



Economic Development and Transportation Committee

DANIEL PETERS, *Chair*

The Economic Development and Transportation Standing Committee is comprised of a diverse panel of members representing varied interests and covering all corners of the state. The committee meets quarterly, addressing both current local issues and ongoing topics throughout the year. In 2018, the EDT Committee saw a change of its chair and welcomed Daniel Peters, an engineer with SPEEA/IFPTE Local 2001 and WSLC vice president who hails from the Renton area. Daniel has worked at Boeing for nearly 9 years now and currently works as a Loads and Dynamics Engineer on the P-8 program in Tukwila. He lives in Renton with his wife, Janina, and dog, Melvin. He currently serves his union as a NW Regional Vice President (elected in 2018) and is the at-large SPEEA/IFPTE VP to the WSLC. His main passion in economic development is aiming to organize professional industries that have traditionally been non-union, like high-tech, engineering, software, scientific research, clean energy, etc. We are fortunate to have him. He replaces Emmanuel Flores, who has joined the staff of the WSLC on the Workforce Development Department. Members of the committee thank Emmanuel for the time that he devoted to furthering the ideas generated by the committee.

With the change of leadership within EDT, the committee has been in a transitional period. Through the WSLC, the EDT Committee is pursuing the possibility of offering membership custom license plates that identify the owners as proud union members! The idea is going through the design phase right now. We will soon be circulating sign-up sheets to ascertain interest.

2020 has been a difficult year to pursue goals given the pandemic we are facing. As soon as possible, we intend to remedy the situation. With the expected improvement of the economy, our committee will strive to support economic progress that supports family wage jobs and prosperity for all. Some of the key items on our committee's radar are: developing and growing the green economy in WA state with union living wage jobs (including participating in the WSLC Green Economy Summit, which was postponed earlier in 2020); future high-speed rail projects between Seattle, Portland, and Vancouver; the state's FilmWorks initiative and the future of the WA film industry; and of course, the ongoing struggle to convince Boeing to maintain airplane production in WA and fully recognize the best union aerospace workforce in the world! We look forward to tackling these important issues once the pandemic recedes and we can all return to our regular work safely and productively.