

ACTION ITEM 6.C: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTION

Document History

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) staff and the Skagit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend approval of awarding the Burlington SR 20/Skagit Street Signalization project Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action would allow SCOG to program [Surface Transportation Program \(STP\)](#) into the 2015-2020 [Regional Transportation Improvement Program \(RTIP\)](#) and remain fiscally constrained in the first four years of the program. This action will help SCOG reach its annual obligation target.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments have been received by SCOG staff.

DISCUSSION

In June of 2015 SCOG staff was made aware that multiple projects programmed for obligation in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 would be unable to do so. As a result, it became unlikely that SCOG would reach its annual obligation target and would risk losing funding to other areas of the state. In order to meet the obligation target, the SCOG Transportation Policy Board (TPB) issued an emergency call for projects on July 15th, 2015. Only projects that can obligate funding by the end of FFY 2015 will be considered for selection.

PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

The following is a brief description of each of the projects that were submitted. The projects are listed in alphabetical order by project sponsor. Click on the links for the project application materials.

- Burlington – [SR 20/Skagit Street Signalization Project](#) \$147,266
 - This project will design a new signalized intersection at SR 20 and Skagit Street to provide increased safety for motorists and pedestrians.
- Concrete – [Limestone Road and Pedestrian Improvement](#) \$108,125
 - This project will design improvements to Limestone Road from Superior Avenue to E Avenue as well as design a five-foot concrete sidewalk on the north side of Limestone Road from Superior Avenue to C Avenue
- Mount Vernon – [College Way/30th Street Intersection Safety Project](#) \$50,000
 - This project will design a new signalized intersection at College Way and 30th Street to provide increased safety for motorists and pedestrians
- SCOG – [Permanent Bicycle Counters](#) \$25,950
 - This project will purchase and install permanent bicycle/pedestrian counters to supplement SCOG’s data collection efforts.

- SCOG – [SR 9 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Study](#) \$51,900
 - This planning study will determine if commercial vehicle traffic is using SR 9 to avoid the weigh station on I-5 and include potential temporary and permanent countermeasures.
- Sedro-Woolley – [SR 20/SR 9-Township Intersection Improvements](#) \$77,850
 - This project will design intersection channelization improvements to reduce delay at the intersection of SR 20 and SR 9/Township.
- Skagit Transit – [Skagit Valley College Bus Stop Planning Study](#) \$30,275
 - This planning study will identify options for a bus transfer area designed to allow safer and more efficient transfers at Skagit Valley College.

RECOMMENDATION

The TAC reviewed the results of the [STP project selection](#) criteria at its August 6th, 2015 meeting. The results of the ranking process are displayed below:

Agency	Project	Score	Rank
Burlington	SR 20 / Skagit St. Signalization Project	65.69	1
Sedro-Woolley	SR20/SR9N-Township Intersection Improvements	54.87	2
SCOG	SR 9 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Study	50.68	3
Mount Vernon	College Way/ 30th Street Intersection Safety Project	45.64	4
Skagit Transit	Skagit Valley College Bus Stop Planning Study	42.50	5
SCOG	SCOG Permanent Bicycle Counters	30.12	6
Concrete	Limestone Road and Pedestrian Improvements Project	22.14	7

The most recent projections indicate that SCOG will fall around \$70,000 short of meeting its annual obligation target. As a result, the TAC recommends only selecting the top-ranked project. Burlington has requested \$147,266 for its SR 20/Skagit Street Signalization project. If awarded, this should be enough to help SCOG meet its obligation target as well as provide a small amount of flexibility if any of the currently programmed projects are unable to obligate.

The TAC recommends that Burlington be awarded \$147,266 for the preliminary engineering SR 20/Skagit Street Signalization project be awarded \$147,266

INFORMATION

- [2015 Emergency STP Score Sheet](#)