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Annual Listing of Federal Obligations



Calendar Year 2015

2015 ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS



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INTRODUCTION

The 2015 Annual Listing of Federal Obligations for the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) details the federal transportation funds that were obligated in calendar year 2015 in the Skagit region. This document is developed in partnership with Skagit Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and demonstrates the coordination between SCOG member agencies to implement regional transportation priorities.

REQUIREMENTS

Federal regulations ([23 CFR 450.332](#)) require SCOG, in cooperation with Skagit Transit and WSDOT, to develop and publish a listing of projects within the Skagit region for which federal transportation funds were obligated during the preceding program year. The Annual Listing of Federal Obligations must be published and made available no later than 90 days after the program year concludes. In Washington State, the program year generally follows the calendar year, which means



FIGURE 1: OVER \$250,000 WAS OBLIGATED FOR THE DESIGN OF KINCAID STREET RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS IN 2015

Obligation

Obligation is defined as the federal government's legal commitment to pay the federal share of a project's cost. For Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the State/grantee requests that the funds be obligated.

the Annual Listing of Federal Obligations must be published by the end of March each year.

The listing of obligated projects must include sufficient descriptive detail (type of work, project termini, total length, etc.) to identify the project or phase. In addition to the amount of funding obligated, the listing must include the amount of federal funding that was requested in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the remaining amount of federal funding available for future program years.

The Annual Listing of Federal Obligations must be made available to the public in accordance with SCOG's public participation criteria for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. As such, the Annual Listing of Federal Obligations will be made available on SCOG's website by the end of March each year.

ASSESSMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Another purpose of the Annual Listing of Federal Obligations is to evaluate the Skagit region's effectiveness at implementing regional transportation projects. By tracking the funds obligated during the previous program year, SCOG can assess its successfulness at delivering projects in their planned timeframes.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING

SCOG facilitates a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive multimodal transportation planning process through its regional transportation planning efforts. Regional transportation priorities are developed through the development of the long-range regional transportation plan. Shorter-range regional transportation priorities are

programmed for implementation through the six-year Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

SCOG has developed a multimodal long-range transportation plan that is the strategic framework for meeting the Skagit region's existing and future transportation needs. Serving as a link between local agency transportation plans and the Washington State Transportation Plan, the [Skagit 2040 Regional Transportation Plan](#) has been developed to be consistent with federal and state requirements.

The regional transportation plan identifies long-range transportation priorities, including maintaining and preserving the existing transportation system as well as enhancing the transportation network through regionally significant capacity expansion projects. The transportation projects identified in the regional transportation plan are primarily developed through the local comprehensive planning processes of cities, towns, Indian tribes, and Skagit County. As projects in the long-range plan draw closer to implementation, they are often identified in SCOG's short-range implementation plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The SCOG [Regional Transportation Improvement Program](#) includes projects that have secured federal transportation funding and/or are regionally significant and are expected to be obligated within the next six years.

Projects with federal funding programmed in the first year of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program are expected to obligate secured federal transportation funds during the current program year and should be included in the updated Annual Listing of Federal Obligations within 90 calendar days from the end of the program year. Occasionally project obligations do not occur in the year in which they were programmed. Projects that had committed to obligating funds in the current program year but fail to do so may be subject to sanctions from the granting agency. Also, projects programmed in years two through four of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program are occasionally obligated in the current program year.

Projects that SCOG approves to be included in years one through four of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program are forwarded to WSDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. In order for a project to obligate federal funding, it must be included in both the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS

The annual listing of federal obligations starting on page 3 includes all projects that obligated federal funds within the Skagit region in 2015. The listing also includes the total amount of federal funding that was programmed for the project in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (between 2015 and 2018) and the remaining amount available for future phases of the project. The listing on page 8 details the project closures and de-obligations that occurred in 2015.



FIGURE 2: THE GUEMES CHANNEL TRAIL IN ANACORTES WAS COMPLETED IN 2015. PHOTO CREDIT: ANACORTES.

