000)~~)
9 \$2,456,000
10 County Arterial Preservation Account—State
11 Appropriation. \$30,242,000
12 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. (~~(\$93,251,000)~~)
13 \$124,604,000

14 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
15 conditions and limitations:

16 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to provide \$21,028,000
17 for a new county local road grant program for the preservation and
18 improvement of county local roads that are not currently eligible
19 under existing funding programs starting in the 2027-2029 fiscal
20 biennium.

21 (2) \$1,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
22 is provided solely for grants to reimburse counties for design costs
23 associated with preparing projects for construction, pursuant to
24 subsection (1) of this section, under the county local road grant
25 program (chapter 36.170 RCW).

26 (3) (a) \$30,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
27 appropriation is provided solely for the county road administration
28 board, after consultation with the military department and department
29 of transportation, to establish a temporary program to provide
30 financial assistance for county transportation infrastructure damage
31 and impacts from the December 2025 weather events in counties that
32 have met the damage amount indicator for federal public assistance.
33 It is the intent of the legislature that this financial assistance
34 serve as a bridge to when federal reimbursement is available to
35 mitigate the overwhelming nature of the December weather events since
36 it is necessary to respond immediately to ensure appropriate
37 emergency response, continued transportation of people and access to

1 vital services, and the repair of critical infrastructure to allow
2 the transport of goods and services.

3 (b) The financial assistance must be provided as loans against
4 the requested receipt of federal funds from the federal emergency
5 management agency and the federal highway administration for
6 emergency project costs. Upon receipt of federal funds covering these
7 costs, the county must pay back the loan within a reasonable time
8 frame as determined by the county road administration board. All
9 repayment amounts must be deposited into the motor vehicle account.

10 (c) The costs covered with the emergency projects are work of
11 either a temporary or permanent nature, which restores roads and
12 bridges to a preemergency condition and may include reconstruction to
13 current design standards. This work must be directly related to the
14 sudden natural destruction or severe damage to county roadway
15 sections or structures from the December 2025 weather events. This
16 work must be beyond the scope of work done by a county in repairing
17 damage normally or reasonably expected from seasonal or other natural
18 conditions, and must be beyond what would be considered maintenance.

19 (d) By July 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the county road
20 administration board must provide information on the loan
21 disbursements identifying each project by county, including the
22 amount of the loan, the description and scope of each project, and
23 the status of federal reimbursement and loan repayments until the
24 loan is repaid. The report must be submitted to the office of
25 financial management and the transportation committees of the
26 legislature.

27 (e) It is the intent of the legislature that if federal
28 reimbursement for these costs is not provided, the loan amounts will
29 be forgiven as specified in an omnibus transportation appropriations
30 act.

31 **Sec. 302.** 2025 c 416 s 303 (uncodified) is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

34 Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State

35 Appropriation. \$21,600,000

36 Small City Pavement and Sidewalk Account—State

37 Appropriation. \$3,953,000

38 Transportation Improvement Account—State

1	Appropriation.	\$251,289,000
2	Complete Streets Grant Program Account—State	
3	Appropriation.	\$24,670,000
4	Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	((\$9,333,000))
5		<u>\$24,333,000</u>
6	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$310,845,000))
7		<u>\$325,845,000</u>

8 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
9 conditions and limitations:

10 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to provide a \$21,028,000
11 increase in funding starting in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium for
12 additional complete streets program grant awards to cities and
13 counties for planning, design, and infrastructure related to making
14 roadways accessible for driving, walking, cycling, transit, and
15 aesthetic qualities.

16 (2) (a) \$15,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
17 appropriation is provided solely for the transportation improvement
18 board, after consultation with the military department and department
19 of transportation, to establish a temporary program to provide
20 financial assistance for city and town transportation infrastructure
21 damage and impacts from the December 2025 weather events in counties
22 that have met the damage amount indicator for federal public
23 assistance. It is the intent of the legislature that this financial
24 assistance serve as a bridge to when federal reimbursement is
25 available to mitigate the overwhelming nature of the December weather
26 events since it is necessary to respond immediately to ensure
27 appropriate emergency response, continued transportation of people
28 and access to vital services, and the repair of critical
29 infrastructure to allow the transport of goods and services.

30 (b) The financial assistance must be provided as loans against
31 the requested receipt of federal funds from the federal emergency
32 management agency and the federal highway administration for these
33 emergency project costs. Upon receipt of federal funds covering these
34 costs, the city or town must pay back the loan within a reasonable
35 time frame as determined by the transportation improvement board. All
36 repayment amounts must be deposited into the motor vehicle account.

37 (c) The costs covered with the emergency projects are work of
38 either a temporary or permanent nature which restores roads and
39 bridges to a preemergency condition and may include reconstruction to

1 current design standards. This work must be directly related to the
2 sudden natural destruction or severe damage to city or town roadway
3 sections or structures from the December 2025 weather events. This
4 work must be beyond the scope of work done by a city or town in
5 repairing damage normally or reasonably expected from seasonal or
6 other natural conditions, and must be beyond what would be considered
7 maintenance.

8 (d) By July 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the transportation
9 improvement board must provide information on the loan disbursements
10 identifying each project by city or town, including the amount of the
11 loan, the description and scope of each project, and the status of
12 federal reimbursement and loan repayments until the loan is repaid.
13 The report must be submitted to the office of financial management
14 and the transportation committees of the legislature.

15 (e) It is the intent of the legislature that if federal
16 reimbursement for these costs is not provided, the loan amounts will
17 be forgiven as specified in an omnibus transportation appropriations
18 act.

19 **Sec. 303.** 2025 c 416 s 304 (uncodified) is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—FACILITIES—PROGRAM D—**
22 **(DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-ONLY PROJECTS)—CAPITAL**

23 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$20,158,000))
	<u>\$24,450,000</u>
25 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	((\$21,487,000))
	<u>\$20,850,000</u>
27 TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$41,645,000))
	<u>\$45,300,000</u>

29 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
30 conditions and limitations:

31 (1) (a) \$9,487,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
32 appropriation is provided solely for the department to improve its
33 ability to keep facility assets in a state of good repair. In using
34 the funds appropriated in this subsection, the department, with
35 periodic reporting to the joint transportation committee, must
36 continue to develop and implement a prioritization of facility
37 capital preservation needs and repair projects. The legislature
38 intends these to be reasonable, forward-thinking investments that

1 consider potential future space efficiency measures and
2 consolidations, including those assessed as having high commercial
3 value and potential returns to state transportation funds associated
4 with the sale of the property. Prioritization must be based on, but
5 not limited to, the following criteria: (i) Employee safety and
6 facility security; (ii) state and federal regulatory and statutory
7 requirements and compliance issues, including clean buildings
8 requirements; (iii) quality of work issues; (iv) facility condition
9 assessment evaluations and scoring; (v) asset preservation; and (vi)
10 amount of operational support provided by the facility to the
11 achievement of the department's performance measures and outcomes,
12 including facility utilization based on field operations work
13 supported at the location. "Field operations" includes maintenance,
14 transportation operations, materials testing, and construction.

15 (b) In using the funds appropriated in this subsection, the
16 department must utilize the prioritization of facility capital
17 preservation needs and repair projects used in developing the
18 2025-2027 fiscal biennium agency budget submittal.

19 (c) By September 1, 2025, and September 1, 2026, the department
20 must provide a report based on the prioritization of facility
21 preservation needs and repair projects developed pursuant to (a) of
22 this subsection to the office of financial management and the
23 transportation committees of the legislature. The report must
24 include: (i) A by-facility ranking based on the criteria implemented;
25 (ii) detailed information on the actions taken in the previous year
26 to address the identified issues and deficiencies; and (iii) the
27 plan, by facility, to address issues and deficiencies for the
28 remainder of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and the 2027-2029 fiscal
29 biennium.

30 (2) Within existing resources, in consultation with the office of
31 financial management, the department must continue to use the
32 criteria developed for the preservation and improvement minor works
33 list during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

34 (3) Within existing resources, in consultation with the office of
35 financial management, the department must continue to use criteria
36 for providing building-related capital requests in a comparable
37 format, adjusted where appropriate, to provisions already in use in
38 the omnibus capital appropriations act for building projects,
39 including the C-100 capital request form and other detail

1 requirements for omnibus capital appropriations act building
2 submissions.

3 (4) (~~(\$3,000,000)~~) \$2,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
4 appropriation is provided solely for the department to conduct master
5 planning on highest and best use of the Corson Avenue regional
6 headquarters property, including options to reduce space and
7 footprint on the property, examining the commercial value of the
8 property if converted to other use or sale of a portion of the
9 property, and reviewing alternative financing methods to fund
10 improvements.

11 (5) \$625,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
12 provided solely for the department to build new parking at an
13 existing agency-owned property for approximately 20 large, oversized
14 vehicles displaced from the relocation by June 30, 2026, out of the
15 Edna Lucille Goodrich Building. The funds appropriated in this
16 subsection may not be used for paving.

17 **Sec. 304.** 2025 c 416 s 305 (uncodified) is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—IMPROVEMENTS—PROGRAM I**

20	Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project Account—	
21	State Appropriation.	((\$7,406,000))
22		<u>\$9,808,000</u>
23	Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
24	Appropriation.	((\$13,331,000))
25		<u>\$14,632,000</u>
26	Move Ahead WA Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$367,916,000
27	Puget Sound Gateway Facility Account—State	
28	Appropriation.	((\$88,200,000))
29		<u>\$50,200,000</u>
30	Transportation Partnership Account—State	
31	Appropriation.	((\$8,948,000))
32		<u>\$24,443,000</u>
33	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$271,567,000))
34		<u>\$307,163,000</u>
35	Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	((\$487,331,000))
36		<u>\$649,728,000</u>
37	Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund—Federal	
38	Appropriation.	((\$54,334,000))

1		<u>\$57,011,000</u>
2	Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	((\$53,581,000))
3		<u>\$93,843,000</u>
4	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. ((\$1,710,931,000))	
5		<u>\$1,718,377,000</u>
6	Special Category C Account—State Appropriation.	((\$114,708,000))
7		<u>\$161,111,000</u>
8	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
9	Appropriation.	((\$7,557,000))
10		<u>\$8,232,000</u>
11	Multimodal Transportation Account—Federal	
12	Appropriation.	((\$1,842,000))
13		<u>\$3,600,000</u>
14	State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State	
15	Appropriation.	\$1,100,000
16	<u>State Route Number 520 Civil Penalties Account—State</u>	
17	<u>Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$20,000,000</u>
18	<u>Transportation 2003 Account (Nickel Account)—State</u>	
19	<u>Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$545,000</u>
20	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
21	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	((\$547,950,000))
22		<u>\$523,850,000</u>
23	Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	((\$1,161,189,000))
24		<u>\$1,160,345,000</u>
25	Move Ahead WA Account—Federal Appropriation.	((\$467,532,000))
26		<u>\$427,732,000</u>
27	Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account—State.	((\$10,563,000))
28		<u>\$13,609,000</u>
29	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$5,375,986,000))
30		<u>\$5,613,245,000</u>

31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
32 conditions and limitations:

33 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
34 connecting Washington account—state appropriation, the entire move
35 ahead WA account—federal appropriation, the entire move ahead WA
36 account—state appropriation, and the entire transportation
37 partnership account—state appropriation are provided solely for the
38 projects and activities as listed by fund, project, and amount in
39 LEAP Transportation Document ((2025-1)) 2026-1 as developed ((April

1 ~~26, 2025~~) February 23, 2026, Program - Highway Improvements Program
2 (I). However, limited transfers of specific line-item project
3 appropriations may occur between projects for those amounts listed
4 subject to the conditions and limitations in section 601 (~~of this~~
5 ~~act~~), chapter 416, Laws of 2025.

6 (2) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
7 motor vehicle account—state appropriation, multimodal transportation
8 account—state appropriation, and motor vehicle account—federal
9 appropriation are provided solely for the projects and activities
10 listed in LEAP Transportation Document (~~(2025-2)~~) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS
11 as developed (~~(April 26, 2025)~~) February 23, 2026, Program - Highway
12 Improvements Program (I). Any federal funds gained through
13 efficiencies, adjustments to the federal funds forecast, or the
14 federal funds redistribution process must then be applied to highway
15 and bridge preservation activities.

16 (3) Within the motor vehicle account—state appropriation and
17 motor vehicle account—federal appropriation, the department may
18 transfer appropriation authority between programs I and P, except for
19 appropriation authority that is otherwise restricted in this act, as
20 follows:

21 (a) Ten days prior to any transfer, the department must submit
22 its request to the office of financial management and the
23 transportation committees of the legislature and consider any
24 concerns raised.

25 (b) The director of the office of financial management must first
26 provide written authorization for such transfer to the department and
27 the transportation committees of the legislature.

