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WSDOT awards \$15 million in grants to improve safety and support jobs

OLYMPIA – Cities and counties will be able to move forward with 43 safety improvement projects, thanks to funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, a federal aid program administered through the Washington State Department of Transportation.

WSDOT today announced the award of \$15 million in federal grants to be used by cities and counties to significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads.

"These safety funds will be spent where they will have the highest payoff towards saving lives and reducing serious injuries, and also have the potential to support 150 jobs around the state," said Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond.

Cities and counties submitted a total of 72 project applications, with an estimate of \$28.5 million for funding consideration. To be invited to apply, agencies had to meet criteria based on a statewide analysis of where fatal and serious injury crashes were occurring.

WSDOT reviewed the applications, looking at urban and rural locations separately. Projects that received funding were able to demonstrate the best proposal for a high safety benefit for a reasonable cost.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program is funding 43 projects from 31 local agencies for a total of \$15.6 million. Projects range from adding rumble strips to prevent run-off-the-road collisions to improved signal operations and new transit lanes.

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Note: A list of the local projects approved for funding is attached.

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2009 Highway Safety Improvement Projects

Agency	Project Title	Type of work	Funding
Asotin County	13th St and Peaslee Ave Safety Improvement Project	Add traffic signal	\$400,000
Auburn	F St SE / 4th St SE Intersection	Add traffic signal	\$396,720
Bellevue	102nd Ave NE Pedestrian Safety Enhancements	Add two-way left turn lane, upgrade signing, signals	\$385,000
Bremerton	Bremerton Hwy Improvements SR310, SR304, SR303,	Upgrade crosswalks, lights signal hardware, add bike lanes	\$940,500
Cowlitz County	Cowlitz County Safety Improvement Project	Add guardrail, upgrade signing	\$500,000
Edmonds	226th St SW Walkway Project	Add sidewalk and widen road	\$185,000
Everett	City Center Safety Improvements	Upgrade signing, striping, Signals & signal operations	\$400,000
Everett	Pedestrian Improvements on 112th St	Upgrade signing, add bike lane	\$100,000
Everett	Everett Mall Way Traffic Signal	Upgrade signal hardware	\$30,000
Federal Way	Medians for Pacific Hwy S HOV Lanes Phase IV	Add raised median	\$500,000
Ferry County	Bridge Creek Road Safety Improvements	Add guardrail, rumble strips, guideposts, improve clear zone	\$500,000
Island County	Reservation Road / Polnell Road	Add guardrail	\$240,000
Island County	Hastie Lake Road / Zylstra Road Intersection Improvement	Improve vertical curve, upgrade signing, and add rumble strips	\$238,000
Island County	Hunt Road & Taylor Road Curve Warning Improvements	Upgrade signing & striping	\$22,000
King County	HARS 14 & 17: 100th Ave NE	Add medians & turn pockets	\$500,000
Kirkland	Downtown Pedestrian Safety Improvement	Upgrade signal hardware	\$10,000
Lakewood	Steilacoom Blvd - Farwest Dr to 87th Ave SW	Upgrade signal hardware, lights sight distance and striping	\$1,000,000
Longview	14th Ave & Broadway Intersection Improvements	Upgrade signal hardware, upgrade crosswalks	\$200,000
Lynnwood	SR 99 Safety Improvements: 188th St SW to 176th St SW	Add median curbs/islands	\$89,000

Safety Project List, continued

Mason County	Harstine Island Rd N & S Clear Zone Safety Project	Improve clear zone	\$500,000
Pierce County	112th St E and A St E Signal	Add traffic signal	\$1,000,000
Pierce County	9th St E / 12th St E - 190th Ave E to 198th Ave E	Improve horiz & vertical curve shoulders, add guardrail	\$500,000
Redmond	Downtown Redmond Crosswalks At Signalized Intersections	Upgrade striping	\$170,000
Richland	Lee Blvd Improvements	Narrow road, add bike lanes & parking, upgrade crosswalks	\$200,000
Seattle	SW Roxbury Street, 4th Ave SW to 35th Ave SW	Low-Cost Signal Improvements Upgrade signal hardware	\$169,500
Seattle	Rainier Ave S, , S Alaska St to S Henderson St	Low-Cost Signal Improvements Upgrade signal hardware	\$155,100
Seattle	2009 Crash Cushions Various locations	Add crash cushions	\$120,000
Seattle	N Northgate Way Meridian Ave N to 3rd Ave N	Upgrade signing	\$78,000
Seattle	SW Admiral Way SW Olga St to California Ave SW	Upgrade signal hardware	\$67,800
Shoreline	Aurora Ave N (N 180th St to N 185th St)	Add business access, transit lanes, sidewalks, medians & turn pockets	\$1,000,000
Skagit County	Francis Road Curve Realignment Reconstruct	Improve horizontal curve, widen lanes, and shoulders	\$500,000
Snohomish County	204th St SW & 28th Ave W Intersection Signalization	Add traffic signal and improve channelization	\$500,000
Spokane	Downtown Bicycle Improvements	Narrow road and add bike lanes	\$619,000
Spokane	Pedestrian Countdown Timer Signalized Intersection	Upgrade signal hardware	\$112,000
Spokane County	Valley Chapel Rd Safety Improvements	Improve horizontal curves	\$260,000
Tacoma	S 25th St Corridor, Yakima Ave Signal Improvements	Add traffic signal, upgrade signal hardware, improve signal ops	\$880,000
Thurston County	Vail Road SE S of 199th Ave SE	Widen shoulders, improve clear Zone & horizontal/vertical curve	\$300,000
Thurston County	Rumble Strip and Guidepost Improvement Project	Add rumble strips and guideposts	\$200,000

Safety Project List, Continued

Vancouver	39th St Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Improvements	Upgrade illumination, signing, striping, signal hardware, add rumble strips, add bike lane	\$450,000
Walla Walla	Alder & Rose St Pedestrian Crossings	Upgrade crosswalks	\$398,000
Wenatchee	SR 285 & Orondo Right Turn Lane	Add right turn lane	\$307,000
Yakima County	West Wapato Road Corridor Safety Enhancement Project	Add rumble strips	\$303,114
Yakima County	Yakima Valley Highway Corridor Enhancement Project	Add rumble strips	\$196,856

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