

# Regional Rail Conference

Friday, September 13, 2019

9:00am – 12:00pm

@ Skagit Station, 105 E. Kincaid, Mt. Vernon, WA ([view map](#))

**North Sound  
Transportation  
Alliance**



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## Agenda

### Introduction

#### **BNSF Railway – capital investment, safety program, and operational update**

*Andrew Johnson, Assistant Vice President, BNSF Railway*

#### **Sound Transit III connections to the Sounder service**

*Martin Young, Sounder Operations Manager, Sound Transit*

#### **WA State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Rail Plan update**

*Jason Beloso, Manager, Planning and Strategic Assessment, WSDOT Rail Office*

#### **WSDOT High Speed Rail Business Case Analysis summary**

*Jason Beloso*

#### **Topic Focus: Mid-Day Amtrak Service**

NSTA is interested in a pilot of a mid-day Amtrak rail service between Seattle and Bellingham, possibly only on weekends. **Question for the panelists:** *What are the opportunities and challenges to mid-day Amtrak service between Seattle and Bellingham?*

Panel: Operational capacity, available equipment, and local support

*Andrew Johnson*

*Martin Young*

*Jason Beloso*

*Luis Moscoso, All Aboard Washington*

*Lloyd Flem, All Aboard Washington*

*Moderator: Bruce Agnew, Director, Cascadia Academy*

Open discussion

*The North Sound Transportation Alliance (NSTA), formerly known as the Farmhouse Gang, is a coalition of concerned citizens, elected officials and professional staff of transportation agencies from Washington's five northwestern-most counties: Whatcom, Skagit, Island, San Juan and Snohomish. NSTA strives to develop better ways for people to travel in the region by collecting travel and system data to identify needs; improving regional connections and sustaining and expanding services; enhancing mobility through sustainable, equitable, and innovative transportation solutions; and by informing the public about transportation services to enhance awareness of the regional transportation network. More information about NSTA is available at: [www.wcog.org/nsta](http://www.wcog.org/nsta)*