TABLE 1: ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS

Agency	Project	STIP ID	Federal Project #	Type of Work	Termini	Length (in miles)	Obligation Date	TIP Federal Request Amount	Obligated	Federal Funding Remaining	Phase	Fund Type
Anacortes	March Point Road Shoulder Widening	WA-07097	6201(001)	Non-Motorized	Tommy Thompson Trestle to 1250' S. of Trestle	0.24	2/11/2015	\$195,640	\$35,040	\$160,600	PE	STP(US)
Burlington	Pease Road/Cascade Non-Motorized Connection	WA-07782	7323(004)	Non-Motorized	Cascade Mall Drive to Pease Road	0.25	9/23/2015	\$69,200	\$69,200	\$0	PE	TAP(US)
Burlington	SR 20/Skagit Street Signalization	WA-03951	0020(187)	Non-Motorized	Skagit Street at SR 20	NA	9/23/2015	\$147,266	\$147,266	\$0	PE	STP(US)
Concrete	Main Street - Phase III	WA-03701	29CN(002)	Non-Motorized	N Superior Ave to North Park Ave	0.3	7/22/2015	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$0	PE	TAP(R)
Concrete	Main Street - Phase IV	WA-07142	29CN(003)	Non-Motorized	North Park Ave to Grassmere Rd.	0.17	8/6/2015	\$245,444	\$69,200	\$176,244	PE	STP(R)
Concrete	Main Street Overlay	WA-07141	29CN(004)	Maintenance	N Superior Ave to Grassmere Road	0.32	9/3/2015	\$69,200	\$69,200	\$0	PE	STP(R)
Sedro-Woolley	Jameson Arterial Extension to SR 9	SW01	7386(001)	Mobility	SR 9 to Batey Road	0.32	8/19/2015	\$43,250	\$43,250	\$0	PE	STP(US)
Sedro-Woolley	SR 20/Cascade Trail W Extension - Phase 1A	SW31A	0020(181)	Non-Motorized	Trail Road to SR 9	0.3	6/9/2015	\$304,480	\$34,600	\$269,880	PE	STP(US)
Sedro-Woolley	SR 20/Cascade Trail W Extension - Phase 1B	SW31A2	0020(183)	Non-Motorized	Hodgin Road to Trail Road	0.3	9/15/2015	\$21,625	\$21,625	\$0	PE	TAP(US)
Skagit County	Cook Road Signal Advance Warning	WA-07295	M290(005)	Safety	MP 1.86 to MP 2.1	0.24	8/6/2015	\$58,400	\$4,000	\$54,400	PE	HSIP
Skagit County	Dodge Valley Road Barrier Protection	WA-07296	000S(422)	Safety	MP 0.79 to MP 2.76	1.97	7/28/2015	\$436,000	\$36,000	\$400,000	PE	HSIP
Skagit County	Friday Creek Bridge Repair	WA-07235	M291(008)	Maintenance	MP 6.0 to MP 6.1	0.1	8/6/2015	\$360,000	\$40,000	\$320,000	PE	Bridge
Skagit County	Guemes Ferry Breakwater Section Improvement	WA-01262	2029(051)	Maintenance	Guemes Ferry Terminal	NA	1/12/2015	\$453,419	\$87,545	\$365,874	PE	FBP