28 (c) The department shall submit a report on appropriation
29 authority transferred in the prior fiscal year using this subsection
30 as part of the department's annual budget submittal.

31 (4) The connecting Washington account—state appropriation
32 includes up to (~~(\$1,422,447,000)~~) \$1,389,185,000 in proceeds from the
33 sale of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.889.

34 (5) The special category C account—state appropriation includes
35 up to (~~(\$101,986,000)~~) \$102,263,000 in proceeds from the sale of
36 bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.812.

37 (6) The Puget Sound gateway facility account—state appropriation
38 includes up to (~~(\$88,200,000)~~) \$50,200,000 in proceeds from the sale
39 of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.896.

1 (7) The motor vehicle account—state appropriation includes up to
2 \$30,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW
3 47.10.843.

4 (8) The Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 express toll
5 lanes account—state appropriation includes up to \$375,311,000 in
6 proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.896.

7 (9) The move ahead WA account—state appropriation includes up to
8 \$879,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW
9 47.10.873.

10 (10) (~~The move ahead WA account state appropriation includes up to~~
11 ~~to \$164,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW~~
12 ~~47.10.889.~~

13 ~~(11) The move ahead WA account state appropriation includes up to~~
14 ~~\$212,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW~~
15 ~~47.10.861.)) The move ahead WA account—state appropriation includes
16 up to \$250,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in
17 section 1, chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6225), Laws of
18 2026 (authorizing bonds for transportation funding).~~

19 (11) The motor vehicle account—state appropriation includes up to
20 \$165,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW
21 47.10.861.

22 (12) The department shall itemize all future requests for the
23 construction of buildings on a project list and submit them through
24 the transportation executive information system as part of the
25 department's annual budget submittal. It is the intent of the
26 legislature that new facility construction must be transparent and
27 not appropriated within larger highway construction projects.

28 (13) The legislature continues to prioritize the replacement of
29 the state's aging infrastructure and recognizes the importance of
30 reusing and recycling construction aggregate and recycled concrete
31 materials in our transportation system. To accomplish Washington
32 state's sustainability goals in transportation and in accordance with
33 RCW 70A.205.700, the legislature reaffirms its determination that
34 recycled concrete aggregate and other transportation building
35 materials are natural resource construction materials that are too
36 valuable to be wasted and landfilled, and are a commodity as defined
37 in WAC 173-350-100.

38 (14) (a) (~~(\$54,334,000))~~ \$57,011,000 of the coronavirus state
39 fiscal recovery fund—federal appropriation, (~~(\$118,178,000))~~

1 \$118,424,000 of the motor vehicle account—federal appropriation,
2 (~~(\$796,352,000)~~) \$795,004,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
3 appropriation, (~~(\$112,263,000)~~) \$99,394,000 of the connecting
4 Washington account—state appropriation, (~~(\$2,698,000)~~) \$4,622,000 of
5 the motor vehicle account—private/local appropriation, and
6 (~~(\$8,621,000)~~) \$8,730,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
7 appropriation are provided solely for the Fish Passage Barrier
8 Removal project (OBI4001) with the intent of fully complying with the
9 federal *U.S. v. Washington* court injunction by 2030.

10 (b) Appropriations within this subsection may be used to jointly
11 leverage state and local funds for match requirements in applying for
12 competitive federal aid grants provided in the infrastructure
13 investment and jobs act for removals of fish passage barriers under
14 the national culvert removal, replacement, and restoration program.
15 State funds used for the purpose described in this subsection must
16 not compromise full compliance with the court injunction by 2030.

17 (c) The department shall coordinate with the Brian Abbott fish
18 passage barrier removal board to use a watershed approach by
19 replacing both state and local culverts guided by the principle of
20 providing the greatest fish habitat gain at the earliest time. The
21 department shall deliver high habitat value fish passage barrier
22 corrections that it has identified, guided by the following factors:
23 Opportunity to bundle projects, tribal priorities, ability to
24 leverage investments by others, presence of other barriers, project
25 readiness, culvert conditions, other transportation projects in the
26 area, and transportation impacts. The department and Brian Abbott
27 fish barrier removal board must provide updates on the implementation
28 of the statewide culvert remediation plan to the legislature by
29 November 1, 2025, and June 1, 2026.

30 (d) The department must keep track of, for each barrier removed:
31 (i) The location; (ii) the amount of fish habitat gain; and (iii) the
32 amount spent to comply with the injunction.

33 (e) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the department shall
34 semi-annually provide reports of the amounts of federal funding
35 received for this project to the governor and transportation
36 committees of the legislature.

37 (15)(a) \$368,461,000 of the move ahead WA account—federal
38 appropriation, \$127,504,000 of the move ahead WA account—private/
39 local appropriation, and \$84,223,000 of the move ahead WA account—

1 state appropriation are provided solely for the I-5 Columbia river
2 bridge project (L4000054). The legislature finds that the replacement
3 of the I-5 Columbia river bridge is a project of national
4 significance and is critical for the movement of freight. One span is
5 now more than a century old, at risk for collapse in the event of a
6 major earthquake, and no longer satisfies the needs of commerce and
7 travel. Replacing the aging interstate bridge with a modern,
8 seismically resilient, multimodal structure that provides improved
9 mobility for people, goods, and services is a high priority.
10 Therefore, the legislature intends to support the replacement of the
11 I-5 Columbia river bridge with an investment of \$1,000,000,000.

12 (b) The department shall provide regular updates on the status of
13 ongoing coordination with the state of Oregon on any bistate
14 agreements regarding sharing of revenues, use of revenues, and fiscal
15 responsibilities of each state. Prior to finalizing any such
16 agreement, the department shall provide a draft of the agreement to
17 the transportation committees of the legislature for review and
18 input. Additionally, the department shall continue to advise
19 quarterly on the status of any bistate agreements to the joint
20 transportation committee until any agreements are finalized.

21 (c) The legislature intends that the final tolling system for the
22 new bridge utilize new tolling technology that minimizes the capital
23 costs of tolling equipment and operations while meeting or exceeding
24 Washington state department of transportation standards for tolling
25 system performance and reliability. As part of the design process for
26 the final tolling system on the bridge, the department must consider
27 new toll technology options.

28 (16) (a) (~~(\$37,322,000)~~) \$43,803,000 of the (~~(move-ahead-WA)~~)
29 connecting Washington account—state appropriation is provided solely
30 for the SR 3 Freight Corridor (T30400R) project. The legislature
31 intends to provide a total of \$78,910,000 for this project, including
32 an increase of \$12,000,000 in future biennia to safeguard against
33 inflation and supply/labor interruptions and ensure that:

34 (i) The northern terminus remains at Lake Flora Road and the
35 southern terminus at the intersection of state route number 3 and
36 state route number 302; and

37 (ii) Multimodal safety improvements at the southern terminus
38 remain in the project to provide connections to North Mason school
39 district and provide safe routes to schools.

1 (b) With respect to right-of-way acquisition and the construction
2 of the SR 3 Freight Corridor project (T30400R), tribal consultation
3 with the Suquamish tribe must begin at the earliest stage of
4 planning, including, without limitation, on all funding decisions and
5 funding programs, to provide a government-to-government mechanism for
6 the tribe to evaluate, identify, and expressly notify governmental
7 entities of any potential impacts to tribal cultural resources,
8 archaeological sites, sacred sites, fisheries, or other rights and
9 interests in tribal lands and lands within which the tribe possesses
10 rights reserved or protected by federal treaty, statute, or executive
11 order. The consultation is independent of, and in addition to, any
12 public participation process required under state law, or by a state
13 agency, including the requirements of Executive Order 21-02 related
14 to archaeological and cultural resources, and regardless of whether
15 the agency receives a request for consultation from the Suquamish
16 tribe. Regularly scheduled tribal consultation meetings with the
17 Suquamish tribe shall continue throughout the duration of any funding
18 or program decisions and proposed project approval.

19 (17) (~~(\$8,500,000)~~) \$8,105,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
20 appropriation and (~~(\$5,000,000)~~) \$4,928,000 of the move ahead WA
21 account—federal appropriation are provided solely for the SR 3/Gorst
22 Area - Widening project (L4000017).

23 (a) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$7,500,000 is for
24 low-cost enhancements that complement the long-term improvement
25 alternatives identified through planning work on the corridor.

26 (b) Tribal consultation with the Suquamish tribe must begin at
27 the earliest stage of planning, including, without limitation, all
28 funding decisions and funding programs, to provide a government-to-
29 government mechanism for the tribe to evaluate, identify, and
30 expressly notify governmental entities of any potential impacts to
31 tribal cultural resources, archaeological sites, sacred sites,
32 fisheries, or other rights and interests in tribal lands and lands
33 within which the tribe possesses rights reserved or protected by
34 federal treaty, statute, or executive order. The consultation is
35 independent of, and in addition to, any public participation process
36 required under state law, or by a state agency, including the
37 requirements of Executive Order 21-02 related to archaeological and
38 cultural resources, and regardless of whether the agency receives a
39 request for consultation from the Suquamish tribe. Regularly
40 scheduled tribal consultation meetings with the Suquamish tribe must

1 continue throughout the duration of any funding program and proposed
2 project approval.

3 (18) \$23,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state
4 appropriation, \$10,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—private/local
5 appropriation, and (~~(\$6,387,000)~~) \$13,960,000 of the connecting
6 Washington account—state appropriation are provided solely for the
7 US-12/Walla Walla Corridor Improvements project (T20900R). The
8 legislature recognizes the importance of this project and intends to
9 provide additional matching funds if additional competitive federal
10 funding is awarded for the final remaining four-lane section between
11 Wallula and Nine Mile Hill and the Port of Walla Walla provides
12 right-of-way at no cost to the state for this project. The
13 department, in consultation with local governments in the vicinity,
14 must pursue any federal funding available.

15 (19) (~~(\$12,571,000)~~) \$14,663,000 of the move ahead WA account—
16 state appropriation, \$7,908,000 of the move ahead WA account—federal
17 appropriation, and \$2,429,000 of the special category C account—state
18 appropriation are provided solely for the SR 18 Widening - Issaquah/
19 Hobart Rd to Raging River - Phase I project (L1000199). The
20 legislature recognizes the importance of this project and the cost
21 uncertainties associated with this project, and is committed to its
22 completion. The legislature intends to monitor the project's budget
23 and schedule and make adjustments as appropriate.

24 (20) (~~(\$136,984,000)~~) \$144,841,000 of the connecting Washington
25 account—state appropriation, (~~(\$1,527,000)~~) \$1,717,000 of the
26 multimodal transportation account—state appropriation,
27 (~~(\$28,103,000)~~) \$33,230,000 of the motor vehicle account—private/
28 local appropriation, (~~(\$324,483,000)~~) \$276,847,000 of the move ahead
29 WA account—federal appropriation, (~~(\$110,723,000)~~) \$147,829,000 of
30 the move ahead WA account—state appropriation, (~~(\$88,200,000)~~)
31 \$50,200,000 of the Puget Sound gateway facility account—state
32 appropriation, and (~~(\$212,157,000)~~) \$326,330,000 of the motor vehicle
33 account—federal appropriation are provided solely for the SR 167/SR
34 509 Puget Sound Gateway project (M00600R).

35 (a) Any savings on the project must stay on the Puget Sound
36 Gateway corridor until the project is complete.

37 (b) In making budget allocations to the Puget Sound Gateway
38 project, the department shall implement the project's construction as
39 a single corridor investment. The department shall continue to

1 collaborate with the affected stakeholders as it implements the
2 corridor construction and implementation plan for state route number
3 167 and state route number 509. Specific funding allocations must be
4 based on where and when specific project segments are ready for
5 construction to move forward and investments can be best optimized
6 for timely project completion. Emphasis must be placed on avoiding
7 gaps in fund expenditures for either project.

8 (c) The entire multimodal transportation account—state
9 appropriation in this subsection is for:

10 (i) The design phase of the Puyallup to Tacoma multiuse trail
11 along the state route number 167 right-of-way acquired for the
12 project to connect a network of new and existing trails from Mount
13 Rainier to Point Defiance Park; and

14 (ii) Segment 2 of the state route number 167 completion project
15 shared-use path to provide connections to the interchange of state
16 route number 167 at 54th to the intersection of state route number
17 509 and Taylor Way in Tacoma.

18 (21) (~~(\$15,988,000)~~) \$25,978,000 of the connecting Washington
19 account—state appropriation (~~(is)~~) and \$2,212,000 of the motor
20 vehicle account—state appropriation are provided solely for the SR
21 224/Red Mountain Vicinity Improvement project (L1000291). The
22 department shall provide funding to the city of West Richland to
23 complete the project within the project scope identified by the
24 legislature and within the total amount provided by the legislature,
25 which shall be amended by the department to include the complete
26 street widening of Keene Road from state route number 224 to Belmont
27 Boulevard, and within the total amount provided by the legislature.
28 The department shall not amend the project's scope of work to add
29 pavement preservation on state route number 224 from the West
30 Richland city limits to Antinori Road.

