



About Skagit Council of Governments



Skagit Council of Governments connects Skagit County's leaders to build a stronger region. Since 1968, SCOG has existed as a voluntary organization of local governments, and a regional planning resource.

Today, SCOG is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the Skagit region. Additionally, SCOG coordinates administration of the Growth Management Act (GMA) in the Skagit region through its annual GMA work program.

By coordinating transportation decision making and policy development as well as GMA activities, SCOG engages its fifteen member governments, partners, stakeholders, and the community in developing long-term solutions for the region's challenges.

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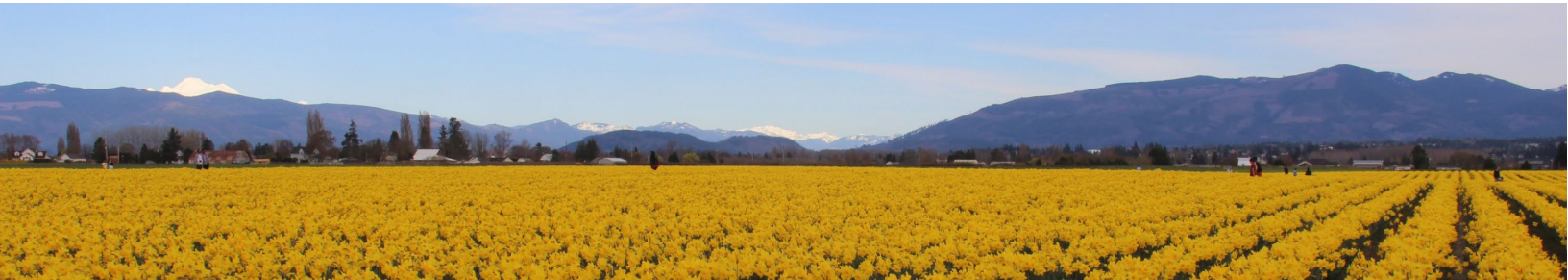
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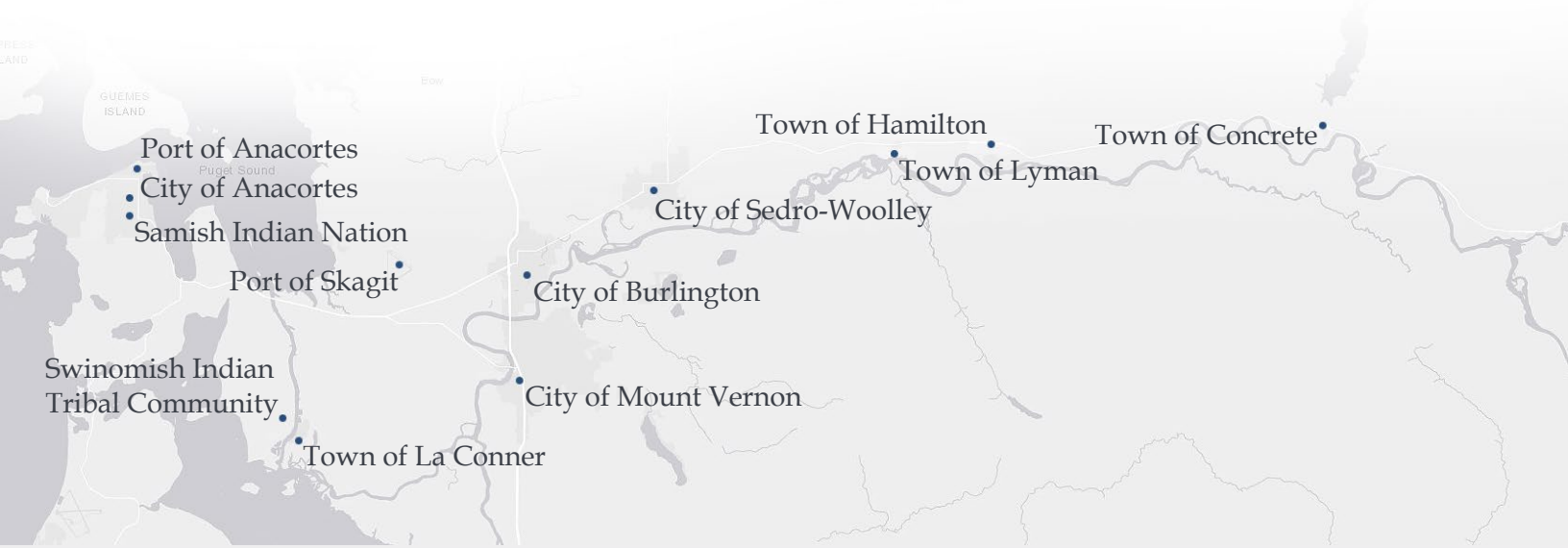
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Member Agencies

