



*Pictured standing, left to right: Louis Musso, Harvey Bowen, Loren Herrigstad, Lloyd Flem and Mark Foutch from All Aboard Washington; plus Rep. Andrew Barkis (R-Olympia). Seated: Gov. Jay Inslee. Photo courtesy of Legislative Support Services, [www.LSSphotos.com](http://www.LSSphotos.com).*

## Governor Signs Transportation Budget, Funds JTC Study of East-West Rail Service

On May 21, Governor Inslee signed the state transportation budget, which included funding for a study of east-west passenger rail service for which All Aboard Washington has been advocating. The study will be undertaken by the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), and is due for release in June, 2020.

JTC Coordinator Dave Catterson spoke at the AAWA public meeting in Tumwater on June 8. He discussed the many possible opportunities and challenges facing the JTC with this study, including past reports and studies, cooperation with several stakeholders such as inland ports, and the economic benefits to communities across the state. The JTC has since published its request for proposals (RFP) for the study. Follow the JTC's work at: [leg.wa.gov/jtc](http://leg.wa.gov/jtc)

