



**Washington State  
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# **Regional Mobility Grant Program 2nd Quarter 2009 Report to the Legislature and Secretary**

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# Regional Mobility Grant Program - Progress Summary

## 2005-2007 Biennium Projects

In 2006, the Legislature adopted a list of 14 projects and provided \$20,000,000 in funding. As of March 2009:

- Nine projects have been completed.
- One project was cancelled.
- Four projects have requested reappropriation; all are scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2011.
- \$13,174,689 has been spent through March 2009.

## 2007-2009 Biennium Projects

In 2007, the Legislature adopted a list of 16 new projects for 2007-2009 and provided \$40,000,000 in funding for these projects. As of March 2009:

- One project has been completed.
- Four projects are scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2009.
- Two projects have been cancelled.
- Nine projects have requested reappropriation; all are scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2011.
- \$5,145,259 has been spent through March 2009.

## Legislature Keeps Regional Mobility Projects Moving Forward

In the 2009-2011 transportation budget, the Washington State Legislature reappropriated \$24,566,000 to complete 13 regional mobility projects that were started during previous biennia and \$33,429,362 to fund 14 new projects.

## Project Highlights (January 2009 – March 2009)

### Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station – Sound Transit

Construction is underway on this \$40.9 million project, which will add a freeway transit station in the median of I-5 and a pedestrian overpass to the newly completed Mountlake Terrace Park and Ride. The construction contract was awarded to MidMountain Contractors. When the project is completed in summer 2011, it will reduce transit travel times and improve reliability.

### Swift Bus Rapid Transit, Transit Stations – Community Transit

Community Transit has acquired land for 19 bus rapid transit station sites on the corridor and is continuing efforts to acquire the remaining five sites. Community Transit has selected a manufacturer, Trueform, for above ground elements and a construction firm, West Water Construction, for site work. A demonstration/training station was installed at Community Transit's Administration building in March and Trueform was given notice to proceed with manufacturing. Site construction along the corridor is underway and 14 sites are complete or under construction.

### Lakewood Commuter Rail Station – Sound Transit

Sound Transit is completing minor punch list items for the recently opened Lakewood Commuter Rail Station. The station includes 620 new parking stalls, which are helping to alleviate overcrowding at the nearby I-5/SR 512 park and ride lot and to meet growing demand for access to Sound Transit, Pierce Transit and Intercity Transit bus service.

### **Martin Way Park and Ride Lot Renovation and Expansion – Intercity Transit**

Intercity Transit has resumed construction to expand the Martin Way Park and Ride, located along I-5 in Lacey. Construction to provide an additional 179 parking spaces at the overcrowded park and ride began in October 2008 and was suspended due to weather last December. The facility is expected to open to the public in September 2009.

### **I-405 Brickyard Park and Ride Expansion**

King County Metro advertised for bidders to expand the I-405 Brickyard Park and Ride by nearly 200 parking spaces, which far exceeds their grant commitment of 100 parking spaces. The contract was awarded to TriState Construction in April 2009.

### **Seattle North Central Business District Transit Access Improvements**

King County Metro and their project partner, City of Seattle, have awarded a construction contract for transit speed and reliability improvements on Stewart Street. The contract was awarded to Merlino Brothers Construction in March of this year and work began on April 1. The improvements, which include a transit lane, parking restrictions and curb, sidewalk, and signal improvements, will be completed while the city resurfaces the street.

### **Harper Church Park and Ride Expansion – Kitsap Transit**

Kitsap Transit has selected a contractor for the Harper Church Park and Ride Expansion project, which will expand the popular park and ride lot by more than 500 stalls. Construction is underway.

### **Chuckanut Park and Ride – Skagit Transit**

Skagit Transit, working with WSDOT, has nearly completed preliminary engineering and design for this project, which includes a 355 stall park and ride near I-5. Costs have increased \$3.2 million over the originally planned \$11.6 million. Skagit Transit continues to search for additional funding before they open the project for contractor bids.

### **I-5 Commuter Service Augmentation – C-Tran**

C-Tran's service connecting Clark County and Portland continues to build ridership. During the first quarter of 2009 ridership increased more than 12 percent over the same period in 2008.

### **Pike-Pine / Westlake Hub Regional Corridor Improvements – City of Seattle**

Seattle selected a contractor and gave notice to proceed for transit improvements on Pike and Pine streets between 8th and Broadway.

