

HOUSE BILL 390

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I am here today on behalf of Citizens 4 Traffic Relief, which is an organization representing business and community groups in the Washington area.

We believe that a robust bus network is essential in the architecture of a successful transportation plan. We also believe that the members of the Transportation Planning Board of the Council of Governments, along with the region's transportation agencies, worked hard to put together Visualize 2045, a long-range plan that aims to provide affordable, sustainable, and multi-modal transportation options for the residents and businesses of this region.

Included in Visualize 2045 are key elements of the Transportation Relief Plan which incorporate managed lanes in the same geographic areas identified in HB 390. While some folks believe this bill may duplicate ongoing activities the P3 project is already pursuing we believe its essential that a comprehensive study be completed.

Creating a high-performing bus network is a shared responsibility. Transit agencies, local and state officials, and the community must work together to fully leverage the region's bus systems and lay the groundwork for future success.