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November 2008 New Project Selections Announced

Board Awards \$68M in Grants

The Transportation Improvement Board announced the selection of 69 new grant awards at its regularly scheduled meeting November 21, 2008 in Vancouver. Of these awards, 14 are grants for street or sidewalk maintenance only. TIB received a total of 301 applications, and provided \$68M million in grant funding of the total \$468 million requested.

Summary of Awards

	# Funded	TIB Funding	Total Costs
Urban Arterial Program	11	\$25,739,410	\$64,618,816
Urban Corridor Program	9	\$27,276,992	\$114,227,338
Small City Arterial Program	17	\$10,356,859	\$16,272,819
Sidewalk Programs	18	\$3,292,483	\$6,570,958
Small City Preservation Program	14	\$1,352,000	\$1,352,000
Total	69	\$68,017,744	\$203,041,931

View the selected projects at <http://www.tib.wa.gov/projects/FundingPrograms.cfm>

Delayed Projects May Face Funding Cuts

Economic Downturn and TIB

TIB revenue forecasts have dropped with the economy. TIB considered the revenue reductions in awarding fewer projects in 2007 and 2008. Reductions in capital obligations may become necessary in the event of continued weak revenue. If TIB is forced to cut existing grants, delayed projects will be the first reductions.

TIB considers any project delayed if the project has not been contracted for construction in which the award letter was issued more than 5.5 years ago for UCP, 4.5 years ago for UAP, and 2.5 years ago for sidewalks and small cities.

Agencies can review the status of their projects at www.tib.wa.gov/performance/dashboard, navigate to the Outcome Measures menu and select Delayed Projects. Clicking on the chart brings up projects in each category of delay.

Adopted WACs Go Into Effect November 2, 2008

New SCPP WAC Rules Adopted

Receiving no written or oral comments in opposition to the new rules for the Small City Pavement Preservation (SCPP) program, WAC Chapter 479-10 was adopted following a public hearing at the September 26, 2008 board meeting in Chelan. The rules went into effect on November 2, 2008. You can view them in their entirety at <http://www.tib.wa.gov/tibinfo/publications/WACs/WACs.cfm>.



City of Ellensburg's Ruby Street / Mt. View Avenue

CSG Recognizes TIB Dashboard TIB Receives Second National Award

For the second time in a month, TIB has been recognized nationally for its performance and innovation. The Council of State Governments (CSG) selected the agency for a 2008 innovations award in recognition of TIB's real-time performance management (RPM) dashboard on July 21. TIB received the prestigious Award for Excellence in Government Finance from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) a few weeks earlier.

TIB's unique use of data helps to promote fiscal responsibility, strong project controls, and transparency to the public. RPM allows the public to review the same data TIB uses to make business decisions. The public can access the same information on TIB programs that we use to make business decisions by visiting <http://www.tib.wa.gov/performance/performance.cfm>.

RJT Reassignment Request to be Resubmitted to 2009 Legislature Route Jurisdiction Transfers May Be Reassigned to WSTC

The 1991 Legislature delegated responsibility for studying and hearing requests for route jurisdiction transfers (RJT) to TIB. Route jurisdiction transfers are the conversion of the city or county route into a state highway, or the conversion of a state highway into a local route. TIB reviews about one route transfer each year.

Last year, TIB placed a bill before the Legislature requesting to reassign the responsibility of reviewing route transfers to the Washington State Transportation Commission. The bill did not pass because the Legislature ran out of time to consider new bills. TIB will ask the 2009 Legislature to consider this reassignment.

New Members Added to Board Board Member Update

Mayor James Irish

La Center Mayor James Irish was appointed to the Board in July. He is replacing Battle Ground Councilmember Bill Ganley who was term-limited. Mayor Irish represents an elected official of a city with a population of less than 20,000.

Commissioner Mike Wilson

Grays Harbor County Commissioner Mike Wilson was also appointed to the Board in July. He is replacing Pierce County Councilmember Calvin Goings who stepped off the Board due to his election schedule. Commissioner Wilson represents a county executive, councilmember, or commissioner that serves on a transit board. Department of Transportation Secretary Hammond will appoint replacements from the nominations submitted by WSAC and AWC.

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2009 TIB Meetings

January 22-23 - Olympia

March 26-27 - Bellingham

June 25-26 - Spokane

September 24-25 - Yakima

November 19-20 - Bremerton

Note:

The June meeting in Spokane will be held in conjunction with the AWC Conference.

The November meeting date has been moved to the THIRD Thursday and Friday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information on upcoming board meetings, visit our Board Meetings page at www.tib.wa.gov/board/Board.cfm.

TIB FEATURED PROJECT

CITY OF SHELTON NORTHCLIFF AVENUE

NORTH 13TH STREET TO MOORE HILL ROAD

Northcliff Avenue serves as a critical link between the central business district in downtown and the high school, hospital and community college.

Improvements made include a widened roadway with turn pockets for major access points, sidewalks that link downtown to critical facilities, new lighting to improve visibility and safety, and a new drainage system which collects and treats runoff - improving water quality and reducing impact on the environment.

In addition to these roadway improvements, the city improved the water and sewer systems within the project creating a comprehensive project that will meet the needs of the citizens for years to come.



City of Shelton's Northcliff Avenue Project.

OTHER RECENTLY COMPLETED TIB PROJECTS

Cathlamet – Broadway Street	Hartline – Chelan & Willard Streets
College Place – Whitman Drive	Wenatchee – Walnut Street
Gig Harbor – 56th/Olympic Drive	East Wenatchee – Rock Island Road
Des Moines – 16th Avenue	Waterville – Monroe Street
Tacoma – D Street	Chelan – Park Avenue Walkway
SeaTac – Military Road	Walla Walla – Plaza Way
Tieton – Naches Avenue	Ellensburg – Ruby Street/Mt. View Avenue
Quincy – Division Street	Walla Walla County – Myra Road



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the soon to be completed Eighth/Spokane/Fourth Street project.

TIB FEATURED PROJECT

TOWN OF LAMONT EIGHTH/SPOKANE/FOURTH STREETS

MAIN STREET TO MAIN STREET

The Town of Lamont in Whitman County is the second smallest incorporated city in Washington State. This TIB project converts three gravel streets into properly constructed paved streets with sidewalks. The new facilities connect the center of town to Lamont School via paved streets for the first time in the town's 100-year history.

This project will enable Lamont to reduce its maintenance costs associated with the annual grading of its gravel streets.