

Federal & State Budget and Policy Update

Executive Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Federal Updates



- DHS partial gov't shutdown continues, Senate passes reconciliation bill
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization
- [President's FY 2027 Budget Released](#)



President's FY 2027 HUD Budget

\$3.8b cut overall , 5% reduction



- Work requirements & severely limits issuing new rent vouchers
- **-\$393m** Homelessness Assistance Programs (Continuum of Care)
- **-\$3.3b** Community Development Block Grants
- **-\$1.3b** HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- **-\$529m** Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- **-\$489m** Native American Programs & Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant

[National Low Income Housing Coalition Summary](#)

[FY 2027 Budget Chart](#)



President's FY 2027 USDOT Budget Increases

- **\$1.3b** Big Beautiful Infrastructure for Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Infrastructure program, replace highway bridges
- **\$481m** FAA operations and capital
- **\$1.5b** Implementation Maritime Action Plan for shipbuilding and workforce development
- **\$403m** Safe and Beautiful Transportation in Washington D.C.



President's FY 2027 USDOT Budget Cuts



- **-\$486m** transit Capital investment grants
- **-\$4.2b** National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Charging and Fueling Infrastructure
- **-372m** Essential Air Service (EAS) Discretionary Funding
- **-\$145m** RAISE grants

FERRIES Act Letter Submitted

- Thanks you to 42 signers!
- Introduced by Rep. Randall (D-WA) and Rep. Begich (R-AK), Rep. Garamendi (D-CA), and Rep. Malliotakis (R-NY)
- Increases funding for federal ferry programs
- Definition changes to increase access to ferry programs

[FERRIES Act Support Letter](#)



Maintenance and Preservation Budget Provisos

3 biennia/6-year plan

Program	25-27	27-29	29-31	Total
Highway Maintenance	40m	80m	80m	200m
Preservation/flood recovery	300m	500m	500m	1,375b
Ferry Preservation	4m	8m	16m	28m

- **\$400k** for WSDOT report to joint transportation committee by **9/1/26**, on maintenance and preservation needs, including cost-effective delivery utilizing public-private partnerships & public education program
- Requires WSDOT report on project costs & timeline for priority bridge preservation & replacement projects





Thank You!

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