Skagit County	Lower Finney Creek Bridge	WA-07233	W290(001)	Maintenance	MP 20.4 to MP 20.5	0.1	7/29/2015	\$342,000	\$38,000	\$304,000	PE	Bridge
Skagit County	Old Hwy 99 North Illumination	WA-07297	M291(009)	Safety	MP 6.19 to MP 6.63	0.44	8/6/2015	\$177,000	\$11,000	\$166,000	PE	HSIP
Skagit County	Samish River Bridge Repair	WA-01224	M291(008)	Maintenance	MP 4.39 to MP 4.41	0.02	7/6/2015	\$824,000	\$91,500	\$732,500	PE	Bridge
Skagit Transit	Operating Funds	WA-07304	WA-90-X597	Transit	NA	NA	9/16/2015	\$1,645,601	\$1,645,564	\$37	ALL	5307
WSDOT-Marine	SR 20 Spur/Anacortes Terminal Tie-up Slips - Dolphin & Wingwall Replacement	WA-05077	2015(086)	Maintenance	NA	NA	12/4/2015	\$8,902,702	\$4,000,000	\$4,902,702	CN	STP
WSDOT-NW	I-5/Fisher Creek Fish Passage	WA-05982	0054(285)	Environmental	MP 218.91 to MP 219.91	1	7/13/2015	\$10,279,884	\$35,212	\$10,244,672	RW	NHPP
WSDOT-NW	I-5/Hill Ditch Bridge to Joe Leary Slough - Paving & ADA Compliance	WA-07340, WA-07389	0054(289)	Maintenance	MP 219.82 to MP 231.80	11.98	6/4/2015	\$7,739,596	\$399,953	\$7,339,643	PE	NHPP
WSDOT-NW	Northwest Region Basic Safety	WA-05525	9999(671)	Safety	MP 0.0 to MP 0.0	NA	5/28/2015, 6/3/2015	\$788,704	\$488,390	\$300,314	PE, CN	Section 164, HSIP, STP
WSDOT-NW	Northwest Region Preservation Signing	WA-07648	0001(114)	Maintenance	MP 0.0 to MP 0.0	NA	9/21/2015, 11/17/2015	\$42,644	\$50,415	-\$7,771	PE, CN	HSIP
WSDOT-NW	SR 11/Cook Road Intersection Improvements	WA-07390	0011(042)	Safety	MP 2.06 to MP 2.30	0.24	9/21/2015	\$410,454	\$77,875	\$332,579	PE	HSIP
WSDOT-NW	SR 20 Spur/Commercial Ave to Anacortes Ferry Terminal - Paving & ADA Compliance	WA-08333, WA-08334	0020(188)	Maintenance	MP 51.92 to MP 54.79	2.87	10/19/2015	\$986,114	\$274,668	\$711,446	PE	NHPP
WSDOT-NW	SR 20 Spur/Sharpes Corner to Commercial Ave Paving & ADA Compliance	WA-07781, WA-07783	0020(185)	Maintenance	MP 47.89 to MP 50.53	2.64	9/21/2015, 12/14/2015	\$3,592,569	\$478,188	\$3,114,381	PE	NHPP
WSDOT-NW	SR 20/Frostad Rd Vicinity to Sharpes Corner Vicinity Paving	WA-05518	0020(175)	Maintenance	MP 36.54 to MP 47.82	11.28	1/26/2015, 3/27/2015, 4/27/2015	\$1,550,899	\$1,573,703	-\$22,804	PE, CN	Equity Bonus, NHPP, STP

