



# TIB Transportation Improvement Board

## TIB TOPICS

Spring 2000

### Message From the Chair

As I write this message, we are waiting for the legislature to take action on the Transportation Improvement Board's (TIB) Supplemental Budget request. They have completed their regular session and the first special session. We are hopeful that a budget compromise will be agreed on soon. Without a supplemental appropriation, the Transportation Partnership Program (TPP) will have to restrict project approvals through the remainder of the biennium.

Also in question is the TIB's proposal to provide \$100 million in bonds to fund Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) projects and to be utilized to offset funds lost on TIB projects as a result of Initiative 695 (I-695).

In my last message, I described the challenges of working with the I-695 impacts. The consequences of



Mayor Tina Roberts, Chair  
City of Lynnwood

no supplemental appropriation are even more severe. Therefore, as soon as the legislature acts on the budget, we will contact all impacted agencies.

In the interim, we will be withholding approval of TPP projects and in some cases, delaying payments on currently approved projects.

### Transportation Partnership Program Update

Seasonal expenditures in the Transportation Partnership Program currently exceed the amount of revenue being deposited into the account. In July 1999, agencies reported they expected to receive approximately \$28 million in reimbursement from the TIB for the last quarter of 1999 and the first quarter of 2000. However, requests for reimbursement have been in excess of \$50 million. As a result, the TIB has been processing payments on a first-submitted first-paid basis. To alleviate the situation the TIB has requested in its supplemental budget request the ability to sell \$30 million in bonds to cover existing and projected payments. If this request is granted, the TIB will begin processing all outstanding project payments, otherwise the TIB will continue processing payments as first-submitted first-paid.

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## 2000 TIB Legislation

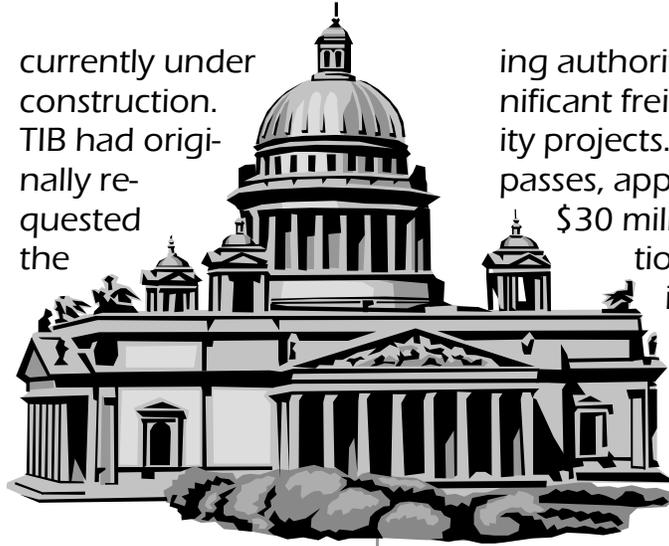
At the time of this writing, the Legislature has adjourned without acting on a supplemental appropriation for transportation. Since adjournment of the first special session on April 7, 2000, the House and Senate Leadership have been working toward a compromise budget. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Governor stated if a plan is not developed by April 19<sup>th</sup> he would call Legislators back into a second special session starting April 24<sup>th</sup> to vote on his own budget.

Efforts and proposals to replace some of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax funding lost by I-695 have been the major focus of the 2000 Legislature. Issues of concern to the TIB are:

- **TIB's** supplemental budget that requests the authority to sell \$30 million in bonds to finance projects

*"...the Senate and House leadership is working on...a supplemental transportation budget that would be acceptable to both sides."*

currently under construction. TIB had originally requested the



bond sale in the 1997-99 biennium, however at the time there was sufficient revenue being deposited into the account to cover expenditures.

Without the ability to sell bonds the TIB will be forced to stop the authorization of

construction of projects. Agencies would be instructed to proceed with the awarding of contracts at their own risk.

- **HB-2788** authorizes an additional \$100 million in TIB bond-

ing authority for significant freight mobility projects. If HB-2788 passes, approximately \$30 million in additional spending authority would be appropriated for use in the 1999-01 biennium

primarily for projects identified by the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board.

- **SB-6798** would have established the TIB Small City pavement management system for cities under 2,500. While the bill did not survive, the Senate's budget includes \$5 million of Urban Arterial Trust Funds for a similar program, however the program would be implemented within WSDOT's Highways and Local Programs Division.



# TIB Transportation Improvement Board

## Calendar

**May 18-19, 2000**

*Board Meeting in Bellingham*

**June 30, 2000**

*Urban PSMP's selected in FY 1999 Priority Array must be completed*

**July 27-28, 2000**

*Board Meeting in Spokane*

**October 12-13, 2000**

*Board Meeting in Richland*

## 2000 TIB Board Members

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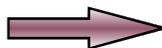
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**TIB Workshops**

The Transportation Improvement Board and the Washington State Department of Transportation, Highways and Local Programs, invite you to participate in workshops that explain the transportation grants available to public agencies. These workshops will help you understand the selection criteria and application process for state and federal funds. The tentative workshop locations are as follows:



For more information please call **Greg Armstrong** at (360)-705-7595.

**TIB Workshops**

<b>Wenatchee:</b> Monday, June 19, 2000
<b>Kennewick:</b> Tuesday, June 20, 2000
<b>Spokane:</b> Wednesday, June 21, 2000
<b>Mount Vernon:</b> Monday, June 26, 2000
<b>Lynnwood:</b> Tuesday, June 27, 2000
<b>Lakewood:</b> Wednesday, June 28, 2000
<b>Vancouver:</b> Thursday, June 29, 2000
<b>Port Townsend:</b> Friday, June 30, 2000

