



Memo

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026
To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Interested Persons
From: Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director
Subject: 2026 JPACT work program

At the January 15, 2026 JPACT meeting, JPACT members were provided a summary of work topic items and a draft work program calendar and were asked to provide input on topics they wanted to emphasize or add to the work program for calendar year 2026. Feedback/requests from members included:

- JPACT members want continued engagement on the development and status of significant regional projects.
- Transportation funding is a top priority, and members would like time for in-depth discussions at JPACT.
- Transit funding is also a top priority, and members would like information about the current and evolving funding situation. Presenters should be prepared to talk about transit issues in the context of national trends.
- JPACT should continue to develop its unified regional voice to advocate and better communicate to the state legislature and the federal government.
- JPACT should develop a funding strategy that includes a narrative around:
 - How the region cannot meet our goals without a vigorous transit system
 - How transit is a lifeline to economic survival and growth to many people in our community
 - Doubling down on bold investments that leverage the existing system
 - How transit will become more effective and efficient, including innovations responsive to changing travel needs.
- More engagement on funding options and creative funding mechanisms.

This feedback has been incorporated into the 2026 work program by:

- Creating more time for discussions on transportation and transit funding in the work program.
- Moving some routine, admin or informational items to be memos /comments from the chair.
- Hosting facilitated discussions around transit in Spring 2026.
- Scheduling updates on large regional projects like Rose Quarter and IBR.