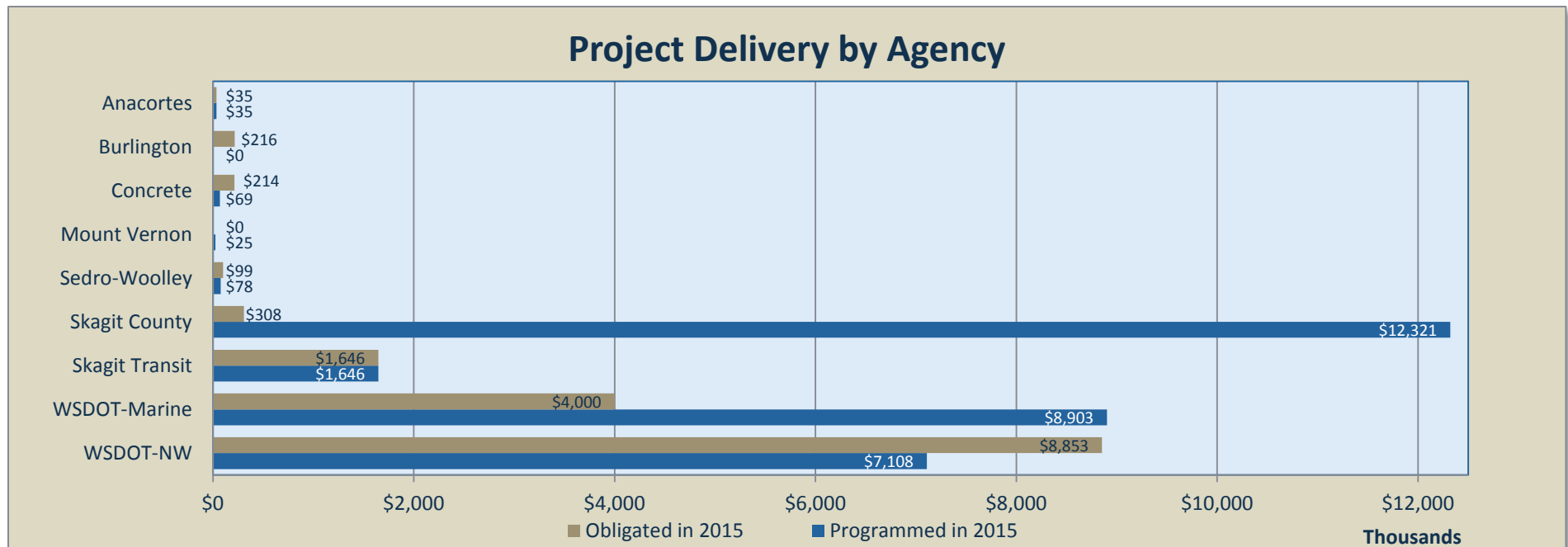
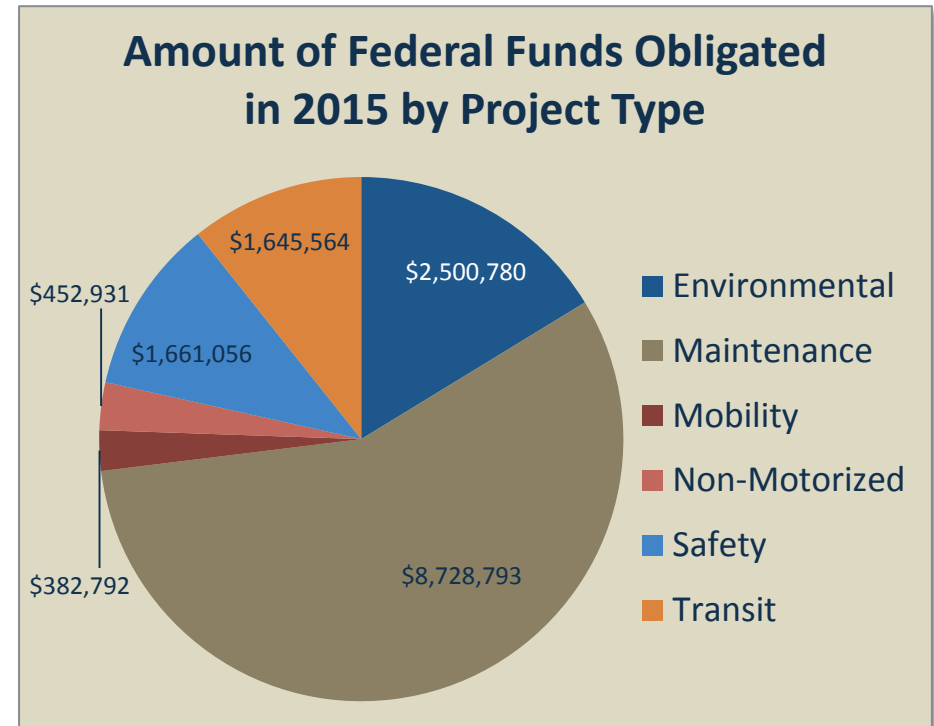
WSDOT-NW	SR 20/SR 9 South Leg Railroad Crossing	WA-07551	0020(180)	Safety	MP 64.73 to MP 64.82	0.09	4/2/2015, 8/24/2015	\$759,950	\$229,756	\$530,194	PE	Rail Highway Safety, HSIP	
WSDOT-NW	SR 530/Sauk-Suiattle Confluence CED Retrofit	WA-07780	0530(030)	Environmental	MP 55.50 to MP 55.56	0.1	9/21/2015	\$233,833	\$443,942	-\$210,109	PE	STP	
WSDOT-NW	SR 536/ Montgomery St. & Kincaid St. Railroad Crossing Improvements	WA-07504, WA-07505	0536(007)	Safety	MP 5.20 to MP 5.31	0.11	4/2/2015	\$1,902,455	\$258,561	\$1,643,894	PE	HSIP	
WSDOT-NW	SR 9, SR 532& SR 536 Rumble-strip Installation	WA-07338	0009(075)	Safety	MP 0.26 to MP 4.13	3.87	6/18/2015	\$159,484	\$23,800	\$135,684	PE	HSIP	
WSDOT-NW	SR 9/Francis Rd Intersection Improvements	WA-07776	0009(076)	Mobility	MP 53.15 to MP 53.35	0.2	8/5/2015	\$2,510,140	\$339,542	\$2,170,598	PE	HSIP	
WSDOT-NW	SR 9/Highland Dr. Vicinity to Lake Cavanaugh Rd. Vicinity	WA-07332	9999(721)	Maintenance	MP 28.94 to MP 44.08	15.14	9/16/2015	\$684,612	\$1,625,621	-\$941,009	CN	STP	
WSDOT-NW	SR 9/Lake Creek Fish Barrier	WA-05989	0009(072)	Environmental	MP 42.11 to MP 42.61	0.5	2/4/2015, 2/13/2015, 8/14/2015, 12/29/2015	\$3,171,937	\$1,973,626	\$1,198,311	PE, RW, CN	STP	
WSDOT-NW	I-5/Maddox Creek - Fish Passage	WA-07778	0055(247)	Environmental	MP 224.62 to MP 224.63	0.01	10/28/2015	\$650,018	\$48,000	\$602,018	PE	STP	
WSDOT-NW	Northwest Region Curve Warning Signs (15-17)	WA-07645	9999(698)	Safety	MP 0.0 to MP 0.0	NA	12/4/2015	\$585,819	\$531,674	\$54,145	CN	HSIP	
Total									\$15,371,916				

