



## ACTION ITEM 5.A: TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTION

### Document History

MEETING	DATE	TYPE OF ITEM	STAFF CONTACT	PHONE
SIRTACs	06/10/2015	Review and Recommendation	<a href="#">Gabe Philips</a>	360-416-6678
SIRTPO Policy Board	06/30/2015	Action	<a href="#">Gabe Philips</a>	360-416-6678

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

SIRTPO staff and the Skagit-Island Regional Technical Advisory Committees (SIRTACs) recommend approval of the Transportation Alternatives Program project selection, as displayed below.

### FISCAL IMPACT

This action would allow Skagit-Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SIRTPO) to program [Transportation Alternatives Program](#) (TAP) projects into the 2016-2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and remain fiscally constrained in the first four years of the program.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments have been received by SIRTPO staff.

### DISCUSSION

In December 2014 the SIRTPO Policy Board began discussions to prepare for a call for projects to utilize TAP funding. In order to identify focus areas to prioritize potential projects, the Policy Board gave staff direction to [issue a survey](#) to the public, the SIRTACs, and the Policy Board itself. Information obtained from the survey was used to develop the [TAP project selection criteria](#), which was approved at the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 SIRTPO Policy Board meeting. Following the selection criteria approval, a call for projects was issued on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and closed on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Staff preliminarily scored the projects and presented them to the SIRTACs for review and recommendation on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

The following is a brief description of each of the projects that were submitted. The projects are listed in order of their rank according to the TAP selection criteria. Click on the links for the project application materials.

1. [City of Sedro-Woolley – Cascade Trail West Extension](#) \$249,120
  - This project will construct a 0.30 mile segment of separated 10-foot wide concrete shared use path along the north side of SR 20 within the WSDOT right-of-way between Hodgin Road and Trail Road.
2. [City of Mount Vernon – Kulshan Trail Safety Lighting Project](#) \$255,175
  - This project will construct LED lighting adjacent to a segment of the Kulshan Trail from Riverside Drive to 18<sup>th</sup> Street.



3. [Skagit Transit – Bus Stop Seating](#) \$7,638
  - This project includes the purchase of 12 Simme Seats (pictures included in link) to be installed at heavily utilized transit stops in Mount Vernon, Burlington, Sedro-Woolley and Anacortes.
4. [Skagit Transit – March Point Bicycle Shelter](#) \$27,000
  - This project consists of the purchase of a bike shelter that will allow weather protection, security, and storage for up to 14 bikes to be installed at March Point Park and Ride.
5. [City of Burlington – Gages Slough Trail](#) \$349,592
  - This project will install a non-motorized trail adjacent to Burlington Boulevard from Cascade Mall Drive to Pease Road. The existing five-foot sidewalk would be removed and replaced by a wider combined use trail.
6. [Island County – Central Whidbey Bicycle Route](#) \$86,500
  - This project will develop a formal bicycle route along rural roads encircling Central Whidbey Island by adding bicycle wayfinding signs and widening shoulders where needed.
7. [Town of Concrete – Main Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Rest Area](#) \$63,815
  - This project will construct a pedestrian and bicycle rest area on Main Street. It would include a ten-foot combined use path, ADA-compliant ramps, bicycle racks and outdoor seating.

## RECOMMENDATION

The SIRTACs recommended awarding TAP funding to the projects as identified in Table 1. Of the estimated \$687,751 available for allocation, at least \$118,470 should be used in rural areas. For this reason, the SIRTACs recommended skipping over the fifth ranked project (Burlington, Gages Slough Trail) in order to meet the rural allocation target. Additionally, the amount of TAP funds recommended to be awarded is slightly greater than the estimated amount available. Most of these projects will be programmed in the fifth and sixth years of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which does not require fiscal constraint. Also, SIRTPO has conservatively assumed no increase in TAP allocations over the next six fiscal years. It is likely that the funding allocations will increase slightly over the next several years resulting in surplus funding when these projects are scheduled to be implemented.

**TABLE 1: SIRTACS AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Rank	Agency	Project	Award
1	Sedro-Woolley	Cascade Trail West Extension	\$249,120
2	Mount Vernon	Kulshan Trail Safety Lighting	\$255,175
3	Skagit Transit	Bus Stop Seating	\$7,638
4	Skagit Transit	March Point Bike Shelter	\$27,000
6	Island County	Central Whidbey Bike Route	\$86,500
7	Concrete	Main Street Bike/Ped Rest Area	\$63,815
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$689,248</b>

[Click here for a link illustrating the programming timeline of the selected projects.](#)