

# TIB TOPICS



**City of Yelm's 103rd Street SE**  
 A Ribbon Cutting was held March 28th to celebrate the project's completion

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## Projects Selected for Small City Preservation Program

The Transportation Improvement Board selected the FY 2007 street maintenance funding for 31 small cities at their January 27, 2006 board meeting. This program was made possible through Substitute Senate Bill 5775, which passed during the 2005 legislative session. Funding comes from the Transportation Partnership Account fueled by the 9.5 cent gas tax increase.

TIB issued a \$2 million call for Preservation projects immediately following the outcome of Initiative 912. Of 175 small cities in Washington, the TIB received 105 applications requesting a total of \$20 million.

The table below summarizes the number of funding applications received and selections made for the 2006-2007 Small City Preservation Program. For a complete listing of projects selected, [CLICK HERE](#).

Region	SCPP Submitted Applications		SCPP Selections		SCPP Funds Requested		SCPP Funds Awarded	
	Overlay	Seal Coat	Overlay	Seal Coat	Overlay	Seal Coat	Overlay	Seal Coat
East	42	38	5	15	\$10,196,886	\$2,675,749	\$556,098	\$615,424
Puget Sound	10	3	3	1	\$1,628,204	\$157,527	\$244,953	\$83,493
West	14	14	1	6	\$3,982,179	\$902,621	\$130,549	\$352,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$15,807,270</b>	<b>\$3,735,898</b>	<b>\$931,600</b>	<b>\$1,051,218</b>

## Weak Revenue and Prior Over-programming Plagues TIA Account

The Transportation Improvement Account (TIA) funds the Urban Corridor Program (formerly known as the Transportation Partnership Program). Funding comes from 1.5 cents of the state gas tax.

TIA revenue has been weak, mainly due to high gas prices. TIA obligations are currently very high because of a double-sized 2001 funding program.

Construction bills are due on the bumper crop of projects right when construction costs have risen dramatically.

Funding for increases on Urban Corridor projects is extremely scarce.

## Corridor Completion Projects Reflect a New Focus

The Transportation Improvement Board placed a new emphasis on completing the final phase of urban corridor projects that had received TIB funding for earlier phases. Application rankings and project interviews were used to select eight projects.

The following agencies received final completion funding in grants awarded November 2005.

- City of Newcastle – Coal Creek Parkway
- City of Federal Way – Pacific Highway
- City of Walla Walla – Myra Road
- City of Richland – Gage Boulevard
- City of Everett – 112th Street SE
- Pierce County – Canyon Road
- Benton County – I-82 Intertie
- Thurston County – Yelm Highway

## Cultural Resources Review Comes to TIB-Funded Projects

Governor Gregoire’s Executive Order 05-05 mandates a cultural resources consultation for capital projects funded by state grant programs. The Legislature concurred in the Governor’s order with adoption of the 2006 supplemental budget.

Beginning July 1, 2006, TIB funded projects without federal funds will be required to complete review by the state Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and consultation with affected tribes prior to construction approval. Projects with federal funding already complete this review and no new process is required.

TIB will directly notify agencies with affected projects in June. TIB has worked with DAHP to secure a clarification that projects past 30 percent design on July 1 will be exempt. All projects funded under the Small City Pavement Preservation program are also exempt.

DAHP has posted information about Executive Order 05-05 and forms on their website at <http://www.oahp.wa.gov>

## Project Engineer Region Changes

Some of the TIB project engineers have been assigned to new regions. Region assignments are adjusted periodically due to staffing changes and to balance workload to about 100 projects per engineer.

The table below lists which area each engineer manages.

TIB Engineer	Manages Projects within These Counties
Greg Armstrong, Chief Engineer	King, Kitsap, and Kittitas
Gloria Bennett	Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman
John Dorffeld	Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima
Bob Moorhead	Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Mason, Pacific, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom
Mike Polodna	Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum

Snohomish County's Lundeen Parkway Extension



## 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. TIB will be holding FY 2008 Funding Workshop Programs beginning in June. Training schedules and online registration are available on the TIB website at :

<http://www.tib.wa.gov/applications/workshops.htm>

### Other Notable Dates:

June 1, 2006	FY 2008 Call for Projects
August 31, 2006	FY 2008 Applications Due
November 17, 2006	FY 2008 Grants Awarded

## Legislative Update

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6839 was delivered to the Governor on March 8, 2006. This bill had many facets to it regarding transportation accounts and revenue distribution. The significant section of this bill for TIB mandates that each biennium \$7 million is transferred directly to TIB. Of that amount, \$2 million provides funding for the new Small City Preservation Program (SCPP) and \$5 million provides funding in the Urban Corridor Program (UCP).

Senate Bill 6162, which adjusted the composition of the TIB board's representation, did not pass the legislative session.



City of  
Duvall's  
Big Rock  
Road

## Board Vacancies

TIB will soon have three vacant positions on the board. John Akers, Arnie Tomac, and Dave O'Connell are all term limited, with their terms expiring on June 30, 2006.

If you know of someone who is qualified and interested in sitting on the board, please share this information with them.

The positions available are listed below.

- One city engineer from a city of less than 20,000 population
- One citizen with a demonstrated interest and involvement with a non-motorized transportation group
- One citizen with a demonstrated interest and involvement with a statewide specialized needs transportation group

The city engineer representative is nominated by the Association of Washington Cities, and the two citizen representatives apply to the Secretary of Transportation at WSDOT.

An ad will be listed in mid-May in major newspapers throughout the state announcing the citizen vacancies.

## TIB Staff Addition

Rhonda Reinke joined TIB on March 6, 2006 as the Chief Administrative Officer. She was the Chief Financial Officer in the Financial Management Division at the Department of Natural Resources before coming to TIB.

She brings a great breadth of financial and administrative experience to the staff. She replaces Rich Struna who accepted a position with OFM in September, 2005.

## 2006 TIB Meeting Schedule

DATE	CITY
January 26-27	Olympia
March 23-24	Bellingham
May 18-19	Spokane Valley
July 27-28	Richland
September 21-22	North Bonneville
November 16-17	Federal Way



City of  
Cathlamet's  
River Street

## Recent TIB Project Events

See our TIB Featured Projects on the TIB website for photos and information regarding these recent TIB Events.

AGENCY	FEATURED PROJECT
City of West Richland	<a href="#">Bombing Range Road</a>
Snohomish County	<a href="#">Lundeen Parkway Extension</a>
City of Brewster	<a href="#">Main Avenue</a>
Town of LaCrosse	<a href="#">North Main &amp; A Street</a>
Douglas County	<a href="#">Grant Road</a>
City of Mill Creek	<a href="#">Dumas Road</a>
Town of Cathlamet	<a href="#">River Street</a>
City of Arlington	<a href="#">Smokey Point Interchange</a>
City of Duvall	<a href="#">Big Rock Road</a>
City of Yelm	<a href="#">103rd Street SE</a>

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