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SMALL CITY PRESERVATION FUNDING INCREASED – PROJECTS SELECTED

Substitute Senate Bill 5483 was signed into law at the end of session. This bill redirects left over City Hardship Assistance Program (CHAP) funding to the Small City Preservation Program (SCPP).

This change allowed TIB to select 19 projects from cities under a 5,000 population that are ready to go to construction this summer. Funding for the Small City Preservation Program call for summer 2008 and 2009 construction will increase from \$2 million to \$3.5 million. Those projects will be awarded in November 2007.

For a list of projects selected at the May Board meeting in Walla Walla, see the TIB Website at <http://www.tib.wa.gov/news/items/2007/05/FY2008SCPPSelection.pdf>

SUCCESSFUL BNSF CONSULTATIONS SPAWN ONGOING PARTNERSHIP

TIB and FMSIB sponsored sixteen local agency consultation meetings with staff from BNSF Railway to aid in moving transportation projects forward. The successful meetings helped all parties identify issues and improve communications.

BNSF decided to build on success by scheduling local agency consultation meetings every two months. TIB and FMSIB will continue to assist BNSF by notifying local agencies in advance of each meeting. The next Local Government Consultations will be June 14 at BNSF offices in South Seattle.

The October consultation will be co-located with APWA in Spokane for easy access to Eastern Washington agencies. TIB and FMSIB thank BNSF for their commitment to these meetings.

For more information, visit the TIB website at: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/contact/notices/bnsf>

TIB Staff Addition
Vaughn Nelson joined TIB on April 16, 2007 as a Research Analyst. This is a new position that was created to provide quantitative analysis on our performance measures, such as economic development and traffic safety. Vaughn is a recent graduate of BYU, and having majored in statistics, brings a valuable skill to TIB.

Remaining 2007 TIB Meetings
 July 26-27 Port Angeles
 Sept. 27-28 Wenatchee
 November 15-16 Tacoma

TIB TOPICS

TIB Funding Program Workshops

The Transportation Improvement Board conducts funding workshops throughout the state each year in June for TIB's annual funding programs. TIB funding workshops provide information about the various funding programs, the scoring criteria for each program, and the application process. These workshops are intended to increase the probability of a successful project application.

TIB schedules separate workshop sessions targeted for small cities (incorporated cities with a population of less than 5,000) and urban agencies (including counties). Attendance at a workshop is highly recommended for agency staff planning to complete funding applications. Training schedules and online registration are available on the TIB website.

For more information or to register for a workshop, go to:
<http://www.tib.wa.gov/Applications/workshops.htm>

Other Notable dates:

June 1, 2007

August 31, 2007

November 16, 2007

Call for Projects

Applications Due

Grants Awarded

Route Jurisdiction Transfer Request - Comment Period

TIB is evaluating a request from Skamania County to transfer jurisdiction of US Forest Service Road 90, Curly Creek Road, and Wind River Highway, between SR 503 and SR 14, from Skamania County and US Forest Service jurisdiction to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). If the transfer is approved, the route would become a state highway.

The board has issued Preliminary Findings on this request based on criteria set out in RCW 47.17.001 and WAC 479-210. Comments should address these criteria and need to include your name and address.

The Legislature makes the final decision on RJT requests. TIB is responsible for reviewing RJT requests, establishing a comment period, and making a recommendation to the Legislature. Comments should be directed to TIB, Steve Gorcester, P O Box 40901, Olympia, WA 98504-0901 or at SteveG@tib.wa.gov. **Comments must be received by June 22, 2007.**

To download a copy of the Preliminary Findings and associated documents or to submit you comments online, please visit the TIB website at: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/contact/notices/SkamaniaCountyRJT>.

WAC Revisions

As part of the agency's business process improvements, board policies needed to be incorporated into rules. All chapters of WAC 479 are being revised to meet this need. Written comments may be submitted to Rhonda Reinke, P O Box 40901, Olympia WA 98504-0901 or at RhondaR@tib.wa.gov by July 20, 2007. A public hearing for the adoption of these rules will be held in conjunction with the TIB meeting in Port Angeles at the Red Lion Hotel, 221 North Lincoln, on July 27, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

The WAC revisions can be reviewed on the TIB website at: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/contact/notices/WACRevisions>.



TIB Featured Project

City of Sultan's Sultan Basin Road

Sultan Basin Road was a narrow two-lane roadway with no sidewalks and open drainage. The intersection at SR 2 was a horizontal curve with limited sight distance. This project moved the intersection to the east of its present location. Sultan Basin Road was widened to include two 12-foot travel lanes, a 12-foot left-turn lane, 5-foot bike lanes and 6-foot sidewalks on the east side.

TIB provided \$500,000 in funding for this \$1.9M project.