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[Governor Signs Washington's First-in-the-Nation Shared Streets Law](#)

Author: Mark Ostrow (Guest Contributor)

Date: May 19, 2025 08:31 am

Cities in Washington will have the legal authority to create shared streets, which feature much lower speed limits and put pedestrians first, under Senate Bill 5595. Governor Bob Ferguson signed the bill into law Saturday. It will go into effect on July 27.

The post [Governor Signs Washington's First-in-the-Nation Shared Streets Law](#) first appeared on [The Urbanist](#).

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[Quiz Your Knowledge with The Urbanist Crossword Puzzle for May 18](#)

Author: William Holland

Date: May 18, 2025 08:00 am

Take the third installment of The Urbanist's crossword series, which runs every two weeks. If you love to take a contemplative moment with a brain-teasing puzzle, but you're tired of nationally syndicated crosswords with no local flair or stance on high-capacity transit, you're right where you need to be.

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[Sunday Video: The Housing Tax Crisis](#)

Author: Stephen Fesler

Date: May 18, 2025 07:00 am

Uytae Lee of About Here dives into development fees and taxes, which contribute to a significant proportion of new housing costs. In many North American cities, housing taxes have been increasing much faster than inflation. But why are they increasing so much, what are they used for, and how does this affect homebuilding?

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[Turn Out for Housing at Seattle Hearings This Week](#)

Author: Diego Batres

Date: May 17, 2025 03:29 pm

There are two important housing fights coming up next week. Public hearings are scheduled on Monday and Wednesday, and advocates need to ensure Seattle's plan for middle housing keeps advancing and long-promised affordable housing gets built at Fort Lawton, despite pushback.

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[Op-Ed: Seattle Should Ban Employers from Discriminating Against Unhoused Job Applicants](#)

Author: Nathan Rouse (Guest Contributor)

Date: May 17, 2025 08:00 am

In the middle of a homelessness crisis, Seattle is still allowing employers to reject qualified job applicants simply because they don't have a permanent address. That's discrimination, and the Seattle City Attorney should lead the way in banning the practice.

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[Special Summer Transit Options Increase Multimodal Access Across Puget Sound](#)

Author: Ryan Packer

Date: May 16, 2025 01:30 pm

Summer in Puget Sound means the return of Trailhead Direct, Bicycle Weekends, Seattle's free Waterfront Shuttle, and the Hurricane Ridge Shuttle.

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[An Audio Recap of The Urbanist's 'Future of Seattle Housing' Panel](#)

Author: Urbanist Staff

Date: May 16, 2025 12:50 pm

Want a deep dive on the latest in Seattle housing policy? The Urbanist has you covered. Check out this recording and transcript of our April housing panel with experts.

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[Seattle Police Want to Add StarChase Car Tracking to Technology Arsenal](#)

Author: Amy Sundberg

Date: May 16, 2025 07:00 am

StarChase consists of GPS tracker launchers attached to police patrol cars that can deploy a GPS tracking tag onto another vehicle. The Seattle Police Department contends that acquiring this technology will help apprehend criminals without dangerous high-speed chases, but critics argue StarChase's efficacy is low and deployment would expand the scope of warrantless surveillance.

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[Op-Ed: Five Ways to Lower Rents in Seattle](#)

Author: Katie Wilson

Date: May 15, 2025 06:10 pm

Here are five things Seattle leaders could be doing to lower your rent, in observance of Affordable Housing Week.

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[Washington Legislature Greenlights Framework for Amtrak Improvements](#)

Author: Juan Jocom

Date: May 15, 2025 07:00 am

One bill to make it out of the Washington State Legislature this session was House Bill 1837, which sets targets to boost Amtrak Cascades frequencies, reliability, and speed.

Meanwhile, Amtrak's soon-to-be upgraded SoDo rail yard will host new and improved Amtrak Airo trains to one day accommodate that vision.

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