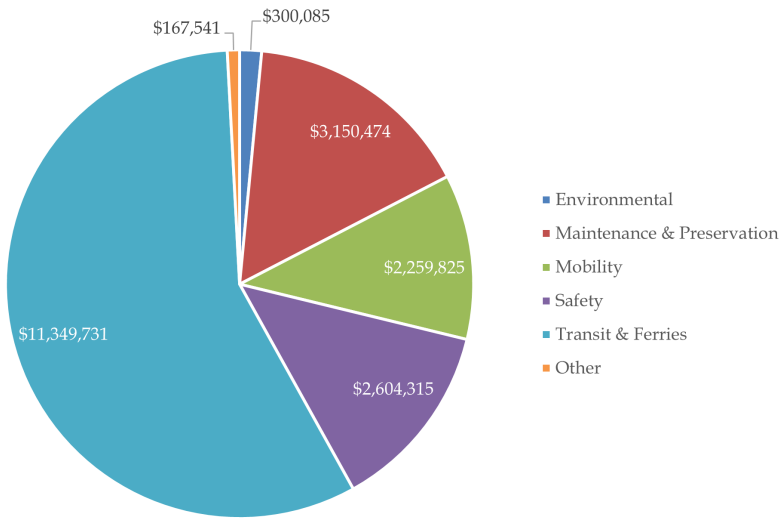


County
Skagit County

State
Washington State

Transit
Skagit Transit

Special Districts
Skagit PUD #1



2021 Federal Fund Obligations
by Project Type

2021 in Transportation

\$19,831,971 in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects

\$4,043,683 in grant funds were returned to state and federal governments

\$109,086 in regional funds obligated by Skagit Transit:

- *Skagit Transit Bus Stop Re-Construction*

In 2021, 5 Projects Obligated \$2,537,052 in Regional Funds:

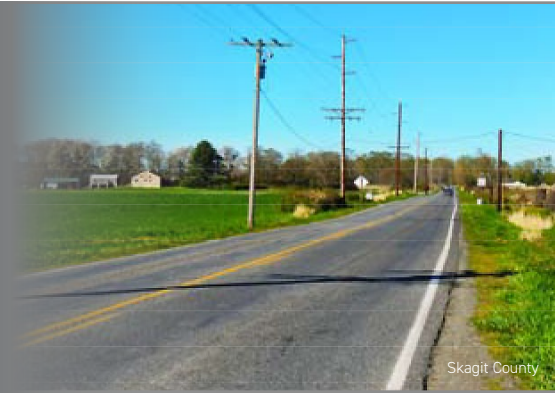
Mount Vernon: Freeway Drive, Cameron Way to College Way

Sedro-Woolley: SR 20/SR 9 - Township Intersection Improvements

Skagit County: Josh Wilson Road Phase 1

SCOG: SCOG Administration SFY 2021

Skagit Transit: Skagit Transit Bus Stop Re-Construction



2021 in Transportation

Skagit 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

The Skagit 2045 Regional Transportation Plan meets federal requirements for a metropolitan transportation plan and Washington state requirements for a regional transportation plan. SCOG began an update of the Plan in 2020 and concluded work in March 2021. The last Plan update was in March 2016, and it needs to be updated no less than every five years per federal requirements.

Household Travel Survey

SCOG worked with Resource Systems Group to conduct an updated Household Travel Survey for the region. This project had previously been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey studied regional travel behavior and public sentiment for transportation investments. The data gained from the survey will be used for a wide variety of purposes in the future including an update to the regional travel demand model.

Interstate 5 Existing Conditions Baseline Analysis

WSDOT and SCOG worked together to conduct a baseline analysis of existing conditions on Interstate 5 (I-5) in the Burlington/Mount Vernon urban areas. The purpose of the analysis was to determine whether that portion of I-5 was meeting regional performance expectations.

Regional Obligation Authority

In 2021 SCOG received over \$1.1 million of additional Obligation Authority (OA) funds due to meeting its regional OA target by the August deadline. These additional OA funds were redistributed by WSDOT from agencies that were sanctioned due to not meeting their OA targets, and will be applied to SCOG's Federal Fiscal Year 2022 allocation.

