

# **PSRC 2026 Recommendations to the Washington State Legislature**

## **Regional Staff Committee**

October 16, 2025



Puget Sound Regional Council



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

[psrc.org/equity](https://psrc.org/equity)

# Federal Shutdown

- Government shutdown **day 16**
- New strategy – appropriations bills

Learn more:

- [How the Shutdown Is Affecting Federal Services and Workers](#) (NY Times)
- [Affordable Care Act Tax Credit Expiration Impacts](#) (KFF)



# Continuum of Care Reductions

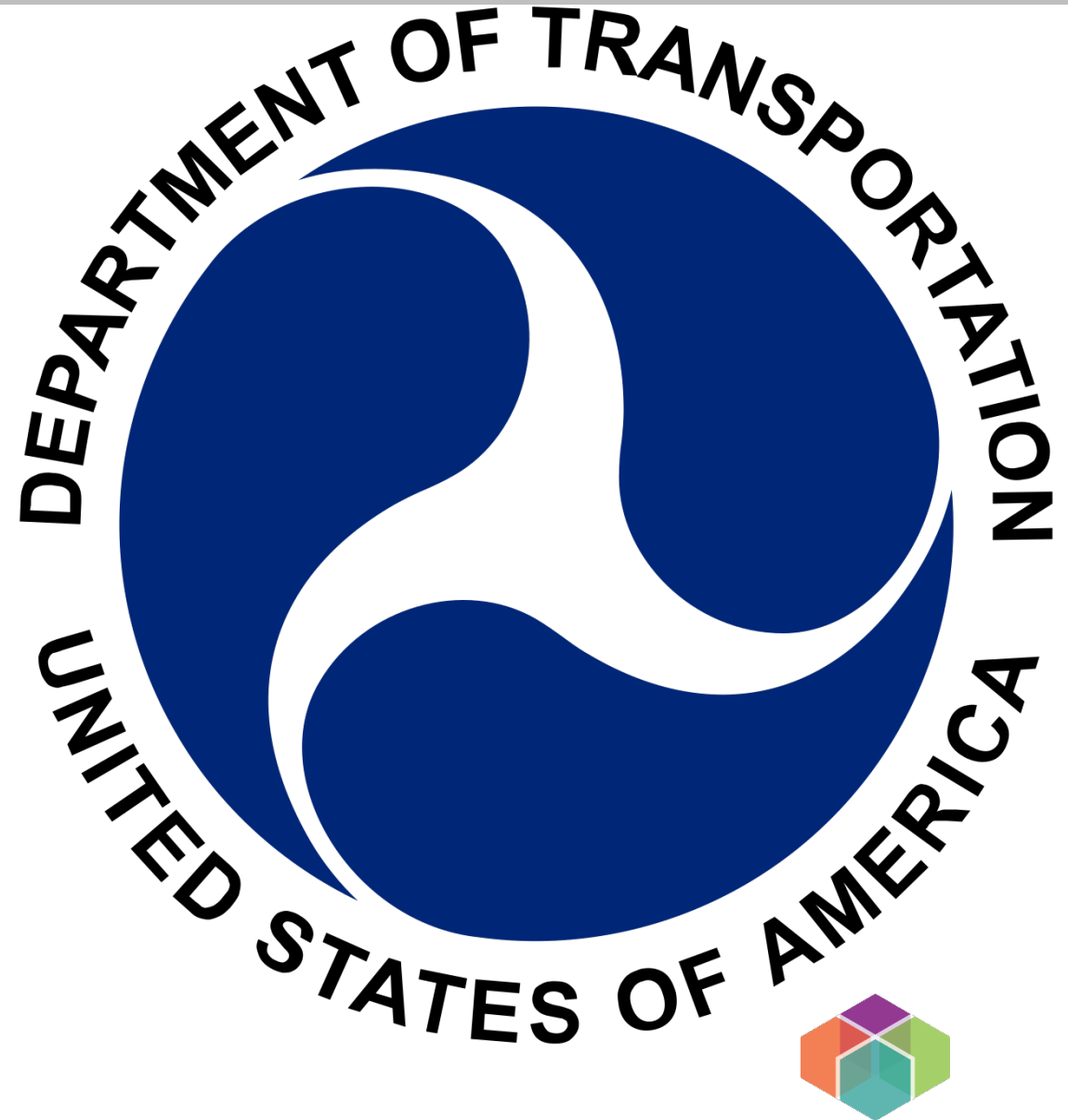


Trump admin looks at deep cuts to homeless housing program (Politico)



# USDOT – Commercial Drivers Licenses

[Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Takes Emergency Action to Protect America's Roads, Restrict Non-Domiciled CDLs](#) (US DOT)



# State Revenue Forecast



- FY 25–27 revenues down \$412m
- FY 27–29 revenues down \$477m
- \$903m total decrease or 6%

## Factors:

- Lower sales tax for retail & construction
- Lower State Agency Revenues
- Lower REET

[Economic & Revenue Forecast](#)  
[Sept 23, 2025](#)

[‘All bad news’: WA tax receipts expected to slide further](#)  
(WA State Standard)

