

Benefits the environment, your pocket book and quality of life

Washingtonians want to live in affordable, walkable communities connected by frequent, reliable transit. As our population grows, we are facing increased traffic congestion, diminished quality of life, and ever-increasing greenhouse gas emissions. Transit-Oriented Communities would revise the state's transportation and land-use planning framework to assist local jurisdictions to plan for growth in a sustainable and climate-friendly way. The bill will provide incentives for cities and developers to create affordable, livable, transit-oriented development, increasing transportation choices.

COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

- Transportation is the largest source of climate change emissions in Washington State.
- By developing and implementing policies and strategies that include funding, incentives, and requirements to promote compact and transit-oriented development in urban areas, we can reduce climate change emissions between 7-15% by 2020.



BETTER FOR YOUR POCKETBOOK

- Families in areas with good transit and walkable neighborhoods can pay less than 10% of their income for transportation while families in areas where they need to drive a car everywhere might pay upwards of 25%. For a family making \$35,000 a year, this can be a difference of over \$5000 dollars.
- More transportation choices such as transit, walking and biking protects you from volatile gas prices.

REDUCE CONGESTION

- The average commuter spends one work week each year stuck in traffic.
- If communities had more frequent, reliable transit and safer sidewalks, more people could take transit, walk or bike instead of driving to work. Transit oriented communities will give people those choices.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Provide incentives and create requirements for more affordable housing near light rail and commuter rail stations.

IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

- 72% of Americans want places to walk and sidewalks in their neighborhoods according to the National Association of Realtors.
- Transit oriented communities will create walkable, bike friendly communities connected by frequent, reliable transit.

