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Dear EJ Council,

It is my belief that cap & invest dollars can quickly make a difference in getting cars off our roads & improving our public transit network.

Please consider using existing rail lines between Bellingham and Olympia by paying a partner (Amtrak?) to mimic CALTrain service in Washington. Ideally 6-10 passenger train trips would run daily between these cities with stops along the way. This service would be subsidized by cap & invest dollars.

This service, if affordable, would be a popular alternative to inefficient single passenger vehicles on Interstate 5.

Even with diesel engines, the efficiency of rail travel would be a significant environmental benefit. Further down the road more environmentally friendly engines could be purchased.

Thanks for your time,

Matt Wallis