

# THE NORTH SOUND TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE



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Through the sharing of best practices and learning about regional projects, the North Sound Transportation Alliance (NSTA) strives to develop better ways for people to travel in the region without a personal vehicle.



## Regional coordination

NSTA identifies and pursues opportunities to improve transportation for the five northwestern counties of Washington. NSTA supports coordination among:

- Regional transportation planning organizations
- Local governments
- Transit agencies
- Non-governmental organizations
- WA State Department of Transportation (Amtrak Cascades, Public Transportation, WA State Ferries)

## Dependable & efficient travel without a personal vehicle

Since its formation almost 30 years ago, NSTA has emphasized the improvement of travel options: trains, buses, ferries, bikes, pedestrian options, and the systematic connections between these modes.



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## Quality of life, tourism, and economic development

In addition to improving transportation for the NSTA region's residents within the five-county region and between the metro centers of Seattle and Vancouver, BC, NSTA seeks to improve human-services transportation, car-free tourism, and bike and trail systems integration.

## Accomplishments

NSTA partner agencies recently completed the Northwest Washington Regional Transit Study to identify opportunities to improve regional transit service along the I-5 corridor.

NSTA previously completed several regionally significant projects including coordination with the intercounty connector service; a business case for passenger-only ferry service between Bellingham and Friday Harbor; regional traveler information kiosks, and studies of intermodal connections and commuter demand.