

**ISLAND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2016 STP PROSPECTUS**

Application Due Date: September 30, 2016 at 4:30 PM

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Identification:

Project/Road Name: Regional Transportation Planning Work Program	<u>Begin</u> <u>End</u>
	Milepost: NA

Federal Functional Class: NA
See [WSDOT Functional Class Map](#) to determine road classification (local roads and rural minor collectors are generally excluded, but several exceptions apply (see link to Title 23, USC below))

Six Year T.I.P. Priority No. 21 **STP Category:** Title 23 USC Sect 133 (b) (10) Surface Transportation Planning Programs

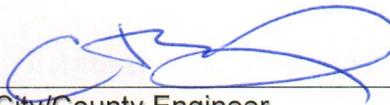
Description of Project & Conditions to be Corrected by Project:
Implementation and administration of the approved Regional Transportation Planning Work Program for the Island RTPO.

Estimated Total Cost: \$787,600 **STP Funds Requested:** \$532,000

Matching Percentage: STBG General Requirement 20%-Local & other match 32.4%

Local Project Approval

STP Project Prospectus prepared under the supervision of:



City/County Engineer



9/30/16
Date

Island County Region Project Approval:

STP Project Approved with a priority rating of: _____

Chair, ITPO Policy Board _____ Date _____

**ISLAND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2016 STP RATING SHEET**

Note to Applicant: On a separate sheet, describe how your project will meet or address the various concerns listed below, as well as any other relevant information about the project. Project prioritization will depend primarily on the information provided.

Project Applicant: Island County Public Works

Project Name: Regional Transportation Planning Work Program

STP-R Funds Requested: \$ 532,000

1 BETTER USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES 25 pts Max.

- Maximizes people-moving and freight-carrying efficiency
- Improves level of service and/or capacity
- Provides system continuity
- Establishes or preserves right of way corridors
- Enhances economic development through the movement of people and goods

2 COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION MODES 20 pts Max.

- Incorporates multiple modes into a single project

3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS 10 pts Max.

- Improves air quality or noise reductions
- Provides ample mitigations to impacts to environment
- Provides scenic or historical enhancements
- Enhances healthy communities

4 LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND WHIDBEY SCENIC ISLE WAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSISTENCY. 10 pts Max

5 SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

20 pts Max

- Incorporates safety features to protect the traveling public

6 MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

15 pts Max.

- Maximizes allocations with other funds
- Participation of other agencies/private partnerships
- Greater than required match

1. BETTER USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES

- Maximizes people-moving and freight-carrying efficiency

Regional planning efforts, via a lead planning agency, will ensure coordination between transportation facility operators and transportation providers in the Island County Region by jointly identifying efficiency impediments, proposing projects, and recommending regional studies to improve transportation efficiency.

- Improves level of service and/or capacity

Large-scale increases in physical roadway capacity are less favored today, given the high cost, environmental impact, and the phenomenon of induced demand that tends to increase vehicle traffic on larger facilities. Therefore improvements to level of service and capacity require innovative solutions and greater coordination between facility operators and transportation providers. Coordinated planning efforts can identify gaps and intersection improvements that would improve conventional traffic flow, increase efficiency of intermodal connections, and better incentivize multimodal transportation options.

- Provides system continuity

Coordinated transportation planning efforts have the potential to improve multimodal mobility and accessibility both within the Island Region as well as interregionally. Planning support improves regional/interregional communication, and provides the opportunity to align project implementation and share best practices. Coordinated planning also increases the opportunities for data based decision making, which may inform regional/interregional partners of where facility or operational improvements are needed most.

- Establishes or preserves right of way corridors

NA

- Enhances economic development through the movement of people and goods

Individual jurisdictions have the best understanding of the economic conditions and needs of their communities. Regional planning can build off of those efforts and maximize economic development for the Island region.

2. COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION MODES

- Incorporates multiple modes into a single project

Facilitation of multimodal transportation is a key goal of Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO). Regional planning funding enables the lead planning agency to bring multiple stakeholders together, through the Technical Advisory Committee, Executive Board, outreach to other agencies, and outreach to communities. Coordination between stakeholders allows collective input on transportation system improvements. Transit, non-motorized transportation, ferries, freight, farm vehicles, and personal automobiles can be considered system-wide to maximize accommodation of each mode.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Improves air quality or noise reductions

To the extent that regional transportation planning better promotes multimodal transportation opportunities, there would be a concomitant decrease in private vehicle emissions and noise. In addition, planning efforts would help identify areas of vehicle congestion that could be improved through network enhancements and operational improvements.

- Provides ample mitigations to impacts to environment

NA

- Provides scenic or historical enhancements

Although each jurisdiction within the Island region possesses unique defining qualities, each also share similar historic and scenic components that make the region cohesive. Support for regional planning would help bring separate conversations to the table and ensure that region wide policies to enhance scenic and historic elements are developed and so better complete for available grant opportunities.

- Enhances healthy communities

Walkable communities, walking to and from transit, walking onto ferries, riding a bike or connecting a bike to other modes, all improve community health. Regional planning support ensures that regional/interregional partners are aware of the latest tools/practices to increase active transportation options.

4. LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND WHIDBEY SCENIC ISLE WAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSISTENCY.

The Regional Transportation Plan is a required element of a Regional Transportation Planning Organization. This plan requires that regional planning efforts be consistent with County Wide Planning Policies, local comprehensive plans and other regionally significant plans. Planning support allows these disparate plans to be better coordinated.

5. SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

- Incorporates safety features to protect the traveling public

Regional planning support will allow Island region to develop conversations around regional/interregional transportation safety concerns, which will help identify future opportunities for safety research and potential project development within our transportation system.

6. MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

- Maximizes allocations with other funds

Planning support will allow the lead agency to identify transportation funding opportunities for RTPO members and assist with applications and project development so that member jurisdictions can leverage larger funding sources for regionally significant projects.

- Participation of other agencies/private partnerships

Regional planning funds enable planning for outreach and meeting opportunities between a wide variety of regional and interregional stakeholders as well as maintenance of a regional planning network that can inform and partner with the Island region.

- Greater than required match

Regarding the project itself, funding is anticipated to receive local as well as WSDOT RTPO funds. In addition, by providing grant funding for regional/interregional

coordination, regionally significant projects have a greater chance of receive financial support from multiple stakeholders such that a larger match can be generated.

Additional Information

Please provide the following additional information regarding your STP project

1. Status:

- a) Fulfills the recommendation of the Transportation Element of Island County Comprehensive Plan 2000- 2020
- b) Is the project listed in the current six year TIP? Yes No
- c) Project timeline: 2017 start date 2022 completion date
- d) Phased Project?: Yes No

2. Project Cost Estimates: **NA**

- a) PE costs: _____ Percent of P.E. completion: _____%
- b) Right of way costs: _____
- c) Construction costs: (Includes construction engineering) _____
- d) Planning costs: _____
- e) Total project cost: _____
- f) Date cost estimates prepared: _____
- g) Source of information for developing cost estimates: _____
- h) Source of matching funds: _____ Funds approved? _____
- i) Biological Assessment (BA): _____

3. Site Evaluation: **NA**

- a) Soil type: (Soil Conservation Map) _____
- b) Wetlands on site or vicinity? _____
- c) Known archaeological sites in project vicinity? _____
- d) Steep and/or unstable slopes on project site? _____
- e) List known protected or endangered species living on or near project site. _____
- f) Will a drainage plan be required? _____
- g) Is project located in a flood hazard area? _____
- h) Is the project subject to Section 4(F) or Section 106? _____

4. Right of Way Acquisition: **NA**

- a) Describe right of way or easements that have been obtained.
- b) Describe necessary right of way or easements that have not been finalized.

5. Indicate known significant public support or opposition:
Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization approved application at September 28, 2016 Executive Board meeting.

6. Explain how project complies with the American's with Disabilities Act.

The Island RTPO planning staff supported by this grant, coordinate the Human Services Transportation Plan for our region, which brings regional/interregional partners together to develop transportation solutions for special needs individuals.

For ITPO Technical Committee Use Only

Project on-site inspection conducted on _____ by _____

WSDOT project review team analysis completed on _____