



Washington State Legislature House Transportation Committee Hearing

**The Governor's Proposed Transportation Budget for 2023-2025 and
Second Supplemental Transportation Budget for 2021-2023**

Virtual Public Statement of Heidi Sickler, Director of Policy, bp pulse fleet

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Chairman Fey and Members of the Committee, it is my pleasure to provide virtual public comment today in support of the Governor's proposed transportation budget for 2023-2025.

bp's ambition is to become a net zero company by 2050 or sooner, and to help the world reach net zero, too. Consistent with bp's ambition, bp is actively advocating for policies that address greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). bp acquired bp pulse fleet (formerly AMPLY Power), an electric vehicle charging and energy management provider in December 2021. At bp pulse fleet, we are electrifying fleets at scale and making the process simple and easy for fleets to transition from legacy fuel vehicles to electric. In short, we are helping our customers make their after purchase investments succeed.

We applaud the Governor's budget proposal for a multi-year investment in vehicle electrification. This multi-year funding plan will provide certainty to the market and continue to attract private sector investment in Washington. Specifically, we are pleased to see that the Governor's proposed budget includes investments in zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty transportation. At the same time, we need to invest more in this space than is currently in the budget. We need to provide incentives for vehicles, but we also need to provide incentives for the charging infrastructure. Consumers, businesses, fleet operators, and drivers need adequate access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure. We need public charging infrastructure of course, but it is also critical to fund charging infrastructure for fleets at depots, for example.

We commend the Governor for proposing \$83 million for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and infrastructure and respectfully urge your support for this critical investment in Washington's clean transportation infrastructure.