

VETO MESSAGE ON 2SSB 5433

May 19, 2009

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11, Second Substitute Senate Bill 5433 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to modifying provisions of local option taxes."

This bill allows local governments flexibility to better use current revenues sources and additional options for transportation funding. Sections 8 through 11 would have given transit agencies the option of asking voters for up to \$20 per vehicle per year to expand local transit capacity and fund transit-related expenses. Local entities currently have authority under a transportation benefit district to impose a vehicle fee that can be used for transportation operating, maintenance and capital investments. In addition, the 2009-11 transportation budget appropriates funds to the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study of alternative revenue sources of transportation funding; so dedicating a specific revenue source now is premature and impacts future decision-making flexibility.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Second Substitute Senate Bill 5433.

With the exception of Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11, Second Substitute Senate Bill 5433 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor