

# CONTACTING LEGISLATORS



## During the Legislative Session

Legislators are very busy during legislative sessions. Your communication should be brief and concise. In a voicemail or email:

1. Immediately state why you are contacting them. (e.g. "I am calling about the Gateway Corridor.")
2. In a sentence, describe how you feel about the project (for or against).
3. In a sentence or two, describe why you feel that way. (e.g. "I own a business and I need my employees to be at work on-time even in the worst of weather." Or, "I have children in school. I can't use transit unless it comes frequently at all times of the day." Or, "I am a senior citizen and I don't like driving in the city. I need a transit service that will take me to music or theater events and I won't have to worry about driving or parking.")

## During the Off-Season

Legislators may have a bit more time to discuss issues. You can send email or call, but a personal visit may be more effective.

1. Invite your legislators to your company or home. However, agree to meet at a different location if it is more convenient for them. It may be possible to meet with a few legislators at the same time, but it may be more effective if you schedule individual meetings.
2. If a meeting is not possible, send your legislators a personalized letter or email.
3. Outline for them—in your own words and with information specific to your situation—your concerns on the issue of traffic congestion and mobility. Tell them how you think rapid transit in the Gateway Corridor will impact your situation.
4. Legislators don't want to hear canned talking points, they want to hear real stories that they can share with other constituents and legislators.

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Thank you!