SUMMARY OF FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Over half of the federal funds obligated in the Skagit region in 2015 were utilized for maintenance and/or preservation projects. The smallest share of federal funds was used on non-motorized transportation projects.

It is important to note that the Annual Listing of Federal Obligations does not give a full accounting of *all* funds used for transportation purposes in the Skagit region. State and local agency funds are not included in the Annual Listing of Federal Obligations. For example, the Sharpes Corner Intersection project has utilized state transportation dollars that are not accounted for in this report. Similarly, local transportation funds, predominantly used for maintenance of the transportation system, are also not included in the Annual Listing of Federal Obligations. If these funds were included, the chart to the right would most likely portray an even higher proportion of funds allocated to maintenance purposes.

In April of 2015, SCOG issued a call for projects to utilize Transportation Alternatives Program funding. Projects were selected for funding in July 2015 and two of the projects that were awarded Transportation



Alternatives Program funding obligated their respective design phases in 2015: Burlington’s Pease Road/Cascade Mall Non-Motorized Connection and Sedro-Woolley’ Cascade Trail West Extension, Phase 1B. It is anticipated that at least \$60,000 in regionally-managed Transportation Alternatives Program funding will be obligated in the Skagit region in 2016.

In July of 2015, SCOG issued a call for projects to utilize Surface Transportation Program funding. Burlington’s Skagit Street Signal project was selected because it could obligate funding for its design phase within a short timeline. It is anticipated that at least \$600,000 of regionally-managed Surface Transportation Program funds will be obligated in the Skagit region in 2016.

All other federal funds are allocated by WSDOT to local agency projects or projects on state routes. A number of WSDOT-sponsored project obligated more federal funds than were programmed in 2015. This is primarily because many WSDOT projects span multiple metropolitan planning organization planning areas. While the amount programmed and obligated within the Skagit region may not exactly reconcile, the total amount obligated for the macro-regional project is less than, or equal to, the entire amount programmed.

