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TIB Wins National Recognition for Management Excellence

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognized the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board at its national convention in Ft. Lauderdale on June 17, 2008. The Award for Excellence in Government Finance is the most prestigious recognition of the GFOA.



Steve Gorcester and Rhonda Reinke accept the GFOA Award for Excellence.

The Award for Excellence in the category of Management and Service Delivery is the first award TIB received in its 40 year history. GFOA cited performance management as a principal factor in making the award.

Former In-house System Now Public TIB GMAP Dashboard Now Available Online

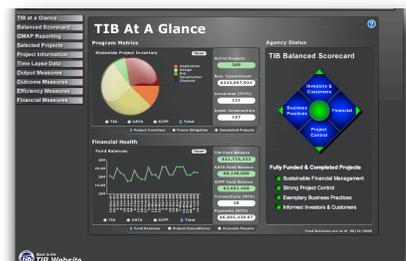
TIB is one of the most transparent government agencies in the country as it moves the formerly internal performance website out to the public Internet.

The public now have the opportunity to view the same data and information that the executive director uses to manage the agency.

TIB built its performance management dashboard in 2003 and has consistently improved business processes and grant project performance ever since.

This technology and management tool has allowed TIB to stabilize its programs, provide payments to local agencies four-and-a half months earlier, and reduce delayed projects by 70 percent, which has saved millions in public funds by eliminating construction cost inflation.

To view the dashboard, go to <http://www.tib.wa.gov/performance/dashboard>.



The TIB GMAP Performance Management Dashboard is now available online.

2008 Call For Projects FY 2010 Applications Round Now Open

The Transportation Improvement Board opened its 2008 call for projects by preliminarily adopting a \$63 million program size. Funds are available in the Urban Corridor Program, Urban Arterial Program, Sidewalk Program and Small City Arterial Program.



“Thank You 4 Paving” - Written in a driveway along the City of Kittitas’ Main Street Project.

Applications are due August 29, 2008 and grants will be awarded in November.

Program	
Urban Corridor Program	\$25M
Urban Arterial Program	\$25M
Small City Arterial Program	\$10M
Sidewalk Program	\$3M
Total	\$63M

High gas prices mean fewer TIB projects in November. TIB has had to reduce the number of grants awarded every year due to lower receipts from revenue stream, fueled by three cents of the statewide gas tax. Gas tax receipts drop when prices are high and the economy weak. TIB lost \$5.2 million of expected revenue from the June 2008 forecast. TIB may have to cancel annual awards to Urban Corridor Projects within five years if revenue continues to wane.

New Criteria Includes Sustainability Sustainability Criteria Revisions Adopted by Board

The Board adopted the sustainability criteria revisions at the March board meeting. These criteria are part of the urban program criteria and were developed, in part, through customer comments and feedback.

The adopted criteria are designed to be relatively easy to obtain, and allows agencies to consider a range of sustainability measures relative to their project and locale. The maximum category points may be obtained by including recycled materials, low energy

lighting, and bike lanes; measures that could be implemented anywhere in the state.

Other urban criteria changes included updating accident cost calculations and offering more ways to achieve accident points when corrective measures address specific statewide goals. Offering a broader range for Level of Service was also included in the overall revisions.

TIB Will No Longer Publish VE Study Facilitator Listing

Helpful Information Found Through GA

The General Administration (GA) office for the state of Washington offers a comprehensive list of engineering firms and small works contractors that are pre-qualified. There are some basic rules to follow, but the streamlined one-stop shopping works for agencies that need smaller work completed. There are two separate systems that GA uses:

- Engineering and Architectural Services (EAS) Small Works Roster
- Architectural and Engineering Reference File

EAS Small Works Roster

The Small Works Roster (SWR) is a listing of Washington State licensed contractors who have applied for and have been approved to be listed on the roster. The SWR is used for projects under \$200,000. It also makes it easier for contractors to compete for public works projects and reduces the cost of bidding small projects.

Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Reference File

The A/E reference is a central file of consultants' Architect-Engineer

New and Improved TIB Application

You will see a new look to the TIB application this year. TIB staff have been hard at work to make the application more user-friendly with a new straightforward format. It includes a drop-down menu for the new sustainability criteria.

The applications will be available on-line by June 23. Please let us know if you like the new look!

WAC Rules for Small City Pavement Preservation

The Board reviewed the new WAC rules for the Small City Pavement Preservation (SCPP) program at their June meeting. These WACs will be available on-line by July 1. You can view them through our website at www.tib.wa.gov.

A public hearing for approval of these rules will be held at the September 25-26, 2008 meeting in Chelan. Comments on the proposed rules can be directed to Rhonda Reinke via e-mail at rhondar@tib.wa.gov or mailed to her at P O Box 40901, Olympia, WA 98504-0901.

Remaining 2008 TIB Board Meetings

September 25-26 - Chelan
November 20-21 - Vancouver

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 KITTITAS MAIN STREET - RAILROAD AVE TO I-90

This project replaces Caribou Bridge and enhances fish passage in Caribou Creek. The sharp curve and dilapidated roadway were also replaced to give Kittitas a safer and more attractive entrance from I-90

TIB does not normally pay to convert gravel roads, but a unique opportunity arose to join forces with labor. TIB and the city of Kittitas have teamed up with the Operating Engineers' Regional Training Program in Central Washington to use Kittitas as a heavy equipment training ground. TIB's Small City Preservation fund is paying for materials and fuel, while the training center is donating labor and equipment in order to train crews to pave on actual streets instead of test strips. Kittitas gets paved streets and the training center develops a skilled labor force for other transportation projects, including many other TIB projects across the state.

This project was done in conjunction with a city wide overlay project for \$112,644. Doing these projects at the same time saved a considerable amount of funds.



Qualifications (Form 330) and web addresses. Washington state government organizations use the file to select consultants based on qualifications instead of a bidding process for public works projects. The consultant fee must be estimated at under \$125,000 to use this service.

As of June 1, 2008, TIB will only be promoting the use of the A/E Reference File for VE Study Facilitators. We will no longer keep a separate listing. If you or your firm are on the A/E Reference File, you do not have to reapply. If you or your firm are not currently on the A/E Reference File, you can go to the General Administration website at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/Construction/index.html> and follow the instruction listed there. Additional detailed information on the A/E Reference File can be found on TIB's web site at <http://www.tib.wa.gov/News/newsstory.asp?stid=252>

New Member Added to Board Board Member Update

New Board Member

Whatcom County Councilmember Sam Crawford has been appointed to the Board beginning July 1, 2008. He is replacing Benton County Commissioner Leo Bowman who is term-limited.

Councilmember Crawford represents an elected county official of a county with a population of 125,000 or more.

Board Vacancies

- Pierce County Councilmember Calvin Goings has stepped off the Board due to ongoing scheduling conflicts. His term with TIB runs through June 30, 2010, with eligibility for two four-year terms. This position is currently vacant and needs to be held by a County Executive, Councilmember, or Commissioner that serves on a transit board.
- Battle Ground Councilmember Bill Ganley is term limited in his current position on the Board, with his term ending on June 30, 2008. This position needs to be held by an elected official of a city with a population of less than 20,000.

Interested parties should submit their name to their affiliated association. Department of Transportation Secretary Hammond will appoint replacements from the nominations submitted by WSAC and AWC.

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