31 (22) \$100,000,000 of the special category C account—state
32 appropriation, (~~(\$272,820,000)~~) \$177,788,000 of the connecting
33 Washington account—state appropriation, and (~~(\$71,000)~~) \$164,000 of
34 the motor vehicle account—private/local appropriation are provided
35 solely for the US 395 North Spokane Corridor project (M00800R). Of
36 the amounts provided in this subsection, \$300,000 is for (~~an~~
37 ~~environmental justice assessment to determine if traffic noise~~
38 ~~abatement will reduce environmental harm to the East Central~~
39 ~~Neighborhood as a result of this project)) community engagement and~~

1 preliminary design, in consultation with the city of Spokane and the
2 community, to determine, locate, and advance appropriate visual
3 quality opportunities that reduce or mitigate visual and noise impact
4 in the East Central Neighborhood to advance environmental justice in
5 overburdened communities.

6 (23) (~~(\$578,139,000)~~) \$607,789,000 of the connecting Washington
7 account—state appropriation, \$1,100,000 of the state route number 520
8 corridor account—state appropriation, \$20,000,000 of the state route
9 number 520 civil penalties account—state appropriation, and
10 (~~(\$7,278,000)~~) \$11,951,000 of the motor vehicle account—private/local
11 appropriation are provided solely for the SR 520 Seattle Corridor
12 Improvements - West End project (M00400R) and are subject to the
13 following conditions and limitations:

14 (a) Upon completion of the Montlake Phase of the West End
15 project, the department shall sell or transfer that portion of the
16 property not necessary for transportation purposes, and shall
17 initiate a process to convey or transfer such portion of the surplus
18 property to a subsequent owner.

19 (b) Of the amounts provided in this subsection, \$1,100,000 of the
20 state route number 520 corridor account—state appropriation is
21 provided solely for noise mitigation activities.

22 (24) (~~(\$10,416,000)~~) \$11,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—
23 state appropriation, \$5,229,000 of the connecting Washington account—
24 state appropriation, and (~~(\$1,548,000)~~) \$6,796,000 of the motor
25 vehicle account—state appropriation are provided solely for the SR
26 522/Paradise Lk Rd Interchange & Widening on SR 522 (Design/
27 Engineering) project (NPARADI), specifically for design of,
28 preliminary engineering, and right-of-way acquisition for the
29 interchange and widening as a single project. The department must
30 consider reserving portions of state route number 522, including
31 designated lanes or ramps, for the exclusive or preferential use of
32 public transportation vehicles, privately owned buses, motorcycles,
33 private motor vehicles carrying not less than a specified number of
34 passengers, or private transportation provider vehicles pursuant to
35 RCW 47.52.025.

36 (25) (~~(\$24,000)~~) \$9,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
37 appropriation and (~~(\$304,000)~~) \$5,469,000 of the motor vehicle
38 account—federal appropriation are provided solely for the SR 900
39 Safety Improvements project (L2021118). The department must: (a) Work

1 in collaboration with King county and the Skyway coalition to align
2 community assets, transportation infrastructure needs, and initial
3 design for safety improvements along state route number 900; and (b)
4 work with the Skyway coalition to lead community planning engagement
5 and active transportation activities.

6 (26) \$17,500,000 of the motor vehicle account—federal
7 appropriation is provided solely for a federal fund exchange pilot
8 program. The pilot program must allow exchanges of federal surface
9 transportation block grant population funding and state funds at an
10 exchange rate of 95 cents in state funds per \$1.00 in federal funds.
11 The projects receiving the exchanged federal funds must adhere to all
12 federal requirements, including the applicable disadvantaged business
13 enterprise goals. The entirety of the appropriation in this
14 subsection must be held in unallotted status until surface
15 transportation block grant population funding has been offered to the
16 state, and the department determines that a federalized project or
17 projects funded in this section is eligible to spend the surface
18 transportation block grant population funding. \$16,625,000 from
19 existing state appropriations identified elsewhere within this
20 section are available to be used as part of the exchange. Upon
21 determination that a project or projects funded in this section is
22 eligible to spend the offered surface transportation block grant
23 population funding, state funds appropriated in this section for the
24 eligible state project or projects in an amount equal to 100 percent
25 of the offered surface transportation block grant population funding
26 must be placed in unallotted status. The legislature intends to
27 evaluate utilization and efficacy of this program, and if
28 underutilized, the program is intended to not continue into future
29 biennia.

30 (27) (~~(\$5,030,000)~~) \$3,601,000 of the multimodal transportation
31 account—state appropriation and (~~(\$1,842,000)~~) \$3,600,000 of the
32 multimodal transportation account—federal appropriation are provided
33 solely for the department to develop and implement a technology-based
34 truck parking availability system along the Interstate 5 corridor in
35 partnership with Oregon state and California state to maximize
36 utilization of existing truck parking capacity and deliver real-time
37 parking availability information to truck drivers (L1000375). The
38 department may use a portion of the appropriation in this subsection
39 for grant proposal development and as state match funding for

1 technology-based truck parking availability system federal grant
2 applications. The department must update the transportation
3 committees of the legislature on agency activities and their status
4 by December 1, 2026.

5 (28) \$57,593,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
6 is provided solely for the payment of deferred sales and use taxes on
7 activities related to the state route number 16 corridor improvements
8 project pursuant to RCW 47.46.060. It is the intent of the
9 legislature that any nontoll accounts used to pay the deferred sales
10 and use taxes will be reimbursed by toll revenues no later than
11 December 31, 2032, which reflects prior legislative intent regarding
12 the use of toll revenues for this purpose.

13 (29) \$159,480,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
14 appropriation is provided solely for the payment of deferred sales
15 and use taxes on the state route number 520 bridge replacement and
16 HOV project pursuant to RCW 47.01.412. It is the intent of the
17 legislature that any nontoll accounts used to pay the deferred sales
18 and use taxes will be reimbursed by toll revenues no later than
19 December 31, 2050, which reflects prior legislative intent regarding
20 the use of toll revenues for this purpose.

21 (30) \$1,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
22 appropriation is provided solely for matching funds for the
23 department to apply to the federal highway administration's wildlife
24 crossings pilot program for wildlife crossing underpasses on U.S. 97
25 between Tonasket and Riverside (L1000373).

26 (31) The legislature intends to evaluate the state's approach to
27 estimating capital project costs and risks, and to explore pooling
28 risk. The department must present to the joint transportation
29 committee on its cost estimating policies and considerations for
30 creating a project risk pool before the 2026 legislative session.

31 **Sec. 305.** 2025 c 416 s 306 (uncodified) is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—PRESERVATION—PROGRAM P**

34 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	((\$154,883,000))
	<u>\$576,644,000</u>
36 ((Recreational Vehicle)) <u>RV</u> Account—State	
37 Appropriation.	((\$751,000))
38	<u>\$1,058,000</u>

1 transfer appropriation authority between programs I and P, except for
2 appropriation authority that is otherwise restricted in this act, as
3 follows:

4 (a) Ten days prior to any transfer, the department must submit
5 its request to the office of financial management and the
6 transportation committees of the legislature and consider any
7 concerns raised.

8 (b) The director of the office of financial management must first
9 provide written authorization for such transfer to the department and
10 the transportation committees of the legislature.

11 (c) The department shall submit a report on appropriation
12 authority transferred in the prior fiscal year using this subsection
13 as part of the department's annual budget submittal.

14 (3) (~~(\$6,000,000)~~) \$9,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state
15 appropriation is provided solely for extraordinary costs incurred
16 from litigation awards, settlements, or dispute mitigation activities
17 not eligible for funding from the self-insurance fund (L2000290). The
18 amount provided in this subsection must be held in unallotted status
19 until the department submits a request to the office of financial
20 management that includes documentation detailing litigation-related
21 expenses. The office of financial management may release the funds
22 only when it determines that all other funds designated for
23 litigation awards, settlements, and dispute mitigation activities
24 have been exhausted.

25 (4) Within the connecting Washington account—state appropriation,
26 the department may transfer funds from Highway System Preservation
27 (L1100071) to other preservation projects listed in the LEAP
28 transportation document identified in subsection (1) of this section,
29 if it is determined necessary for completion of these high priority
30 preservation projects. The department's next budget submittal after
31 using this subsection must appropriately reflect the transfer.

32 (5) The legislature continues to prioritize the replacement of
33 the state's aging infrastructure and recognizes the importance of
34 reusing and recycling construction aggregate and recycled concrete
35 materials in our transportation system. To accomplish Washington
36 state's sustainability goals in transportation and in accordance with
37 RCW 70A.205.700, the legislature reaffirms its determination that
38 recycled concrete aggregate and other transportation building
39 materials are natural resource construction materials that are too

1 valuable to be wasted and landfilled, and are a commodity as defined
2 in WAC 173-350-100.

3 (6) The appropriations in this section include funding for
4 starting planning, engineering, and construction of the Elwha River
5 bridge replacement. To the greatest extent practicable, the
6 department shall maintain public access on the existing route.

7 (7) \$17,500,000 of the motor vehicle account—federal
8 appropriation is provided solely for a federal fund exchange pilot
9 program. The pilot program must allow exchanges of federal surface
10 transportation block grant population funding and state funds at an
11 exchange rate of 95 cents in state funds per \$1.00 in federal funds.
12 The projects receiving the exchanged federal funds must adhere to all
13 federal requirements, including the applicable disadvantaged business
14 enterprise goals. The entirety of the appropriation in this
15 subsection must be held in unallotted status until surface
16 transportation block grant population funding has been offered to the
17 state and the department determines that a federalized project or
18 projects funded in this section is eligible to spend the surface
19 transportation block grant population funding. \$16,625,000 from
20 existing state appropriations identified elsewhere within this
21 section are available to be used as part of the exchange. Upon
22 determination that a project or projects funded in this section is
23 eligible to spend the offered surface transportation block grant
24 population funding, state funds appropriated in this section for the
25 eligible state project or projects in an amount equal to 100 percent
26 of the offered surface transportation block grant population funding
27 must be placed in unallotted status. The legislature intends to
28 evaluate utilization and efficacy of this program, and if
29 underutilized, the program is intended to not continue into future
30 biennia.

31 (8) The appropriations in this section include funding for the
32 following projects:

- 33 (a) SR 525 Bridge Replacement - Mukilteo;
- 34 (b) SR 4/Abernathy Creek Br - Replace Bridge;
- 35 (c) SR 155/Omak Bridge Rehabilitation;
- 36 (d) SR 243 Pavement Preservation and Shoulder Rebuild; (~~and~~)
- 37 (e) SR 104/Port Angeles Graving Dock Settlement and Remediation;
- 38 (f) SR 165 Fairfax Bridge;
- 39 (g) SR 141 White Salmon Preservation; and
- 40 (h) US 97 Griggs Canyon and Okanogan River Bridges.

1 (9) As part of its 2026 supplemental budget submittal, the
2 department must provide a map of preservation projects that it
3 expects to fund over the following six fiscal years based on the
4 funding levels shown in this act and based on the funding levels
5 requested in its 2026 supplemental budget submittal.

6 (10) The department may not proceed with construction of the US
7 195/Colfax North Fork Palouse River - Replace Bridges project during
8 the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. The legislature intends for the
9 project to be delayed until the 2029-2031 fiscal biennium.

10 (11) The legislature intends to provide funding for the Highway
11 Preservation: High Risk Corridors project (L2021220) in the 2027-2029
12 fiscal biennium. This funding must be directed to corridors that
13 score highly on the "Vulnerable Road User Characteristic Index,"
14 developed as part of the 2023 Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment,
15 and that have significant preservation needs. As part of its
16 2027-2029 biennial budget submittal, the department must submit its
17 methodology for programming this funding and a list of projects
18 likely to be delivered.

19 **Sec. 306.** 2025 c 416 s 307 (uncodified) is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS—**
22 **PROGRAM Q—CAPITAL**

23 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$5,845,000))
	<u>\$7,465,000</u>
25 Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	((\$8,374,000))
	<u>\$14,537,000</u>
27 Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	((\$635,000))
	<u>\$1,135,000</u>
29 TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$14,854,000))
	<u>\$23,137,000</u>

31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
32 conditions and limitations: ((~~\$5,621,000~~)) \$7,167,000 of the motor
33 vehicle account—state appropriation, ((~~\$6,500,000~~)) \$10,738,000 of
34 the motor vehicle account—federal appropriation, and ((~~\$635,000~~))
35 \$1,135,000 of the motor vehicle account—private/local appropriation
36 are provided solely for Programmatic Investment for Traffic
37 Operations Capital projects (000005Q). By December 15th of each odd-
38 numbered year, the department shall provide a report to the

1 legislature listing all traffic operations capital project
2 investments completed in the prior fiscal biennium.

