

CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT

INVESTING IN TRANSPORTATION

Creating a Dedicated Freight Mobility Fund: Coauthored a bill providing much-needed support to surface transportation infrastructure projects to move freight. This legislation increases the efficiency of freight movement, reduces congestion and delays, assists manufacturing and on-demand product distribution, lessens our nation's environmental impact, and strengthens our economy (*H.R. 2707 6/5/2009*).

Keeping the Highway Trust Fund Solvent: successfully helped pass legislation which ensures the Highway Trust Fund will remain solvent and funding will be available to maintain projects in the Eighth District and across the country. The bill saved over \$207 million for Washington State and over 7,000 related jobs. Without this legislation, the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials has estimated that the shortfall could lead to a loss daily basis (*H.R.6532, 9/15/2008*).

Promoting plug-in hybrid technology to help achieve energy independence: as the lead cosponsor, successfully helped pass legislation that funds research and development of hybrid technologies for medium and heavy duty trucks, creating grants for manufacturers to build, test, and ultimately sell plug-in hybrid utility and delivery trucks (*H.R. 445, 9/9/2009*)

Supporting Washington's Ferry System: cosponsors a bill to increase the federal investment in ferry transportation systems, increasing resources to public ferry systems, state governments, and public entities that develop and construct ferry facilities. Ferries are one of the nation's fastest-growing modes of transportation, but less than one-tenth of one percent of the total federal transportation funding goes to ferries. Washington state boasts the largest ferry transportation system in the nation, transporting 26 million passengers and 11 million vehicles per year. (*H.R. 2172, 4/30/2009*)

Protecting Automobile Dealer Rights: proud cosponsor of legislation which would prohibit an automobile manufacturer that receives loans from the federal government from depriving an automobile dealer of their economic rights under state law. Specifically, this bill attempts to prevent local dealers from being forced to close through the termination of franchise agreements with Chrysler LLC and General Motors Corporation. (*H.R. 2743 6/8/2009*)

Supports vital freight mobility projects: advocates for including a new Freight Fund in the SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization. This fund is critical to the vitality and development of Washington's freight corridors. By providing access to a dedicated stream of funding for intermodal connections to link ports, highways and rails, we can alleviate congestion and remain competitive with our global counterparts by coordinating the swift movement of goods and people (*Letter of advocacy sent 8/1/2009*).

Ensuring Transportation Program Efficiency: original cosponsor of a letter calling on the Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Authority to ensure the execution and implementation of the administrative changes to New Starts and Small Starts programs. These programs provide funds for construction of new fixed guideway systems and major transit investment projects. (*FTA New Starts & Small Starts Program Letter Original, 3/16/09*).

Protecting our Foreign Repair Stations: cosponsor of a letter that calls on Congress to examine the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization, as some in Congress are greatly concerned about its potential effects on the Foreign Repair Stations industry (*5/14/2009, FAA Reauthorization Foreign Repair Stations Letter*).

Protecting our Environment: cosponsor of a letter calling on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to include funding in Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act for researching the affects of climate change on transportation policy (*5/26/2009, Climate Change Research in SAFETEA-LU Letter*).

Saving Seattle's NOAA Maritime Operations Center Letter: cosponsor of a letter calling on the Department of Commerce to keep the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Operations Center in Seattle (*4/22/2009, NOAA Maritime Operations Center Letter*).

Funding Maritime Security: cosponsor of a letter calling on the Appropriations Committee to fund the Maritime Security Program at \$174 million (*3/1/2009, Maritime Security Program Letter*).

“Transportation touches all of us, from parents taking a child to soccer practice to the movement of our goods and services. The success of our economy depends upon our ability to move our goods out to global markets and import the goods we need to remain competitive.”

-Congressman Dave Reichert