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## 2017-18 Annual Work Plan

### **Committee Name: Government Affairs**

#### **Mission:**

Our primary objective is to provide resources to our APWA membership regarding local, state, and national rules and legislation that affect public works.

#### **Chair:**

Jim Rioux, City of Olympia

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19. Jennifer Ann Barnes, Heffron Transportation

#### **Goals:**

1. Restore funding to local governments for infrastructure so that they have the resources to deliver and sustain the public works relied upon by Washington citizens.
  - a. Expand local funding options.

- b. Support new funding sources for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and water storage infrastructure. Support efforts by the AWC to reform the Public Works Assistance Account.
2. Support policies that allow local governments the flexibility to efficiently address maintenance and repair of existing public works.
  - a. Support amendments to requirements related to alternative project delivery methods that would allow expansion of their use throughout the state.
  - b. Support reform of hydraulic permit authorities that simplify and expedite the permitting process.
  - c. Clarify and correct inconsistencies in statutes related to the award of public works projects.
3. Reduce the infrastructure funding shortfall faced by the State of Washington.
  - a. Establish a loan program to fund early emergency response costs.
  - b. Establish a Vehicle Miles Traveled mechanism to supplement/replace the existing gas tax.
  - c. Fund a Washington State Infrastructure Needs Assessment.

**Activities:**

- Partner with Association of General Contractors (AGC) and others to craft language for claims procedures legislation (reference 2017 SB 5788).
- Update the Legislative Agenda in the fall.
- Begin weekly conference calls in January at the start of session.
- Monitor draft legislation throughout the session and marshal resources as appropriate in support or opposition.
- Provide input to the Legislative Update meeting at the semi-annually conference meeting (by Mike Shaw).