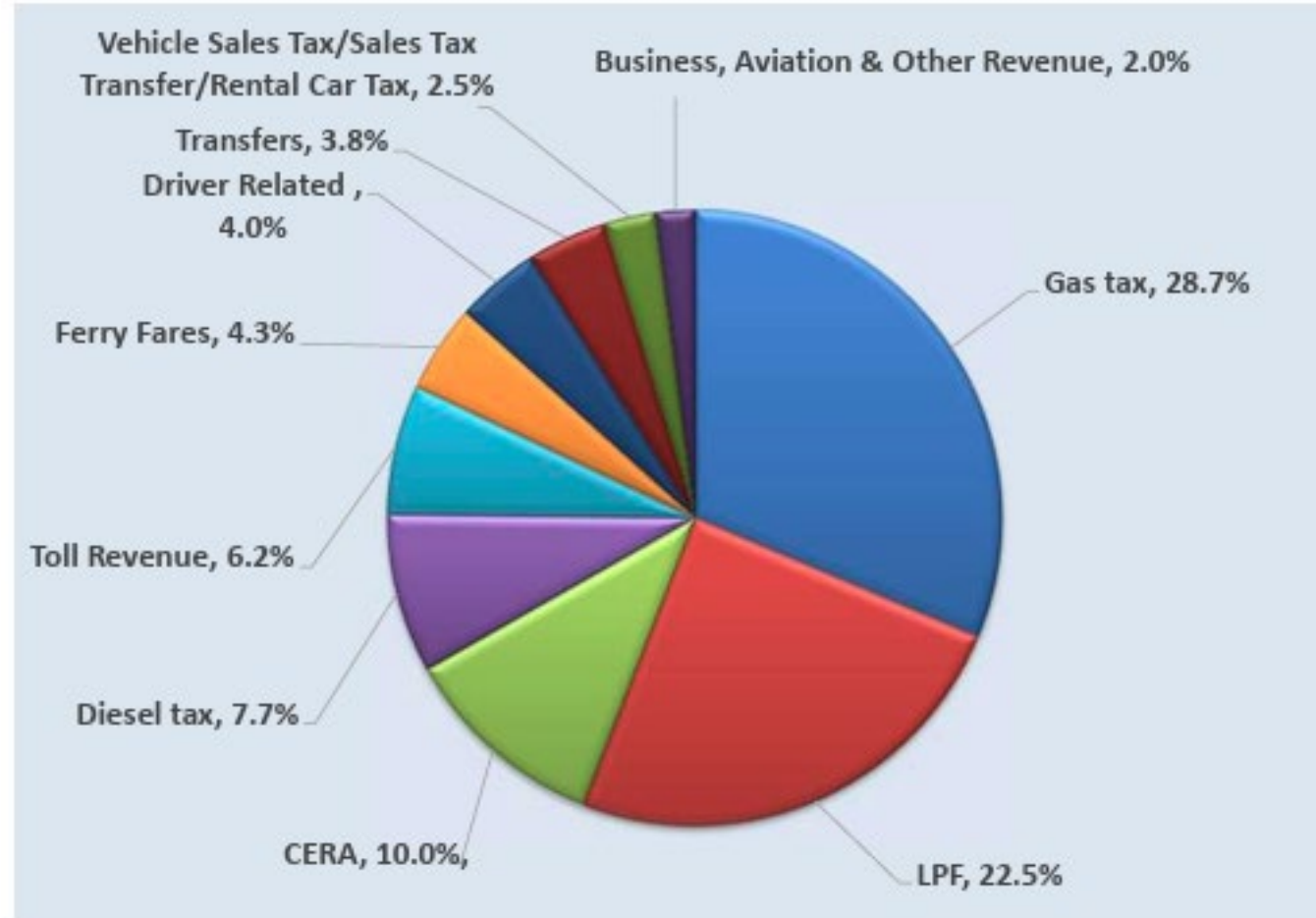


# Transportation Revenue Forecast

- FY 23–27 \$19m decrease or .1%
- FY 27–29 revenues down \$125m or 1.1%

## Factors:

- Gas consumption declining
- EV registrations up
- Ferry ridership down, fares up, revenue increase overall



[Transportation Revenue Forecast Sept 26, 2025](#)



# Process 2026 Recommendations to Legislature

**July 2025**

EAC Background

**September 2025**

Review Recommendations with Economic Development District & Executive Board

**October 2025**

Review Recommendations with Growth Management Policy Board, Equity Advisory Committee & Transportation Policy Board

**November 2025**

Review & Recommendation by Executive Committee

**December 2025**

Proposed Executive Board Adoption



# Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

- Keep the Region Moving
- Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Sustain a Strong Economy



# Keep the Region Moving



- Prioritize Safety
- Transportation investments
  - Stable revenue
  - Build projects of regional significance
  - Adequately fund maintenance and preservation
- Road Usage Charge
- Ferry funding



# Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

- Supply
- Stability
- Subsidy
- Housing Futures Center



# Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions



- Reduce Emissions
- Prepare for Climate Impacts



# Sustain a Strong Economy

- Workforce development
- Critical infrastructure
- Clean energy industry technology





# Thank You!

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