3 **Sec. 307.** 2025 c 416 s 308 (uncodified) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION—PROGRAM V**
6 **—CAPITAL**

7	Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
8	Appropriation.	((\$183,467,000))
9		<u>\$203,050,000</u>
10	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
11	Appropriation.	((\$19,511,000))
12		<u>\$22,475,000</u>
13	Regional Mobility Grant Program Account—State	
14	Appropriation.	((\$135,229,000))
15		<u>\$133,445,000</u>
16	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$338,207,000))
17		<u>\$358,970,000</u>

18 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
19 conditions and limitations:

20 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
21 appropriations in this section are provided solely for the projects
22 and activities as listed by project and amount in LEAP Transportation
23 Document ((~~2025-2~~)) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed ((~~April 26,~~
24 ~~2025~~)) February 23, 2026, Program - Public Transportation Program
25 (V).

26 (2) (a) ((~~\$135,229,000~~)) \$133,445,000 of the regional mobility
27 grant program account—state appropriation is provided solely for
28 regional mobility grant projects. Of the amounts provided in this
29 subsection, ((~~\$58,447,000~~)) \$63,961,000 is for the reappropriation of
30 amounts provided for this purpose in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.
31 The department shall review all projects receiving grant awards under
32 this program at least semiannually to determine whether the projects
33 are making satisfactory progress. Any project that has been awarded
34 funds, but does not report activity on the project within one year of
35 the grant award, must be reviewed by the department to determine
36 whether the grant should be terminated. The department shall promptly
37 close out grants when projects have been completed, and any remaining
38 funds must be used only to fund projects identified in the LEAP

1 transportation document referenced in this section. The department
2 shall provide annual status reports on December 15, 2025, and
3 December 15, 2026, to the office of financial management and the
4 transportation committees of the legislature regarding the projects
5 receiving the grants. A grantee may not receive more than 25 percent
6 of the amount appropriated in this subsection unless all other
7 funding is awarded. Additionally, when allocating funding for the
8 2027-2029 fiscal biennium, no more than 30 percent of the total grant
9 program may directly benefit or support one grantee unless all other
10 funding is awarded.

11 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant under (a) of this
12 subsection during the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium, a transit agency
13 must establish a process for private transportation providers to
14 apply for the use of park and ride facilities.

15 (c) For purposes of this subsection:

16 (i) "Private transportation provider" means an auto
17 transportation company regulated under chapter 81.68 RCW; a passenger
18 charter carrier regulated under chapter 81.70 RCW, except marked or
19 unmarked stretch limousines and stretch sport utility vehicles as
20 defined under department of licensing rules; a private nonprofit
21 transportation provider regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW; or a
22 private employer transportation service provider; and

23 (ii) "Private employer transportation service" means regularly
24 scheduled, fixed-route transportation service that is offered by an
25 employer for the benefit of its employees.

26 (d) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the department shall
27 consider applications submitted by regional transportation planning
28 organizations and metropolitan planning organizations for the
29 regional mobility grant program funding in the 2027-2029 fiscal
30 biennium.

31 (e) If savings are realized from the underspending or
32 cancellation of projects appropriated in this section, the department
33 may advance any project or projects listed in the "2025-2027 Regional
34 Mobility Grant Program Prioritized Project" list. The funding of any
35 project or projects chosen to be advanced is subject to approval by
36 the office of financial management and the transportation committees
37 of the legislature.

38 (3) (~~(\$11,636,000)~~) \$11,953,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
39 account—state appropriation is provided solely for move ahead WA
40 tribal transit grant projects. Of the amounts provided in this

1 subsection, (~~(\$1,635,000)~~) \$1,952,000 is for the reappropriation of
2 amounts provided for this purpose in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.
3 \$100,000 of the amount provided in this subsection may be used for
4 program administration and staffing. Grants to federally recognized
5 tribes may be for any transit purpose, including planning, operating
6 costs, maintenance, and capital costs. By December 15, 2026, the
7 department must submit a prioritized list to the office of financial
8 management and the transportation committees of the legislature of
9 new projects totaling no more than \$5,762,000.

10 (4) \$6,291,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
11 appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for additional
12 bus and bus facility projects. Of the amounts provided in this
13 subsection, \$1,891,000 is for Twin Transit for zero-emission vehicle
14 acquisition (BU232505) and \$4,400,000 is for C-TRAN for Highway 99
15 BRT hydrogen fuel cell buses (BU232507).

16 (5) (~~(\$11,800,000)~~) \$16,800,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
17 account—state appropriation is reappropriated and provided solely for
18 the following projects:

19 (a) Base Refurbish & Expansion for Growth/Columbia County Public
20 Transportation (L4000182);

21 (b) Kitsap Transit: Design & Shore Power (G2000115);

22 (c) Pierce Transit - Meridian (L2021197); and

23 (d) King County Metro South Annex Base - Electrification Elements
24 (L4000174).

25 (6) (~~(\$6,673,000)~~) \$5,325,000 of the multimodal transportation
26 account—state appropriation is provided solely for a public transit
27 ride share grant program. For grant awards not yet under contract, as
28 a condition of public transit ride share grants provided pursuant to
29 this subsection, public transportation agencies may not delay,
30 divert, supplant, or suspend the collection of approved local sales
31 and use taxes for the purpose of public transportation during the
32 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. Of the amounts provided in this
33 subsection, (~~(\$1,673,000)~~) \$324,000 of the multimodal transportation
34 account—state appropriation is for the reappropriation of amounts
35 provided for a public transit ride share grant program in the
36 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

37 (7) (~~(\$11,189,000)~~) \$13,639,000 of the multimodal transportation
38 account—state appropriation is provided solely for connecting
39 Washington transit projects. Of the amounts provided in this

1 subsection, (~~(\$3,407,000)~~) \$5,855,000 is for the reappropriation of
2 amounts provided for this purpose in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.
3 Entities identified to receive funding in the LEAP transportation
4 document referenced in this section receive the amounts specified in
5 the time frame specified in that LEAP transportation document. If an
6 entity has already completed a project in the LEAP transportation
7 document referenced in this section before the time frame identified,
8 the entity may substitute another transit project or projects that
9 cost a similar or lesser amount.

10 (8) (~~(\$1,649,000)~~) \$2,927,000 of the multimodal transportation
11 account—state appropriation and (~~(\$50,799,000)~~) \$51,747,000 of the
12 carbon emissions reduction account—state appropriation are provided
13 solely for green transportation capital projects identified in LEAP
14 Transportation Document (~~(2025-2)~~) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed
15 (~~(April 26, 2025)~~) February 23, 2026, Program - Public Transportation
16 Program (V). Of the amounts provided in this subsection, the entire
17 multimodal transportation account—state amount and (~~(\$18,536,000)~~)
18 \$19,484,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state amount
19 are for the reappropriation of amounts provided for this purpose in
20 the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. Of the amount of carbon emissions
21 reduction account—state funds appropriated in this subsection,
22 \$938,000 may be used for program administration and staffing. For
23 grant awards not yet under contract, as a condition of green
24 transportation capital grants provided pursuant to this subsection,
25 public transportation agencies may not delay, divert, supplant, or
26 suspend the collection of approved local sales and use taxes for the
27 purpose of public transportation during the 2025-2027 fiscal
28 biennium.

29 (9) For grant awards not yet under contract, as a condition of
30 bus and bus facility grants identified in LEAP Transportation
31 Document (~~(2025-2)~~) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed (~~(April 26,~~
32 ~~2025)~~) February 23, 2026, Program - Public Transportation Program
33 (V), public transportation agencies may not delay, divert, supplant,
34 or suspend the collection of approved local sales and use taxes for
35 the purpose of public transportation during the 2025-2027 fiscal
36 biennium.

37 (10) The legislature intends to provide funding for new planned
38 grants for the regional mobility grant program (2025000) and the
39 rideshare grant program (RS252700) in the 2027-2029 and 2029-2031

1 fiscal biennia as reflected and listed by project and amount in LEAP
2 Transportation Document 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed February 23,
3 2026, Program - Public Transportation Program (V).

4 **Sec. 308.** 2025 c 416 s 309 (uncodified) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES**
7 **CONSTRUCTION—PROGRAM W**

8 Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
9 Appropriation.	((\$229,747,000))
10	<u>\$288,266,000</u>
11 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	((\$109,408,000))
12	<u>\$101,187,000</u>
13 Puget Sound Capital Construction Account—State	
14 Appropriation.	((\$385,229,000))
15	<u>\$451,221,000</u>
16 Puget Sound Capital Construction Account—Federal	
17 Appropriation.	((\$31,830,000))
18	<u>\$56,317,000</u>
19 Puget Sound Capital Construction Account—	
20 Private/Local Appropriation.	((\$1,679,000))
21	<u>\$2,778,000</u>
22 Transportation Partnership Account—State	
23 Appropriation.	((\$5,395,000))
24	<u>\$6,864,000</u>
25 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation.	((\$8,424,000))
26	<u>\$14,834,000</u>
27 Capital Vessel Replacement Account—State	
28 Appropriation.	((\$122,000,000))
29	<u>\$115,389,000</u>
30 TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$893,712,000))
31	<u>\$1,036,856,000</u>

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
33 conditions and limitations:

34 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
35 appropriations in this section are provided solely for the projects
36 and activities as listed in LEAP Transportation Document ((~~2025-2~~)
37 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed ((~~April 26, 2025~~) February 23,
38 2026, Program - Washington State Ferries Capital Program (W).

1 (2) \$5,000,000 of the Puget Sound capital construction account—
2 state appropriation is provided solely for emergency capital repair
3 costs (999910K). Funds may only be spent after approval by the office
4 of financial management.

5 (3) For the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the marine division shall
6 provide to the office of financial management and the legislative
7 transportation committees the following reports on ferry capital
8 projects:

9 (a) On a semiannual basis, the report must include a status
10 update on projects with funding provided in this section including,
11 but not limited to, the following:

12 (i) Anticipated cost increases and cost savings;

13 (ii) Anticipated cash flow and schedule changes; and

14 (iii) Explanations for the changes.

15 (b) On an annual basis, the report must include a status update
16 on vessel and terminal preservation and improvement plans including,
17 but not limited to, the following: (i) What work has been done; (ii)
18 how have schedules shifted; and (iii) associated changes in funding
19 among projects, accompanied by explanations for the changes.

20 (c) On an annual basis, the report must include an update on the
21 implementation of the maintenance management system with
22 recommendations for using the system to improve the efficiency of
23 project reporting under this subsection.

24 (4) The legislature intends to reassess funding for Bainbridge
25 Island and Kingston terminal electrification projects based on
26 progression of the electrification program and future recommendations
27 of the department.

28 (5) The appropriations in this section include savings assumed
29 under section 719 (~~(of this act)~~), chapter 416, Laws of 2025. By
30 October 15, 2026, Washington state ferries must report to the
31 transportation committees of the legislature and the office of
32 financial management any estimated savings, efficiencies realized,
33 and recommendations for further improvements.

34 (6) (~~(\$6,000,000)~~) \$6,471,000 of the Puget Sound capital
35 construction account—state appropriation is provided solely for
36 modernization of the ticketing and reservation system (990052C). The
37 department must prioritize integration of ORCA payment, Good to Go!
38 payment, and mobile payment platforms into the new system at the
39 earliest possible phase.

1 (7) The legislature intends to consider alternative forms of
2 financing including, but not limited to, certificates of
3 participation (lease-purchase) and leasing for the purpose of
4 securing (~~up to five~~) additional hybrid electric vessels for the
5 Washington state ferry system. The department must work with the
6 office of the state treasurer to determine allowable expenditures and
7 appropriate timing for issuance of certificates of participation
8 (lease-purchase agreements) to finance all of, or a portion of, the
9 purchase of new hybrid electric vessels (L2021073). This information
10 is due to the office of financial management and transportation
11 committees of the legislature by November 1, 2026.

12 (8) As part of the agency budget request for the 2027-2029 fiscal
13 biennium, the department must combine the following projects into a
14 single project: Terminal project support (L2000007); vessel project
15 support (L2000006); WSF/administrative support - allocated to W1
16 (998901J); and WSF/administrative support - allocated to W2
17 (998951A). The department must leverage this consolidation to
18 identify and achieve cost savings and administrative efficiencies. To
19 support the legislature's understanding of the department's overhead
20 costs for the ferry capital program, the request must include a
21 detailed analysis of the cost components and cost drivers associated
22 with this combined project to inform decision making for future
23 biennia.