## **Project Highlights (March 2009 – July 2009)**

### **Plans change for grant projects; WSDOT to provide funding to contingency projects**

While this quarterly report generally covers the time period from January through March 2009, notable information was provided by grantees during the following months:

Pierce Transit has withdrawn their SR 7 Pacific Avenue Express Service project due to a lack of available local resources. This project was competitively selected to receive \$1,390,816 from the regional mobility grant program during the 2009-2011 grant cycle.

WSDOT has rescinded at least \$4.9 million from the City of Renton's Tukwila Station project due to lack of satisfactory progress. This project, which was selected during the 2007-2009 grant cycle, did not meet their original June 30, 2009 scheduled completion date. In addition, their recently updated project schedule indicates that they will not complete the 400-stall parking lot, rail platforms and other amenities until October 2012. Legislative intent regarding project schedules was indicated in ESSB 5352, which states:

"...The department (WSDOT) shall continue to review all projects receiving grant awards under this program at least semiannually to determine whether the projects are making satisfactory progress ... It is the intent of the legislature to appropriate funds through the regional mobility grant program only for projects that will be completed on schedule."

We recognize that the project team delivered a portion of the required work for this project and will reimburse them for up to \$600,000 of eligible design work completed before July 1, 2009. This work helped the team further develop their design, schedule and budget. In addition, the project can be considered during future regional mobility grant competitions.

WSDOT is now working to shift funds to projects on the legislatively-approved contingency list found in LEAP Transportation Document 2009-B.

## Completed Projects as of March 31, 2009

Table 1

Biennium Cycle	Lead Agency Project Title	Total Grant Amount	Total Project Cost
05-07	<b>Ben Franklin Transit</b> Columbia Park Trail Park and Ride Lot Expansion	\$300,000	\$942,936
05-07	<b>City of Federal Way</b> Pac Hwy So HOV Lanes Phase III, South 284th St. to Dash Point Rd	\$1,214,000	\$18,757,000
05-07	<b>City of West Richland</b> West Richland Transit Center Park and Ride Expansion	\$134,100	\$164,000
05-07	<b>Clark County and C-Tran</b> 99th Street Park and Ride Implementation	\$600,000	\$13,200,000
05-07	<b>Community Transit</b> I-5 Commuter Bus Expansion Project	\$2,912,000	\$4,160,000
05-07	<b>Community Transit</b> Mountlake Terrace I-5 Commuter Parking (I-5 at 236th Street SW)	\$1,740,262	\$17,529,000
05-07	<b>Skagit Transit / Island Transit</b> Everett Connector Service - Phase I and the purchase of 2 buses	\$1,200,000	\$2,740,000
05-07	<b>Skamania County</b> Salmon Falls Park and Ride	\$297,500	\$425,000
<b>Total 2005-2007</b>		<b>\$8,397,862</b>	<b>\$57,917,936</b>
07-09	<b>Link Transit</b> North Wenatchee Park and Ride	\$752,400	\$836,000
<b>Total 2007-2009</b>		<b>\$752,400</b>	<b>\$836,000</b>
<b>Completed Projects Combined Total</b>		<b>\$9,150,262</b>	<b>\$58,753,936</b>

## Cancelled Projects as of March 31, 2009

Table 2

Biennium Cycle	Lead Agency Project Title	Total Grant Amount
05-07	<b>Pierce Transit</b> Peninsula Park and Ride Project Phase I	\$2,000,000
<b>Total 2005-2007</b>		<b>\$2,000,000</b>
07-09	<b>Pierce Transit</b> Peninsula Park and Ride Project Phase II Median In-line Transit Station	\$2,300,000
07-09	<b>Spokane Transit</b> Mission and Greene Community Transit Center	\$2,985,353
<b>Total 2007-2009</b>		<b>\$5,285,353</b>
<b>Cancelled Projects Combined Total</b>		<b>\$7,285,353</b>

# Active Projects as of March 31, 2009

Table 3

Biennium Cycle	Agency Project Title	Total Grant Amount	Total Spent through 03/09
05-07	<b>City of Lakewood</b> <sup>1</sup> Lakewood Commuter Rail Station	\$2,700,000	\$2,319,561
05-07	<b>Intercity Transit</b> Martin Way Park and Ride Lot Renovation and Expansion	\$1,259,360	\$394,946
05-07	<b>King County Metro</b> <sup>2</sup> Seattle North CBD Transit Access Improvements	\$1,805,000	\$76,875
05-07	<b>King County Metro</b> Sea-Tac Airport Connector Service	\$950,000	\$750,000
05-07	<b>King County Metro</b> <sup>3</sup> North I-405 Transit Access Project - Brickyard Park and Ride	\$2,013,877	\$625,877
<b>Total 2005-2007</b>		<b>\$8,728,237</b>	<b>\$4,167,259</b>

