

## Kate Witt

While I believe that spending some of this settlement on electric buses and ferries is perfect, I would add another item to that list. I would like you to consider actively helping Washington citizens replace old vehicles with newer hybrid and/or fully electric passenger vehicles. This program would be in addition to the sales tax incentive program that currently exists.

Despite the work being done in the Seattle area to improve public transportation, there are still many of us who live along the I-5 corridor who rely on our cars to get to work and to get our family members to and from childcare, doctors' visits, and other activities. I am one of many people I know who are driving cars older than 10 years old. (I drive a 1999 Subaru.) We are unable to replace these cars with anything new much less anything remotely low/zero emissions. Ignoring \$15-\$20k for a Ford Focus, \$28k for a Nissan LEAF, and \$24k for a Chevy Volt. These are not truly expensive cars but for many of us, a program that helps us bridge the gap between spending \$5k on a used gas-guzzler to putting in reach a newer low-emissions car would be most welcome.

Note that if you do move forward with spending the VW dollars on Electric Charging Stations, at least ensure that WA removes the Special Vehicle Registration fee on EVs while the VW dollars are being used.

Thank you for considering my suggestion.