24 (9) The legislature intends to pause the conversion of diesel
25 ferries to hybrid-electric propulsion ferries until the first new
26 hybrid-electric propulsion ferry is delivered in 2030.

27 (10) \$500,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation is
28 provided solely for a feasibility study regarding the establishment
29 of a state-owned or leased dry dock facility. The study must include
30 cost estimates for owning-versus-leasing a facility that enables the
31 department to control scheduling, access, and work conditions for
32 ferry vessels and other public or private vessels. The department
33 shall make study recommendations on how to proceed with creating more
34 dry dock capacity and a recommended financing solution to the
35 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2027.

36 (11) \$1,935,000 of the move ahead WA account—state appropriation
37 is provided solely for emergent ferry preservation needs (L2021298).

38 (12) The legislature finds that continued construction of hybrid
39 diesel-electric vessels is consistent with the department's 2040 long
40 range plan and allows the department to provide additional capacity

1 for service enhancements and to preserve the existing fleet of
2 vessels. Therefore, during the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the
3 department may modify an existing option in a contract under RCW
4 47.60.826 to allow for the purchase of an additional vessel.

5 **Sec. 309.** 2025 c 416 s 310 (uncodified) is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—RAIL—PROGRAM Y—CAPITAL**

8 Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
9 Appropriation.	((\$91,132,000))
10	<u>\$93,719,000</u>
11 Essential Rail Assistance Account—State	
12 Appropriation.	((\$1,518,000))
13	<u>\$1,695,000</u>
14 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$316,000))
15	<u>\$365,000</u>
16 Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$326,000
17 Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation.	((\$18,731,000))
18	<u>\$36,985,000</u>
19 Transportation Infrastructure Account—State	
20 Appropriation.	((\$7,223,000))
21	<u>\$8,525,000</u>
22 Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
23 Appropriation.	((\$79,468,000))
24	<u>\$93,430,000</u>
25 Multimodal Transportation Account—Federal	
26 Appropriation.	((\$113,163,000))
27	<u>\$129,088,000</u>
28 <u>Supply Chain Competitiveness Infrastructure Program</u>	
29 <u>Account—State Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$15,000,000</u>
30 TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$311,877,000))
31	<u>\$379,133,000</u>

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
33 conditions and limitations:

34 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
35 appropriations in this section are provided solely for the projects
36 and activities as listed by project and amount in LEAP Transportation
37 Document ((2025-2)) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed ((~~April 26,~~
38 ~~2025~~)) February 23, 2026, Program - Rail Program (Y).

1 (2) \$1,500,000 of the transportation infrastructure account—state
2 appropriation is provided solely for new low-interest loans approved
3 by the department through the freight rail investment bank (FRIB)
4 program identified in the LEAP transportation document referenced in
5 subsection (1) of this section.

6 (3) (~~(\$6,899,000)~~) \$9,746,000 of the multimodal transportation
7 account—state appropriation is provided solely for new statewide
8 emergent freight rail assistance projects identified in the LEAP
9 transportation document referenced in subsection (1) of this section.

10 (4) (a) \$7,500,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
11 appropriation and (~~(\$25,076,000)~~) \$29,648,000 of the multimodal
12 transportation account—federal appropriation are provided solely to
13 support the department's continued work on a service development plan
14 for a new ultra high-speed ground transportation corridor under the
15 federal corridor identification and development program (L2021074).
16 The department may not move forward with programmatic environmental
17 review unless authorized to do so by the legislature.

18 (b) The department must coordinate with the chairs and ranking
19 members of the transportation committees of the legislature to
20 provide periodic updates and check-in points on progress made over
21 the course of the biennium, with updates available no less frequently
22 than semiannually, and must include written status updates to be
23 provided with sufficient time for review prior to any update meetings
24 held. An annual report on ultra high-speed ground transportation
25 corridor identification and development program efforts must be
26 provided to the transportation committees of the legislature and the
27 office of financial management by December 1, 2025 and December 1,
28 2026.

29 (5) \$3,600,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
30 appropriation (~~(+)~~) and \$8,000,000 of the multimodal transportation
31 account—federal appropriation are provided solely for the Cascades
32 corridor delivery program for advancing the Cascades corridor
33 (R00003A), including through planning and project development
34 activities conducted as part of the federal corridor identification
35 and development program. The department must continue to pursue
36 funding opportunities for the Cascades corridor through the corridor
37 identification and development program and the federal-state
38 partnership programs at the federal rail administration. The
39 department must notify the office of the governor and the

1 transportation committees of the legislature of funding opportunities
2 from the programs and any corresponding state match needs.

3 (6) (~~(\$18,731,000)~~) \$36,985,000 of the move ahead WA flexible
4 account—state appropriation, (~~(\$54,785,000)~~) \$55,639,000 of the
5 multimodal transportation account—federal appropriation, and \$326,000
6 of the motor vehicle account—local appropriation are provided solely
7 for rehabilitation of the Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad
8 (L4000079).

9 (7) \$5,000,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
10 appropriation is provided solely to fund the replacement of two
11 Tacoma rail diesel-electric switcher locomotives with zero emission
12 battery-electric switcher locomotives and to install on-site charging
13 equipment at a Tacoma rail facility (L1000327). Local funds
14 sufficient to fully fund this project must be contributed to the
15 project, and any agreements required for the project must be secured.

16 (8) (~~(\$26,200,000)~~) \$26,293,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
17 account—state appropriation is provided solely for port
18 electrification competitive grants (L2021182). All public ports are
19 eligible to receive funds under this subsection. A port seeking to
20 use funds under this subsection to install shore power must adopt a
21 policy that requires vessels that dock at the port facility to use
22 shore power if such vessel is capable of using such power and when
23 such power is available at the port facility.

24 (9) (~~(\$1,000,000)~~) \$1,995,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
25 account—state appropriation is provided solely for port
26 electrification at the port of Bremerton (L1000337), which may
27 include the purchase and installation of zero emission port shore
28 power systems and other zero emission infrastructure, equipment, and
29 technology.

30 (10) (~~(\$1,855,000)~~) \$1,831,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
31 account—state appropriation is provided solely for port
32 electrification at the port of Anacortes (L1000338), which may
33 include the purchase and installation of zero emission port shore
34 power systems and other zero emission infrastructure, equipment, and
35 technology.

36 (11) (~~(\$24,800,000)~~) \$25,300,000 of the carbon emissions
37 reduction account—state appropriation is provided solely to fund a
38 zero emission shore power infrastructure demonstration project at
39 Northwest seaport alliance facilities (L1000325). Local funds

1 sufficient to fully fund this project must be contributed to the
2 project, and any agreements required for the project must be secured.

3 (12) (~~(\$5,277,000)~~) \$6,300,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
4 account—state appropriation is provided solely to fund a zero
5 emission drayage truck demonstration project (L1000324) at Northwest
6 seaport alliance facilities.

7 (13) (a) \$15,000,000 of the supply chain competitiveness
8 infrastructure program account—state appropriation is provided solely
9 for the state of Washington's contribution to dredging the Columbia
10 river in partnership with the state of Oregon and in accordance with
11 the lower Columbia river channel maintenance plan (G2000125).

12 (b) In future biennia, the department shall include cost
13 estimates for the state's contribution towards maintaining the
14 navigation of the shipping channel through the Columbia river as part
15 of future updates to the Washington state rail plan.

16 (c) If chapter . . ., Laws of 2026 (Engrossed Senate Bill No.
17 5649) is not enacted by June 30, 2026, the amount provided in (a) of
18 this subsection lapses.

19 **Sec. 310.** 2025 c 416 s 311 (uncodified) is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—LOCAL PROGRAMS—PROGRAM Z—**
22 **CAPITAL**

23 Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State	
24 Appropriation.	((\$281,202,000))
25	<u>\$353,973,000</u>
26 Freight Mobility Investment Account—State	
27 Appropriation.	((\$19,335,000))
28	<u>\$23,014,000</u>
29 Freight Mobility Multimodal Account—State	
30 Appropriation.	((\$24,952,000))
31	<u>\$25,376,000</u>
32 Highway Infrastructure Account—Federal Appropriation. . .	\$1,500,000
33 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.	((\$170,384,000))
34	<u>\$133,095,000</u>
35 Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State Appropriation. .	((\$37,500,000))
36	<u>\$43,815,000</u>
37 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	((\$31,840,000))
38	<u>\$41,569,000</u>

1	Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation.	((\$106,461,000))
2		<u>\$145,553,000</u>
3	Motor Vehicle Account—Private/Local Appropriation.	\$75,000,000
4	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation.	((\$99,002,000))
5		<u>\$102,644,000</u>
6	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
7	Appropriation.	((\$115,518,000))
8		<u>\$166,749,000</u>
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$962,694,000))
10		<u>\$1,112,288,000</u>

11 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
12 conditions and limitations:

13 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
14 appropriations in this section are provided solely for the projects
15 and activities as listed by project and amount in LEAP Transportation
16 Document ((~~2025-2~~)) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed ((~~April 26,~~
17 ~~2025~~)) February 23, 2026, Program - Local Programs Program (Z).

18 (2) The amounts identified in the LEAP transportation document
19 referenced under subsection (1) of this section for pedestrian
20 safety/safe routes to school are as follows:

21 (a) ((~~\$38,380,000~~)) \$51,227,000 of the multimodal transportation
22 account—state appropriation and ((~~\$43,372,000~~)) \$63,885,000 of the
23 carbon emissions reduction account—state appropriation are provided
24 solely for pedestrian and bicycle safety program projects (L2000188
25 and L1000335). Of the amount of carbon emissions reduction account
26 funds appropriated in this subsection, up to one percent may be used
27 for program administration and staffing.

28 (b) ((~~\$16,933,000~~)) \$28,865,000 of the motor vehicle account—
29 federal appropriation, ((~~\$53,139,000~~)) \$70,004,000 of the carbon
30 emissions reduction account—state appropriation, and ((~~\$13,321,000~~))
31 \$18,548,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
32 appropriation are provided solely for safe routes to school projects
33 (L2000189 and L1000334). Of the amount of carbon emissions reduction
34 account funds appropriated in this subsection, up to one percent may
35 be used for program administration and staffing.

36 (c) For future rounds of grant selection, the department must
37 reevaluate the criteria to increase geographic diversity of
38 jurisdictions consistent with the requirements of the healthy
39 environment for all (HEAL) act.

1 (3) (~~(\$35,528,000)~~) \$43,473,000 of the motor vehicle account—
2 federal appropriation is provided solely for acceleration of local
3 preservation projects that ensure the reliable movement of freight on
4 the national highway freight system (G2000100). The department will
5 select projects as part of its update of the state freight plan, in
6 consultation with the freight mobility strategic investment board and
7 other stakeholders.

8 (4) The department shall submit a report to the transportation
9 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2025, and December 1,
10 2026, on the status of projects funded as part of the pedestrian
11 safety/safe routes to school grant program and the Sandy Williams
12 connecting communities grant program.

13 (5) (~~(\$27,200,000)~~) \$28,455,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
14 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the statewide
15 school-based bicycle education grant program (L1000309). The
16 department may partner with a statewide nonprofit to deliver
17 programs. Of the amounts appropriated in this subsection, up to one
18 percent may be used for program support.

19 (6) \$22,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation
20 is provided solely for a federal fund exchange pilot program. The
21 pilot program will allow exchanges of federal surface transportation
22 block grant population funding and state funds at an exchange rate of
23 95 cents in state funds per \$1.00 in federal funds. The entirety of
24 the appropriation in this subsection must be held in unallotted
25 status until: Surface transportation block grant population funding
26 has been offered to the state, the department determines that a
27 federalized project or projects funded in section 305 or 306 (~~(of~~
28 ~~this act)~~), chapter 416, Laws of 2025, is eligible to spend the
29 surface transportation block grant population funding, and state
30 funds appropriated in section 305 or 306 (~~(of this act)~~), chapter
31 416, Laws of 2025, for the eligible state project or projects in an
32 amount equal to 100 percent of the offered surface transportation
33 block grant population funding have been placed in unallotted status.
34 A report on the effectiveness of the exchange program, the total
35 estimated cost of program administration, and recommendations for
36 continuing the pilot program is due to the governor and
37 transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2026. The
38 department may issue additional calls for projects with any remaining
39 funds provided in this subsection. The legislature intends to

1 evaluate utilization and efficacy of this program, and if
2 underutilized, the program is intended not to continue into future
3 biennia.

4 (7) (~~(\$33,200,000)~~) \$46,415,000 of the carbon emissions reduction
5 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Sandy Williams
6 connecting communities pilot program (L1000308) to deliver projects
7 to reconnect communities that have been bifurcated by state highways.
8 Priority must be given to historically marginalized or overburdened
9 communities. The department may consult with the Cooper Jones active
10 transportation safety council to identify geographic locations where
11 there are high incidences of serious injuries and fatalities of
12 active transportation users among vulnerable populations. Of the
13 amounts appropriated in this subsection, up to one percent may be
14 used for program support.