Refer to Table 1 for a detailed listing of the federal fund obligations that occurred in the Skagit region in 2015.

PROJECT DELIVERY

This report indicates that approximately \$15.4 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the Skagit region in 2015. However, around \$30.2 million in federal funds were programmed to

Fund Type	De-Obligated Funds
Surface Transportation Program	\$0
Transportation Alternatives Program	\$13,594
Total	\$13,594

be obligated in 2015. Only about fifty-one percent of the programmed federal funds were obligated. Notably, Skagit County’s Burlington Northern Overpass project, which was programmed to obligate \$10.5 million in federal bridge funds, was

delayed because all of the funds necessary to complete the project had not yet been secured. Also, WSDOT Marine’s SR 20 Spur/Anacortes Terminal Tie-up Slips – Dolphin and Wingwall Re-



FIGURE 3: WSDOT’S SR 9/LAKE CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN 2015. PHOTO CREDIT: WSDOT.

placement project obligated less than half of the \$8.9 million programmed.

CLOSED AND DE-OBLIGATED PROJECTS

When projects are completed they typically go through a closure procedure. If all of the federal funds obligated for the project were not necessary to complete it, de-obligation of federal funding may occur. De-obligation may also occur if the project is unlikely to progress toward completion. When federal funds are de-obligated they are returned to the awarding agency to reallocate for future transportation projects. Federal funds that are returned to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, or WSDOT are not

guaranteed to be reprogrammed for other Skagit region projects. Regionally managed funds such as regional Surface Transportation Program funds and Transportation Alternatives Program funds are returned to SCOG when de-obligated. SCOG can then reprogram the funds for other regional transportation priorities. The Guemes Channel Trail, funded with regional Transportation Alternatives Program funds,

was completed in 2015. The project utilized \$13,594 less than the amount that was obligated and was returned to SCOG for reallocation. Table 2 lists the de-obligations of federal funds and project closures that occurred in 2015 in the Skagit region.

TABLE 2: SCOG CLOSURES AND DE-OBLIGATIONS IN 2015

Agency	Project	STIP ID	Federal Project #	Type of Work	Termini	Length (in miles)	Obligation Date	De-Obligated	Phase	Fund Type	Closure Date
Anacortes	Anacortes Safe Routes to School	ANAC 1	0030(010)	Non-Motorized	NA	NA	NA	NA	PE, CN	SRTS	/12/
Anacortes	Guemes Channel Trail, Phase VII	ANAC T-503	0030(011)	Non-Motorized	Cedar Crest Ln. to Hartford Ave.	0.95	10/28/2015	\$13,594	PE	TAP(US)	11/3/2015
Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon Safe Routes to School	T-10-01	9929(001)	Non-Motorized	Laventure Rd. to Section St.	0.17	NA	NA	PE,CN	SRTS	1/9/2015
Sedro-Woolley	SR 20/Cook Road Realignment and Extension	SW02	0020(172)	Mobility	SR 9 to F&S Grade Rd.	0.4	NA	NA	PE	STP(US)	4/13/2015
Skagit County	Guemes Ferry Dolphin Replacement	WA-01264	6240(002)	Maintenance	Guemes Ferry Terminal	NA	3/9/2015	\$61,599	PE, CN	FBD	3/16/2015
WSDOT-NW	I-5/SB Mount Vernon to Joe Leary Slough Paving	WA-05388	0055(243)	Maintenance	MP 227.08 to MP 231.82	4.74	1/23/2015	\$167,349	CN	CBI	NA
WSDOT-NW	SR 20/S Burlington Boulevard - Railroad Crossing	WA-05404	0020(174)	Safety	MP 59.91 to MP 59.97	0.06	4/30/2015	\$72,750	PE	Rail Highway Safety	NA
WSDOT-NW	SR 9/Lake Creek Fish Barrier	WA-05989	0009(072)	Environmental	MP 42.11 to MP 42.61	0.5	3/27/2015	\$57,454	CN	STP	NA
Total								\$372,746			