SENATE BILL REPORT
ESSB 6005

As Amended by House, February 28, 2026

Title: An act relating to transportation fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, King and Nobles; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:
Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/13/26, 2/24/26, 2/26/26 [DPS].
Floor Activity: Passed Senate: 2/27/26, 49-0.
Passed House: 2/28/26, 93-0.

Brief Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill

- Makes supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6005 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Alvarado, Chapman, Christian, Cortes, Fortunato, Harris, Holy, Hunt, Lovelett, MacEwen, Shewmake, Valdez and Wilson, J..

Staff: Brandon Popovac (786-7465)

Background: The operating and capital expenses of state transportation agencies and

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programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus transportation budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. Supplemental budgets may be adopted during the biennium, making various modifications to agency appropriations.

Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill: The 2025-27 appropriations for various state transportation agencies and programs are modified.

Budget summary materials can be found in the SCS tab in the committee materials for the public hearing.

Appropriation: Various.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill (January 13, 2026): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the January 13, 2026 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Transportation Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at: https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#//TRAN/.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Marko Liias, Prime Sponsor; Lara Lant, City of Bainbridge Island, City Manager; Mike Ennis, Washington Asphalt Pavement Association (WAPA) and ICON Materials, a CRH Company; Ken Short, AWB; Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable; Jerry VanderWood, Associated General Contractors (AGC); Eric ffitch, Washington Public Ports Association; Axel Swanson, Washington State Association of Counties; Jake Lewing, City of Wenatchee.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist; Peter Brady.

OTHER: Steven Ellis, Association of Washington Cities; Dania Otto, Sakura 39ers Youth Association; Mary Paterson; Kati Durkin, Washington Federation of State Employees; Sean Eagan, The Northwest Seaport Alliance; Tim Gould.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Proposed Substitute (February 24, 2026): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the February 24, 2026 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Transportation Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at: https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#//TRAN/.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Marko Liias, Prime Sponsor; Lyset Cadena, WSTA; Kirk Hovenkotter, Transportation Choices Coalition; Vicky Clarke, Washington Bikes; Isaac Kastama, Clean & Prosperous Washington; Dania Otto, Sakura 39ers ; Robin Koskey, Puget Sound Regional Council; Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable; Billy Wallace, Washington & Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers; Jerry VanderWood, Associated General Contractors (AGC); Renee Jensen, Snoqualmie Valley Health; Eric ffitch, Washington Public Ports Association; Axel Swanson, Washington State Association of Counties; Lily Wilson-Codega, Inland Boatmen's Union & International Association of Masters, Mates & Pilots; Mike Ennis, Washington Asphalt Pavement Association (WAPA); Steven Ellis, Association of Washington Cities.

OTHER: Breck Lebegue, WA Physicians for Social Responsibility; Leah Missik, Climate Solutions; Lara Lant, City of Bainbridge Island, City Manager; Kyle Moore, City of Kent; George Hurst, City of Lynnwood Mayor; Kyle Twohig, Spokane Regional Transportation Management Center Executive Board; Mary Paterson; Lael White, Climate Rail Alliance.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.

EFFECT OF HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):

- Strikes the Senate 2026 supplemental transportation budget and replaces it with the House 2026 supplemental transportation budget.