15 (8) (~~(\$500,000)~~) \$2,000,000 of the multimodal transportation
16 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to
17 award grants to local jurisdictions and federally recognized tribes
18 or local jurisdictions adjacent to tribal lands to implement network-
19 wide traffic conflict screening programs using video analytics or
20 similar technologies in controlled intersections with a
21 disproportionate number of traffic violations and injuries to active
22 transportation users (L2021149). Grants must be awarded
23 proportionally across the state and include controlled intersections
24 in both urban and rural environments and along state highways and
25 county roads. Grant recipients must report back to the department all
26 traffic violation and active transportation facility data acquired
27 during the grant period and provide the department with appropriate
28 next steps for the state and the local jurisdiction to improve
29 traffic safety for active transportation users in such intersections.
30 The department must report such findings and recommendations to the
31 transportation committees of the legislature by (~~December 1, 2026~~)
32 June 30, 2027.

33 (9) (a) \$7,000,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
34 appropriation is provided solely for the department to continue
35 providing rebates to qualifying persons who purchase e-bikes and
36 qualifying equipment and services from a qualifying retailer in
37 accordance with rebate program qualification, application, retailer,
38 and reimbursement requirements under section 310(16)(a), chapter 472,
39 Laws of 2023. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 is for rebate amounts as

1 described under (a)(i) of this subsection and \$3,000,000 is for
2 rebate amounts as described under (a)(ii) of this subsection.

3 (i) For persons who are at least 16 years of age and reside in
4 households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the county area
5 median income, the amount of the rebate is up to \$1,200 on the sale
6 of an e-bike and any qualifying equipment and services.

7 (ii) For all other persons who are at least 16 years of age, the
8 amount of the rebate is up to \$300 on the sale of an e-bike and any
9 qualifying equipment and services.

10 (b) \$3,568,000 of the carbon emissions reduction account—state
11 appropriation is provided solely for the department to continue its
12 e-bike lending library and ownership grant program in accordance with
13 program requirements under section 310(16)(b), chapter 472, Laws of
14 2023.

15 (c) The department may not collect more than five percent of
16 appropriated amounts to administer the programs under (a) and (b) of
17 this subsection.

18 (10) (~~(\$19,335,000)~~) \$23,014,000 of the freight mobility
19 investment account—state appropriation and (~~(\$24,952,000)~~)
20 \$25,376,000 of the freight mobility multimodal account—state
21 appropriation are provided solely for freight mobility strategic
22 investment board projects listed in the LEAP transportation document
23 referenced in subsection (1) of this section. If funds are made
24 available due to capital project savings or cancellations, additional
25 funds may be provided to the freight mobility projects listed in the
26 LEAP transportation document referenced under subsection (1) of this
27 section due to unanticipated project cost increases with board
28 approval.

29 (11) (~~(\$170,000)~~) \$200,000 of the multimodal transportation
30 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the Seattle office
31 of planning and community development to finish updating the 2020 I-5
32 Lid Feasibility Study (L2021140).

33 (12) The legislature intends to fund the Ballard and Magnolia
34 Bridge project (L4000123), as described in section 911(18), chapter
35 472, Laws of 2023.

36 (13) (~~(\$5,100,000)~~) \$5,540,000 of the move ahead WA flexible
37 account—state appropriation is provided solely for development of an
38 applied sustainable aviation evaluation center (L2021135). Snohomish
39 county, in partnership with Washington State University, shall plan

1 and establish facilities to evaluate, qualify or certify, and
2 research technologies that can minimize the impact of aviation on
3 human health and the environment. Funds may be used for, but are not
4 limited to, planning, construction, and land acquisition for
5 sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) qualification testing (ASTM D4054),
6 research on the impact of SAF on the environment and human health,
7 and SAF storage for the purpose of advancing sustainable aviation. At
8 a minimum, three sustainable aviation platforms must be considered:

- 9 (a) Sustainable aviation fuel;
- 10 (b) Hydrogen; and
- 11 (c) Battery electric energy storage mechanisms.

12 (14) (a) (~~(\$5,000,000)~~ \$7,000,000 of the multimodal
13 transportation account—state appropriation is provided solely for the
14 department to assist local jurisdictions in addressing emergent
15 issues related to safety for pedestrians and bicyclists (LXXXPBF).
16 Funds provided for the purposes described under this subsection
17 (14) (a) may only be spent after approval from the office of financial
18 management.

19 (b) Within amounts provided in this subsection (14), \$1,000,000
20 is provided solely for the department, in consultation with the
21 Washington traffic safety commission, to award grants for local
22 jurisdictions to install AI-driven smart intersections that
23 dynamically illuminate crosswalks with low-latency pedestrian
24 tracking for active transportation users at intersections with a
25 disproportionate number of traffic violations and injuries to active
26 transportation users. Local jurisdictions may partner with public or
27 private utilities and special purpose districts to leverage
28 additional funding for such projects.

29 (c) (i) By December 15th of each odd-numbered year, the department
30 shall provide a report to the legislature listing all emergent issues
31 under (a) of this subsection addressed in the prior fiscal biennium.
32 Reporting may be done in conjunction with the transportation
33 operations division.

34 (ii) The department must report specific project locations and
35 any data on collisions and active transportation user serious
36 injuries or fatalities for grants awarded under (b) of this
37 subsection, before and after project completion, to the
38 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2027.

39 (15) (~~(\$45,000,000)~~ \$46,491,000 of the move ahead WA account—
40 state appropriation is provided solely for the Confluence Parkway

1 Infra Match project (L2021180). The legislature intends that in the
2 2027-2029 fiscal biennium, \$35,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—
3 state account funds will be provided for the project only if federal
4 project funding for Phase 2 of the Confluence Parkway project is
5 secured.

6 (16) (~~(\$40,000,000)~~) \$42,306,000 of the move ahead WA account—
7 state appropriation is provided solely for Columbia River Bridge
8 Replacement/Hood River to White Salmon (L4000046). The legislature
9 intends that in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium and future biennia,
10 \$30,000,000 of the move ahead WA account—state account funds will be
11 provided for the project only if federal project funding and a match
12 from the state of Oregon are secured for construction.

13 (17) \$50,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
14 appropriation is provided solely for the installation of signs
15 displaying the 988 national suicide prevention and mental health
16 crisis hotline in appropriate locations on or near state- or locally-
17 owned bridges that have been identified as high risk for suicides
18 (L2021305).

19 (18) \$1,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
20 appropriation is provided solely for the Fairfax/Wilkeson/Carbon
21 River SR 165 Bridge Closure Mitigation project to provide temporary
22 access and mobility solutions, Fairfax emergency management and
23 operations support, and planning and design for secondary egress from
24 Fairfax (L2021294). It is the intent of the legislature to provide
25 \$1,500,000 from the multimodal transportation account—state for the
26 same purposes in the 2027-2029 fiscal biennium, as reflected in LEAP
27 Transportation Document 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed February 23,
28 2026, Program - Local Programs Program (Z).

(End of part)

1 **TRANSFERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

2 **Sec. 401.** 2025 c 416 s 401 (uncodified) is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

5	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For motor	
6	vehicle fuel tax statutory distributions to	
7	cities and counties.	((\$443,860,000))
8		<u>\$458,371,000</u>
9	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
10	Appropriation: For distribution to cities and	
11	counties.	\$26,786,000
12	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For	
13	distribution to cities and counties.	\$23,438,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$494,084,000))
15		<u>\$508,595,000</u>

16 **Sec. 402.** 2025 c 416 s 402 (uncodified) is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—TRANSFERS**

19	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For motor	
20	vehicle fuel tax refunds and statutory	
21	transfers.	((\$1,877,014,000))
22		<u>\$1,797,289,000</u>

23 **Sec. 403.** 2025 c 416 s 403 (uncodified) is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING—TRANSFERS**

26	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For motor	
27	vehicle fuel tax refunds and transfers.	((\$206,302,000))
28		<u>\$225,368,000</u>

29 **Sec. 404.** 2025 c 416 s 404 (uncodified) is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING**
32 **BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR BOND SALES DISCOUNTS AND**
33 **DEBT TO BE PAID BY MOTOR VEHICLE ACCOUNT AND TRANSPORTATION FUND**
34 **REVENUE**

35 Transportation Partnership Account—State

1	Appropriation.	((\$4,061,000))
2		<u>\$4,026,000</u>
3	Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation.	\$150,000
4	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation.	((\$15,234,000))
5		<u>\$6,027,000</u>
6	Special Category C Account—State Appropriation.	((\$510,000))
7		<u>\$511,000</u>
8	Puget Sound Gateway Facility Account—State	
9	Appropriation.	((\$350,000))
10		<u>\$1,441,000</u>
11	<u>Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation.</u>	<u>\$1,250,000</u>
12	Highway Bond Retirement Account—State	
13	Appropriation.	((\$1,604,659,000))
14		<u>\$1,635,283,000</u>
15	Transportation Improvement Board Bond Retirement	
16	Account—State Appropriation.	((\$5,619,000))
17		<u>\$8,793,000</u>
18	Nondebt-Limit Reimbursable Bond Retirement Account—	
19	State Appropriation.	((\$28,212,000))
20		<u>\$27,780,000</u>
21	Toll Facility Bond Retirement Account—State	
22	Appropriation.	((\$90,015,000))
23		<u>\$104,839,000</u>
24	Transportation 2003 Account (Nickel Account)—State	
25	Appropriation.	((\$934,000))
26		<u>\$825,000</u>
27	Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express	
28	Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation.	((\$1,877,000))
29		<u>\$1,875,000</u>
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	((\$1,751,621,000))
31		<u>\$1,792,980,000</u>

32 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
33 conditions and limitations: The toll facility bond retirement account
34 —state appropriation includes up to \$5,500,000 in proceeds from the
35 sale of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.896.

36 **Sec. 405.** 2025 c 416 s 405 (uncodified) is amended to read as
37 follows:

1 **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING**
 2 **BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR DEBT TO BE PAID BY**
 3 **STATUTORILY PRESCRIBED REVENUE**

4 Toll Facility Bond Retirement Account—State
 5 Appropriation. ((\$39,742,000))
 6 \$44,527,000

7 **Sec. 406.** 2025 c 416 s 406 (uncodified) is amended to read as
 8 follows:

9 **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING**
 10 **BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR BOND SALE EXPENSES AND**
 11 **FISCAL AGENT CHARGES**

12 Transportation Partnership Account—State
 13 Appropriation. ((\$812,000))
 14 \$1,607,000
 15 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$30,000
 16 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . ((\$3,046,000))
 17 \$2,674,000

18 Transportation Improvement Account—State
 19 Appropriation. \$20,000
 20 Special Category C Account—State Appropriation. ((\$230,000))
 21 \$204,000

22 Puget Sound Gateway Facility Account—State
 23 Appropriation. ((\$450,000))
 24 \$89,000

25 Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation. \$250,000

26 Transportation 2003 Account (Nickel Account)—State
 27 Appropriation. ((\$187,000))
 28 \$378,000

29 Interstate 405 and State Route Number 167 Express
 30 Toll Lanes Account—State Appropriation. \$375,000

31 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. ((\$5,130,000))
 32 \$5,627,000

33 **Sec. 407.** 2025 c 416 s 407 (uncodified) is amended to read as
 34 follows:

35 **FOR THE STATE TREASURER—ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS**

36 (1) (a) Transportation Partnership Account—State
 37 Appropriation: For transfer to the Move Ahead WA

1 Account—State. \$879,000,000

2 (b) The amount authorized in this subsection is a maximum amount
3 allowed and represents proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in
4 RCW 47.10.873. Transfers under this subsection are deemed for
5 projects or improvements identified as transportation partnership
6 projects or improvements for purposes of RCW 47.10.873.
7 Appropriations in the amount of this transfer are made in this act to
8 reflect proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.873.