07-09	<b>Sound Transit</b> Construct Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station	\$5,000,000	\$2,425,622
07-09	<b>Community Transit</b> Swift Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Transit Stations	\$2,383,001	\$292,893
07-09	<b>City of Renton / City of Tukwila</b> Tukwila Station	\$5,500,000	\$0
07-09	<b>Sound Transit</b> Expand Commuter Rail Parking Tacoma-Seattle Corridor	\$3,700,000	\$86,925
07-09	<b>C-Tran</b> I-5 Commuter Service Augmentation	\$590,000	\$435,098
07-09	<b>City of Shoreline</b> Aurora Avenue N, N 165th St to N 185th St BAT Lanes	\$2,500,000	\$0
07-09	<b>King County Metro</b> Pacific Highway South Transit Speed and Reliability Improvements	\$2,300,000	\$501,840
07-09	<b>Kitsap Transit</b> Harper Church Park and Ride Expansion	\$2,400,000	\$50,000
07-09	<b>Everett Transit</b> Swift Bus Rapid Transit Northern Terminal at Everett Station	\$1,989,823	\$169,716
07-09	<b>Skagit Transit</b> Chuckanut Park and Ride	\$2,000,000	\$0
07-09	<b>City of Kenmore</b> SR-522 Multi-Modal - Corridor Project - Phase II	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
07-09	<b>City of Seattle</b> Pike-Pine / Westlake Hub Regional Transit Corridor Improvements	\$3,230,000	\$512,999
07-09	<b>Skagit Transit / Island Transit</b> Commuter Express Connector Service to Everett Station	\$1,440,000	\$543,388
<b>Total 2007-2009</b>		<b>\$34,832,824</b>	<b>\$6,818,481</b>

**Total spending as of March 30, 2009**

**\$10,985,740**

**Reappropriation**

**\$24,566,000**

**Total**

**\$43,561,061**

**\$35,551,740<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Project is operationally complete. Awaiting final reimbursement request from Grantee.

<sup>2</sup> \$5,000 added to Grant Total. \$15,000 unobligated funds dedicated for EO 05-05 Compliance included in reappropriation request.

<sup>3</sup> \$13,877 added to Grant Total for EO 05-05 compliance.

<sup>4</sup> \$8,009,321 remains to be spent between April and June 2009.

## 2009-2011 Regional Mobility Grant LEAP\* List

TABLE 4

Agency	Project Name	Total Project Cost	2009-2011 Grant Request	2011-2013 Grant Request	Total Grant Request
Community Transit	Swift Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Operations	\$20,822,900	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Community Transit	Double Decker Buses Equipment Purchase	\$19,204,000	\$2,880,000	\$0	\$2,880,000
Sound Transit	Lakewood-Tacoma Commuter Rail (D to M Street New Track and Signal)	\$151,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000
City of Shoreline	Aurora Avenue N, N 185th ST to N 192nd ST Business Access and Transit (BAT) Lanes	\$9,221,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Clark County	Salmon Creek Interchange Park-and-Ride and Traffic Signal Coordination	\$8,700,000	\$2,900,000	\$500,000	\$3,400,000
Intercity Transit	Hawks Prairie Park and Ride Lot	\$8,207,095	\$3,038,784	\$3,526,892	\$6,565,676
Skagit Transit Systems	South Mount Vernon Park and Ride Lot	\$5,253,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
Pierce Transit	SR-7 Pacific Avenue Express Service	\$1,741,433	\$1,390,816	\$0	\$1,390,816
Pierce Transit	Pacific Avenue Corridor Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Improvements	\$4,359,650	\$1,803,650	\$0	\$1,803,650
C-Tran	I-5 Express Commuter Service Augmentation	\$784,996	\$578,496	\$0	\$578,496
Everett Transit	Evergreen Swift Stations and Transit Signal Prioritization (TSP)	\$4,537,000	\$3,630,000	\$0	\$3,630,000
City of Federal Way	Pacific Highway South HOV Lanes Phase IV (South 312th Street to Dash Point Road)	\$21,280,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$1,300,000
Island Transit	The Everett Connector	\$2,030,000	\$1,624,000	\$0	\$1,624,000
King County Metro	Central Eastside Transit Service Improvement	\$5,216,484	\$2,033,616	\$2,139,571	\$4,173,187
		<b>\$262,357,558</b>	<b>\$33,429,362</b>		

\*LEAP Committee: <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/proposals.asp>