



2017 Legislative Agenda

The American Public Works Association (APWA) exists to develop and support the people working in the public works arena

It is comprised of the men and women across the state, who design, build, plan, operate, and maintain the transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste disposal systems, as well as public buildings and other structures essential to our state's economy and way of life.

Three Principles for Improving Washington State's Infrastructure

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.
 - c. 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.