9 (2) Transportation Partnership

10 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the
11 Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account—State. \$4,436,000

12 (3) (a) (~~Connecting Washington Account—State~~
13 ~~Appropriation: For transfer to the Move Ahead WA~~
14 ~~Account—State. \$164,000,000~~

15 ~~(b) The amount authorized in this subsection is a maximum amount~~
16 ~~allowed and represents proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in~~
17 ~~RCW 47.10.889. Transfers under this subsection are deemed for~~
18 ~~projects or improvements identified as connecting Washington projects~~
19 ~~or improvements for purposes of RCW 47.10.889. Appropriations in the~~
20 ~~amount of this transfer are made in this act to reflect proceeds from~~
21 ~~the sale of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.889.~~

22 ~~(4) (a) Transportation 2003 Account (Nickel Account)—State~~
23 ~~Appropriation: For transfer to the~~
24 ~~Move Ahead WA Account—State. \$212,000,000~~

25 ~~(b) The amount authorized in this subsection is a maximum amount~~
26 ~~allowed and represents proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in~~
27 ~~RCW 47.10.861. Transfers under this subsection are deemed for~~
28 ~~projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 (nickel)~~
29 ~~projects or improvements for purposes of RCW 47.10.861.~~
30 ~~Appropriations in the amount of this transfer are made in this act to~~
31 ~~reflect proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW~~
32 ~~47.10.861.)) Transportation 2003 Account (Nickel Account)—State~~
33 ~~Appropriation: For transfer to the Motor Vehicle Account—State. . .~~
34 ~~\$165,000,000~~

35 (b) The amount authorized in this subsection is a maximum amount
36 allowed and represents proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in
37 RCW 47.10.861. Transfers under this subsection are deemed for
38 projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 (nickel)
39 projects or improvements for purposes of RCW 47.10.861.

1 Appropriations in the amount of this transfer are made in this act to
2 reflect proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in RCW 47.10.861.
3 ~~((5))~~ (4) Move Ahead WA Account—State Appropriation:
4 For transfer to the Puget Sound Capital Construction
5 Account—State. \$40,000,000
6 ~~((6))~~ (5) Move Ahead WA Account—State
7 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound Ferry
8 Operations Account—State. \$172,000,000
9 ~~((7) Move Ahead WA Account—State~~
10 ~~Appropriation: For transfer to the Transportation~~
11 ~~Partnership Account—State. \$40,000,000~~
12 ~~(8))~~ (6) Move Ahead WA Flexible Account—State
13 Appropriation: For transfer to the Move Ahead
14 WA Account—State. ~~((192,000,000))~~
15 \$198,000,000
16 ~~((9))~~ (7) Pilotage Account—State Appropriation:
17 For transfer to the Multimodal Transportation
18 Account—State. ~~((320,000))~~
19 \$66,000
20 ~~((10))~~ (8) Transportation Infrastructure Account—State
21 Appropriation: For transfer to the
22 Multimodal Transportation Account—State. \$9,000,000
23 ~~((11))~~ (9) Regional Mobility Grant Program Account—State
24 Appropriation: For transfer to the Multimodal
25 Transportation Account—State. \$9,000,000
26 ~~((12))~~ (10) Electric Vehicle Account—State
27 Appropriation: For transfer to Move Ahead WA
28 Flexible Account—State. \$3,600,000
29 ~~((13))~~ (11)(a) Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project
30 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the
31 Transportation Partnership Account—State. \$22,896,000
32 (b) The amount transferred in this subsection represents
33 repayment of debt service incurred for the construction of the SR 99/
34 Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project (809936Z).
35 ~~((14))~~ (12) Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation:
36 For transfer to the State Patrol Highway
37 Account—State. ~~((88,000,000))~~
38 \$78,000,000
39 ~~((15))~~ (13) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:

1 For transfer to the County Arterial Preservation
2 Account—State. \$4,844,000
3 ((~~16~~)) (14) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
4 For transfer to the Freight Mobility Investment
5 Account—State. \$8,511,000
6 ((~~17~~)) (15) Motor Vehicle Account—State
7 Appropriation: For transfer to the Rural Arterial
8 Trust Account—State. \$4,844,000
9 ((~~18~~)) (16) Motor Vehicle Account—State
10 Appropriation: For transfer to the Transportation
11 Improvement Account—State. \$9,688,000
12 ((~~19~~)) (17) Motor Vehicle Account—State
13 Appropriation: For transfer to the State Patrol
14 Highway Account—State. ((~~\$130,000,000~~))
15 \$137,500,000
16 ((~~20~~)) ~~Motor Vehicle Account—State~~
17 ~~Appropriation: For transfer to the Capital Vessel~~
18 ~~Replacement Account—State. \$5,000,000~~
19 ~~(21))~~ (18) Motor Vehicle Account—State
20 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound
21 Capital Construction Account—State. ((~~\$6,500,000~~))
22 \$34,500,000
23 ((~~22~~)) (19) Motor Vehicle Account—State
24 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound
25 Ferry Operations Account—State. ((~~\$15,000,000~~))
26 \$20,000,000
27 ((~~23~~)) (20) Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State
28 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound Capital
29 Construction Account—State. \$115,315,000
30 ((~~24~~)) (21) State Route Number 520 Civil Penalties
31 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the Motor
32 Vehicle Account—State. \$3,000,000
33 ((~~25~~)) (22) State Route Number 520 Civil Penalties
34 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the
35 State Route Number 520 Corridor Account—State. ((~~\$1,752,000~~))
36 \$1,300,000
37 ((~~26~~)) (23) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
38 Appropriation: For transfer to the Move Ahead WA
39 Flexible Account—State. ((~~\$18,770,000~~))

1 \$3,770,000

2 ~~((27))~~ (24) Multimodal Transportation Account—State

3 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound

4 Ferry Operations Account—State. (~~(\$64,000,000)~~)

5 \$26,000,000

6 ~~((28))~~ (25) Multimodal Transportation Account—State

7 Appropriation: For transfer to the Complete Streets

8 Grant Program Account—State. \$14,670,000

9 ~~((29))~~ (26) Multimodal Transportation Account—State

10 Appropriation: For transfer to the Freight Mobility

11 Multimodal Account—State. \$8,511,000

12 ~~((30) Multimodal Transportation Account—State~~

13 ~~Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound Capital~~

14 ~~Construction Account—State. \$105,000,000~~

15 ~~(31))~~ (27) Multimodal Transportation Account—State

16 Appropriation: For transfer to the Regional Mobility

17 Grant Program Account—State. \$27,679,000

18 ~~((32))~~ (28) Multimodal Transportation Account—State

19 Appropriation: For transfer to the Rural Mobility

20 Grant Program Account—State. \$12,223,000

21 ~~((33))~~ (29) Multimodal Transportation Account—State

22 Appropriation: For transfer to the Transportation

23 Partnership Account—State. (~~(\$25,000,000)~~)

24 \$20,000,000

25 ~~((34))~~ (30) Carbon Emissions Reduction Account—State

26 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound Ferry

27 Operations Account—State. \$4,200,000

28 ~~((35))~~ (31) (a) General Fund Account—State

29 Appropriation: For transfer to the State Patrol Highway

30 Account—State. \$625,000

31 (b) The state treasurer shall transfer the funds under this

32 subsection only after receiving notification from the Washington

33 state patrol under section 207 (~~(of this act)~~), chapter 416, Laws of

34 2025.

35 ~~((36))~~ (32) (a) Highway Safety Account—State

36 Appropriation: For transfer to the Driver Education

37 Safety Improvement Account—State for fiscal

38 year 2026. \$2,000,000

39 (b) Driver Education Safety Improvement

1 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to
 2 the Highway Safety Account—State for fiscal year 2027. . . . \$2,000,000
 3 (33) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
 4 For transfer to the Move Ahead WA Account—State. . . . \$250,000,000
 5 (34) Capital Vessel Replacement Account—State
 6 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound Capital
 7 Construction Account—State. . . . \$6,000,000
 8 (35) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 9 Appropriation: For transfer to the Move Ahead WA
 10 Account—State. . . . \$129,000,000
 11 (36) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 12 Appropriation: For transfer to the Supply Chain
 13 Competitiveness Infrastructure Program Account—State. . . \$15,000,000
 14 (37) Agency Financial Transactions Account—State
 15 Appropriation: For transfer to the Motor Vehicle
 16 Account—State. . . . \$10,000,000
 17 (38) Driver Licensing Technology Support Account
 18 —State Appropriation: For transfer to the Motor Vehicle
 19 Account—State. . . . \$4,000,000
 20 (39) Connecting Washington Account—State
 21 Appropriation: For transfer to the Move Ahead WA
 22 Account—State. . . . \$55,000,000

(End of part)

1 **COMPENSATION**

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** A new section is added to 2025 c 416
3 (uncodified) to read as follows:

4 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

5 (1) In accordance with chapter 41.80 RCW, an agreement has been
6 reached between the governor and an organization representing state
7 employee bargaining units for the 2027 fiscal year presented to the
8 legislature during the 2026 legislative session. Funding is not
9 provided for compensation and fringe benefit provisions not presented
10 to the legislature by the end of the 2026 legislative session.
11 Funding is approved for an agreement and award with the Washington
12 public employees association, general government.

13 (2) Expenditures for the agreement in subsection (1) of this
14 section may also be funded from nonappropriated accounts. If
15 positions are funded with lidded grants or dedicated fund sources
16 with insufficient revenue, additional funding from other sources is
17 not provided.

(End of part)

1 **IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS**

2 **Sec. 601.** 2025 c 416 s 601 (uncodified) is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **MANAGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN**
5 **SESSION**

6 (1) The 2005 transportation partnership projects or improvements,
7 2015 connecting Washington projects or improvements, and move ahead
8 WA projects or improvements are listed in the LEAP Transportation
9 Document (~~(2025-1)~~) 2026-1 as developed (~~(April 26, 2025)~~) February
10 23, 2026, which consists of a list of specific projects by fund
11 source and amount over multiple biennia. Current fiscal biennium
12 funding for each project is a line-item appropriation, while the
13 outer year funding allocations represent a six-year plan. The
14 department of transportation is expected to use the flexibility
15 provided in this section to assist in the delivery and completion of
16 all transportation partnership account, connecting Washington
17 account, and move ahead WA account projects on the LEAP
18 transportation document referenced in this subsection. For the
19 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 project appropriations, unless otherwise
20 provided in this act, the director of the office of financial
21 management may provide written authorization for a transfer of
22 appropriation authority between projects funded with transportation
23 partnership account appropriations, connecting Washington account
24 appropriations, or move ahead WA account appropriations to manage
25 project spending and efficiently deliver all projects in the
26 respective program under the following conditions and limitations:

27 (a) Transfers may only be made within each specific fund source
28 referenced on the respective project list;

29 (b) Transfers from a project may not be made as a result of the
30 reduction of the scope of a project or be made to support increases
31 in the scope of a project;

32 (c) Transfers from a project may be made if the funds
33 appropriated to the project are in excess of the amount needed in the
34 current fiscal biennium;

35 (d) Transfers may not occur for projects not identified on the
36 applicable project list;

37 (e) Transfers to a project may not occur if that project is a
38 programmatic funding item described in broad general terms on the

1 applicable project list without referencing a specific state route
2 number;

3 (f) Transfers may not be made while the legislature is in
4 session;

5 (g) Transfers to a project may not be made with funds designated
6 as attributable to practical design savings as described in RCW
7 47.01.480;

8 (h) The total amount of transfers under this section may not
9 exceed \$100,000,000;

10 (i) Except as otherwise provided in (k) of this subsection,
11 transfers made to a single project may not cumulatively total more
12 than \$50,000,000 per fiscal biennium, and may not total more than the
13 amount identified for a project within the six-year plan;

14 (j) Each transfer between projects may only occur if the director
15 of the office of financial management finds that any resulting change
16 will not hinder the completion of the projects as approved by the
17 legislature; and

18 (k) Transfers between projects may be made by the department of
19 transportation without the formal written approval provided under
20 this subsection (1), provided that the transfer amount to a single
21 project does not exceed \$250,000 or 10 percent of the total project
22 per fiscal biennium, whichever is less. These transfers must be
23 reported quarterly to the director of the office of financial
24 management and the chairs of the house of representatives and senate
25 transportation committees.

26 (2) The department of transportation must submit quarterly all
27 transfers authorized under this section in the transportation
28 executive information system. The office of financial management must
29 maintain a legislative baseline project list identified in the LEAP
30 transportation documents referenced in this act, and update that
31 project list with all authorized transfers under this section,
32 including any effects to the total project budgets and schedules
33 beyond the current fiscal biennium.

34 (3) At the time the department submits a request to transfer
35 funds under this section, a copy of the request must be submitted to
36 the chairs and ranking members of the transportation committees of
37 the legislature.

38 (4) Before approval, the office of financial management shall
39 work with legislative staff of the house of representatives and
40 senate transportation committees to review the requested transfers in

1 a timely manner and address any concerns raised by the chairs and
2 ranking members of the transportation committees.

3 (5) No fewer than 10 days after the receipt of a project transfer
4 request, the director of the office of financial management must
5 provide written notification to the department of any decision
6 regarding project transfers, with copies submitted to the
7 transportation committees of the legislature.

8 (6) The department must submit annually as part of its budget
9 submittal a report detailing all transfers made pursuant to this
10 section, including any effects to the total project budgets and
11 schedules beyond the current fiscal biennium.

12 **Sec. 602.** 2025 c 416 s 606 (uncodified) is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **TRANSIT, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN ELEMENTS REPORTING**

15 By November 15th of each year, the department of transportation
16 must report on amounts expended to benefit transit, bicycle, or
17 pedestrian elements within all connecting Washington projects in
18 programs I, P, and Z identified in LEAP Transportation Document
19 ((2025-2)) 2026-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed ((April 26, 2025))
20 February 23, 2026, in a manner consistent with past practices as
21 specified in section 602, chapter 186, Laws of 2022.

22 **Sec. 603.** 2025 c 416 s 609 (uncodified) is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **LOCAL PARTNER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

25 (1) If a transportation project, where the Washington state
26 department of transportation is the lead and the project is scheduled
27 to be delivered or completed in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium as
28 shown on the LEAP Transportation Document ((2025-2)) 2026-2 ALL
29 PROJECTS as developed ((April 26, 2025)) February 23, 2026, is in
30 jeopardy of being delayed because the department is unable to deliver
31 or complete the project within the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and
32 other local jurisdictions are able to deliver or complete the work,
33 the department must coordinate with the appropriate local
34 jurisdictions to determine if a potential local partner is ready,
35 willing, and able to execute delivery and completion of the project
36 within the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

37 (2) The department must compile a list of projects under this
38 section, including the timing under which the local partner agency

1 can deliver or complete the projects within the 2025-2027 and
2 2027-2029 fiscal biennia. The department must submit the compiled
3 list of projects to the governor and the transportation committees of
4 the legislature by November 1, 2025.

(End of part)

MISCELLANEOUS 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM

Sec. 701. 2025 c 416 s 701 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

The following transportation projects are subject to the conditions, limitations, and review provided in section 701 (2) through (12), (~~chapter 424, Laws of 2025~~) chapter . . . (Senate Bill No. 5998), Laws of 2026 (omnibus operating appropriations act): For the department of transportation: Washington state ferries dispatch system replacement (~~and~~); Washington state ferries ticketing and reservations modernization; and the transportation reporting and accounting information system (TRAINS) upgrade and PROPEL - WSDOT support of One Washington.

Sec. 702. RCW 46.01.385 and 2022 c 186 s 703 are each amended to read as follows:

The agency financial transaction account is created in the state treasury. Receipts directed by law to the account from cost recovery charges for credit card and other financial transaction fees must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for paying credit card and financial transaction fees, and other related costs incurred by state agencies. During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, expenditures from the account may also be used for additional information technology costs related to supporting the department of licensing operations and addressing its staffing shortages. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the agency financial transaction account to the motor vehicle fund.

Sec. 703. RCW 46.68.067 and 2022 c 157 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The driver licensing technology support account is created in the highway safety fund under RCW 46.68.060. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for supporting information technology systems used by the department to communicate with the judicial information system, manage driving records, and implement court orders. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state

1 treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the driver licensing
2 technology support account to the motor vehicle fund.

3 **Sec. 704.** RCW 46.68.170 and 2013 c 306 s 705 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 There is hereby created in the motor vehicle fund the RV account.
6 All moneys hereafter deposited in said account shall be used by the
7 department of transportation for the construction, maintenance, and
8 operation of recreational vehicle sanitary disposal systems at safety
9 rest areas in accordance with the department's highway system plan as
10 prescribed in chapter 47.06 RCW. During the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015
11 fiscal biennia, the legislature may transfer from the RV account to
12 the motor vehicle fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund
13 balance of the RV account to accomplish the purposes identified in
14 this section. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature
15 may appropriate from the RV account such amounts as reflect the
16 excess fund balance of the RV account to accomplish the purposes
17 identified in section 106 of this act.

18 **Sec. 705.** RCW 46.68.280 and 2025 c 416 s 707 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) The transportation 2003 account (nickel account) is hereby
21 created in the motor vehicle fund. Money in the account may be spent
22 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used
23 only for projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003
24 projects or improvements in the omnibus transportation budget and to
25 pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for
26 transportation 2003 projects or improvements. Upon completion of the
27 projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 projects
28 or improvements, moneys deposited in this account must only be used
29 to pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for
30 transportation 2003 projects or improvements, and any funds in the
31 account in excess of the amount necessary to make the principal and
32 interest payments may be used for maintenance on the completed
33 projects or improvements.

34 (2) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
35 direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the
36 transportation 2003 account (nickel account) to the move ahead WA
37 account and the motor vehicle fund.

38 (3) The "nickel account" means the transportation 2003 account.

1 **Sec. 706.** RCW 47.28.030 and 2025 c 416 s 719 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) (a) A state highway shall be constructed, altered, repaired,
4 or improved, and improvements located on property acquired for
5 right-of-way purposes may be repaired or renovated pending the use of
6 such right-of-way for highway purposes, by contract or state forces.
7 The work or portions thereof may be done by state forces when the
8 estimated costs thereof are less than \$50,000 and effective July 1,
9 2005, \$60,000.

10 (b) When delay of performance of such work would jeopardize a
11 state highway or constitute a danger to the traveling public, the
12 work may be done by state forces when the estimated cost thereof is
13 less than \$80,000 and effective July 1, 2005, \$100,000.

14 (c) When the department of transportation determines to do the
15 work by state forces, it shall enter a statement upon its records to
16 that effect, stating the reasons therefor.

17 (d) To enable a larger number of small businesses and veteran,
18 minority, and women contractors to effectively compete for department
19 of transportation contracts, the department may adopt rules providing
20 for bids and award of contracts for the performance of work, or
21 furnishing equipment, materials, supplies, or operating services
22 whenever any work is to be performed and the engineer's estimate
23 indicates the cost of the work would not exceed \$80,000 and effective
24 July 1, 2005, \$100,000.

25 (2) The rules adopted under this section:

26 (a) Shall provide for competitive bids to the extent that
27 competitive sources are available except when delay of performance
28 would jeopardize life or property or inconvenience the traveling
29 public; and

30 (b) Need not require the furnishing of a bid deposit nor a
31 performance bond, but if a performance bond is not required then
32 progress payments to the contractor may be required to be made based
33 on submittal of paid invoices to substantiate proof that
34 disbursements have been made to laborers, material suppliers,
35 mechanics, and subcontractors from the previous partial payment; and

36 (c) May establish prequalification standards and procedures as an
37 alternative to those set forth in RCW 47.28.070, but the
38 prequalification standards and procedures under RCW 47.28.070 shall
39 always be sufficient.

1 (3) The department of transportation shall comply with such goals
2 and rules as may be adopted by the office of minority and women's
3 business enterprises to implement chapter 39.19 RCW with respect to
4 contracts entered into under this chapter. The department may adopt
5 such rules as may be necessary to comply with the rules adopted by
6 the office of minority and women's business enterprises under chapter
7 39.19 RCW.

8 (4) (a) Work for less than \$100,000 may be performed on ferry
9 vessels and terminals by state forces. During the 2025-2027 fiscal
10 biennium, work for less than \$400,000 may be performed on ferry
11 vessels and terminals by state forces.

12 (b) When the estimated cost of work to be performed on ferry
13 vessels and terminals is between \$100,000 and \$200,000, or between
14 (~~(\$400,000)~~) \$500,000 and (~~(\$500,000)~~) \$750,000 during the 2025-2027
15 fiscal biennium, the department shall contact, by mail or email,
16 contractors that appear on the department's small works roster as
17 created pursuant to procedures in chapter 39.04 RCW to do specific
18 work the contractors are qualified to do to determine if any
19 contractor is interested and capable of doing the work. If there is a
20 response of interest within 72 hours, the small works roster
21 procedures commence. If no qualified contractors respond with
22 interest and availability to do the work, the department may use its
23 regular contracting procedures. If the secretary determines that the
24 work to be completed is an emergency, procedures governing
25 emergencies apply.

26 (c) The department shall hire a disinterested, third party to
27 conduct an independent analysis to identify methods of reducing out-
28 of-service times for vessel maintenance, preservation, and
29 improvement projects. The analysis must include options that consider
30 consolidating work while vessels are at shipyards by having state
31 forces perform services traditionally performed at Eagle Harbor at
32 the shipyard and decreasing the allowable time at shipyards. The
33 analysis must also compare the out-of-service vessel times of
34 performing services by state forces versus contracting out those
35 services which in turn must be used to form a recommendation as to
36 what the threshold of work performed on ferry vessels and terminals
37 by state forces should be. This analysis must be presented to the
38 transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives
39 by December 1, 2010.

1 (d) The department shall develop a proposed ferry vessel
2 maintenance, preservation, and improvement program and present it to
3 the transportation committees of the senate and house of
4 representatives by December 1, 2010. The proposed program must:

5 (i) Improve the basis for budgeting vessel maintenance,
6 preservation, and improvement costs and for projecting those costs
7 into a 16-year financial plan;

8 (ii) Limit the amount of planned out-of-service time to the
9 greatest extent possible, including options associated with
10 department staff as well as commercial shipyards; and

11 (iii) Be based on the service plan in the capital plan,
12 recognizing that vessel preservation and improvement needs may vary
13 by route.

14 (e) In developing the proposed ferry vessel maintenance,
15 preservation, and improvement program, the department shall consider
16 the following, related to reducing vessel out-of-service time:

17 (i) The costs compared to benefits of Eagle Harbor repair and
18 maintenance facility operations options to include staffing costs and
19 benefits in terms of reduced out-of-service time;

20 (ii) The maintenance requirements for on-vessel staff, including
21 the benefits of a systemwide standard;

22 (iii) The costs compared to benefits of staff performing
23 preservation or maintenance work, or both, while the vessel is
24 underway, tied up between sailings, or not deployed;

25 (iv) A review of the department's vessel maintenance,
26 preservation, and improvement program contracting process and
27 contractual requirements;

28 (v) The costs compared to benefits of allowing for increased
29 costs associated with expedited delivery;

30 (vi) A method for comparing the anticipated out-of-service time
31 of proposed projects and other projects planned during the same
32 construction period;

33 (vii) Coordination with required United States coast guard dry
34 dockings;

35 (viii) A method for comparing how proposed projects relate to the
36 service requirements of the route on which the vessel normally
37 operates; and

38 (ix) A method for evaluating the ongoing maintenance and
39 preservation costs associated with proposed improvement projects.

1 **Sec. 707.** RCW 47.66.140 and 2023 c 431 s 12 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) (a) The department shall establish a transit support grant
4 program for the purpose of providing financial support to transit
5 agencies for operating and capital expenses only. Public transit
6 agencies must maintain or increase their local sales tax authority on
7 or after January 1, 2022, and may not delay or suspend the collection
8 of voter-approved sales taxes that were approved on or before January
9 1, 2022, in order to qualify for the grants.

10 (b) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, a voter-approved
11 phased-in reauthorization of existing sales tax authority that
12 maintains current levels of service hours does not constitute a delay
13 or suspension of voter-approved taxes under this section. The
14 legislature intends to extend this subsection (1)(b) during the
15 2027-2029 fiscal biennium.

16 ~~((a))~~ (c) Grants for transit agencies must be prorated based on
17 the amount expended for operations in the most recently published
18 report of "Summary of Public Transportation" published by the
19 department.

20 ~~((b))~~ (d) No transit agency may receive more than 35 percent of
21 these distributions.

22 ~~((e))~~ (e) Fuel type may not be a factor in the grant selection
23 process.

24 (2) To be eligible to receive a grant, the transit agency must
25 have adopted, at a minimum, a zero-fare policy that allows passengers
26 18 years of age and younger to ride free of charge on all modes
27 provided by the agency. Transit agencies must submit documentation of
28 a zero-fare policy for 18 years of age and under by October 1, 2022,
29 to be eligible for the 2023-2025 biennium. Transit agencies that
30 submit such fare policy documentation following the October 1, 2022,
31 deadline shall become eligible for the next biennial distribution. To
32 the extent practicable, transit agencies shall align implementation
33 of youth zero-fare policies with equity and environmental justice
34 principles consistent with recommendations from the environmental
35 justice council, and ensure low-barrier accessibility of the program
36 to all youth.

37 (3) The department shall, for the purposes of the "Summary of
38 Public Transportation" report, require grantees to report the number
39 of trips that were taken under this program.

1 (4) For the purposes of this section, "transit agency" or
2 "agency" means a city transit system under RCW 35.58.2721 or chapter
3 35.95A RCW, a county public transportation authority under chapter
4 36.57 RCW, a metropolitan municipal corporation transit system under
5 chapter 36.56 RCW, a public transportation benefit area under chapter
6 36.57A RCW, an unincorporated transportation benefit area under RCW
7 36.57.100, or any special purpose district formed to operate a public
8 transportation system.

(End of part)

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