



# Public Works Trust Fund

HB 1680 – Restores diverted REET funding for housing infrastructure  
HB 1691 – Restores PWTF funding for culverts  
SB 5788 – Restores PWTF funding for both housing infrastructure and culverts

State investment in local infrastructure creates sustainable communities and a stronger state.

1 Local infrastructure assistance programs provide the necessary infrastructure for our communities and help keep basic services for residents.

2 Cities support consistent investment in state-sponsored infrastructure funding programs.

3 Infrastructure investment leverages additional private investments in housing and commercial development.

1 City infrastructure systems (like water, sewer, and stormwater) are a critical part of a larger network that serves the entire state. In the past, the Legislature has diverted funds from infrastructure programs to address operating budget shortfalls, resulting in a pent-up need for infrastructure investment. State investment in these programs helps communities maintain and build water, sewer, and other basic infrastructure for our residents and the environment.

2 In order to build essential infrastructure systems, cities rely on state and federal assistance such as the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF). However, diversion from these programs that support basic local infrastructure leaves communities unable to affordably maintain and secure new infrastructure.

3 The 2017-19 Capital Budget awarded a total of \$77.2 million for PWTF projects which leveraged more than \$431 million in other state, federal, and local resources. For every dollar invested by the PWTF a match of 5.5 additional dollars came from other sources.

## Strong cities need...

### Ongoing investment in the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)

Fund the \$217 million investment generated from loan repayments and 2% of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues scheduled for this iconic and successful infrastructure revolving loan program. End the continued diversion of REET funds.

## Stable and reliable infrastructure investment

Help cities overcome the financial challenges of building and repairing local infrastructure systems that support our economy, the environment, and benefit the entire state. Fully fund the various state programs designed to support local infrastructure. Low cost infrastructure funding helps keep these critical services affordable for our residents.

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# Additional information

City infrastructure systems are a critical part of the larger network that serves and benefits the entire state. City streets move traffic seamlessly from one place to another. Businesses relying on city water and sewer systems create a positive impact on the entire region. Cities take on major toxic cleanup efforts to enhance our communities and bring new economic development opportunities to the state. Collectively, the strength of Washington's local infrastructure systems creates a stronger and healthier state, better positioned for continued economic growth and development.

## **AWC is focused on maintaining and enhancing state infrastructure support because cities are:**

- **Behind on the basics**

The core infrastructure systems such as streets, water, sewer, and stormwater that residents and businesses depend on are aging, costing more to operate and falling behind in environmental standards.

- **Making tough choices**

Cities are forced to choose between funding basic city services like police and fire, and building and maintaining capital assets while trying to keep these basic services affordable for all residents.

- **Struggling to accommodate a growing population**

The cities of today are building the infrastructure systems to support the next generation. We need to make smart designed infrastructure decisions to meet environmental standards and respond to our communities' needs well into the future.

- **Supporting critical development**

Infrastructure investment is necessary to leverage needed private investment in housing and commercial development.

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