



## **Coles Center for Transportation**

### Director position description:

Washington Policy Center is seeking qualified candidates to join its team of researchers in the role of director for transportation policy.

The primary responsibility of the Director of WPC's Coles Center for Transportation is to research and analyze best practices for relieving traffic congestion, with specific focus on highway and transit projects and how tax dollars are spent. We support people getting to the places they want to go the way they choose to get there, not the way government planners want them to get there by micro-managing people's lives.

WPC promotes public policies that tap free market competition to lower costs and increase service, and promote the broad personal choice and mobility for the traveling public.

The Director oversees the Center's workplan, performs a variety of research, and write studies and other publications related to transportation issues of statewide significance. The Director also retains and oversees the work of occasional outside contributors and Research Fellows.

Major areas of focus over the years have been:

- Sound Transit's light rail expansion and agency accountability.
- Road Usage Charge (mileage tax) development and implementation efforts in the state.
- Advocating for direct user fees and maintaining the users-pay/users-benefit principle in transportation policy.
- Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) regional transportation plan.
- Interstate 405 tolls and capacity needs.
- Key Facts publications for statewide transit agencies.
- State transportation policy goals and reducing traffic congestion.

- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) accountability to the public.
- Gas tax transparency and delivering road projects efficiently and on time.

The Director works with the Vice President for Research to manage the Center's work plan, perform background research, meet project timelines, and ensuring our published work is accurate and fact-based. Other duties include:

- Managing the Transportation Center budget in collaboration with other departments and supervisor.
- Working with with state and national transportation policy experts to expand the impact of our free market transportation policy recommendations
- Responding to transportation policy inquiries from lawmakers, media and members of the public.
- Presenting our research civic and community groups.
- Presenting our research to traditional and online media, and responding to media inquiries.

State law requires a salary range to appear with this announcement: \$50,000 – \$80,000. Individual salary offer will be based on applicant qualifications.