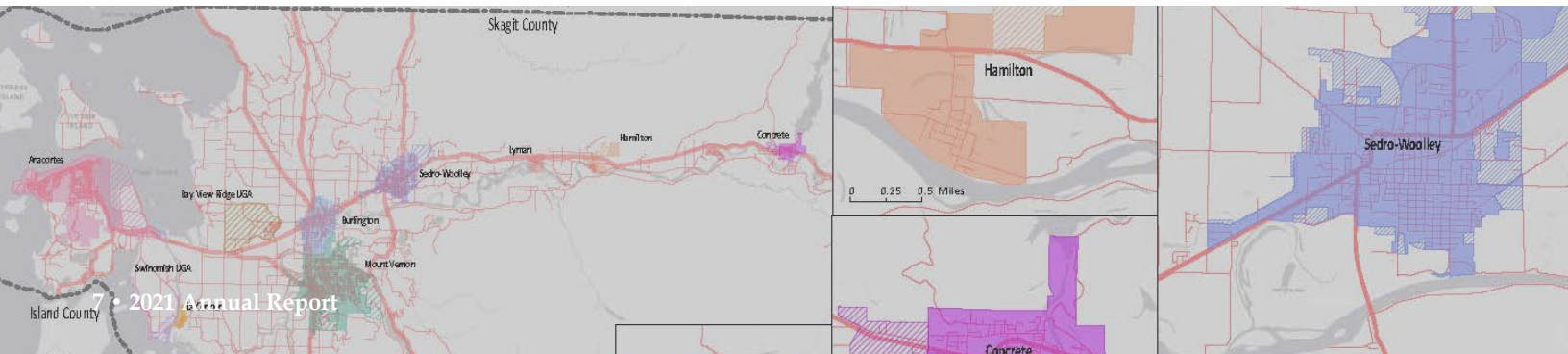
2021 in Growth Management

During 2021, Skagit Council of Governments continued to provide administrative support to the Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) and its Technical Advisory Committee (GMATAC).

Skagit County and its cities and towns must plan for anticipated population growth under the Washington state Growth Management Act (GMA).

The 2002 Framework Agreement, executed by Skagit County along with cities and towns, addresses the collaborative requirement for planning at the regional level through GMA, and establishes the GMASC as the regional planning organization for this process. The Steering Committee develops recommendations for Countywide Planning Policies, urban growth areas, and allocations of population and employment for use in local comprehensive planning.

In 2018, the Town of Lyman joined the Framework Agreement; the Agreement is now signed on to by all Skagit cities and towns.



2021 in Growth Management

Growth Monitoring Program

SCOG continued to build capacity for growth management countywide by conducting the analysis for the 2021 Growth Monitoring Report. This report built on the methodology developed over the past four years, and examined three years of trend data for population, housing, and employment.

Boundary Review Board

Staff worked with the GMA Technical Advisory Committee and Steering Committee to review Countywide Planning Policy 12.17 regarding dissolution of the Boundary Review Board.

Ongoing Research and Support

SCOG continues to provide support for growth management across the region by conducting independent research on issues related to housing, population growth, migration, employment, and other regional trends.



Looking Forward to 2022

Transportation

Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP)

SCOG will work with Transpo Group to update the Skagit CPT-HSTP. This plan is updated every four years and helps identify transportation needs and develop solutions to improve access for individuals with special needs.

Human Services Transportation Project Prioritization

SCOG will prioritize regional human services transportation projects for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program.

Growth Management

Growth Monitoring Program.....

SCOG will analyze population, employment, and housing data for the sixth annual Growth Monitoring Report.

Ongoing Research and Support

SCOG continues to provide support for growth management across the Skagit region by conducting independent research on a wide variety of issues such as housing, population growth, employment and updates to the Growth Management Act. SCOG will also continue work to facilitate dialogue on growth management issues between members of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee.

***Population and Employment Forecasts and Allocations**

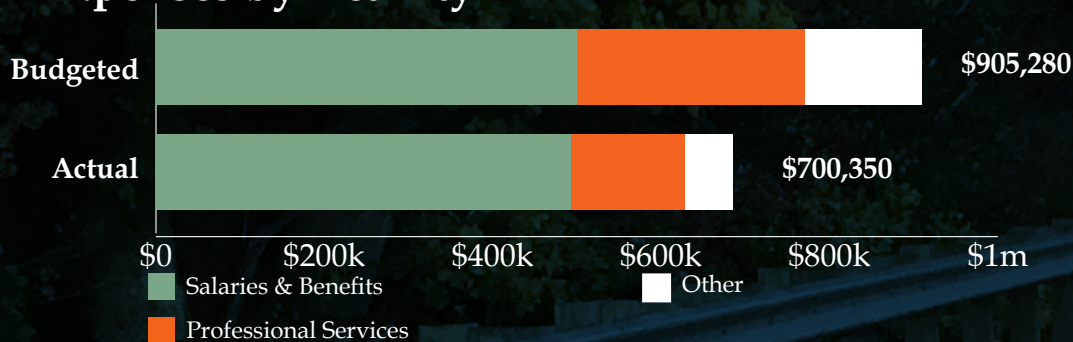
SCOG will work with a consultant to prepare regional forecasts of population and employment growth in the Skagit region. These forecasts will be used for the next major update to the Skagit 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. As part of the Growth Management Act Support Work Program SCOG will be using these products to develop GMA specific methods of county wide population and employment targets for future use in periodic updates to Comprehensive Plans.

SCOG 2021 Operating Budget

Revenue by Funding Source

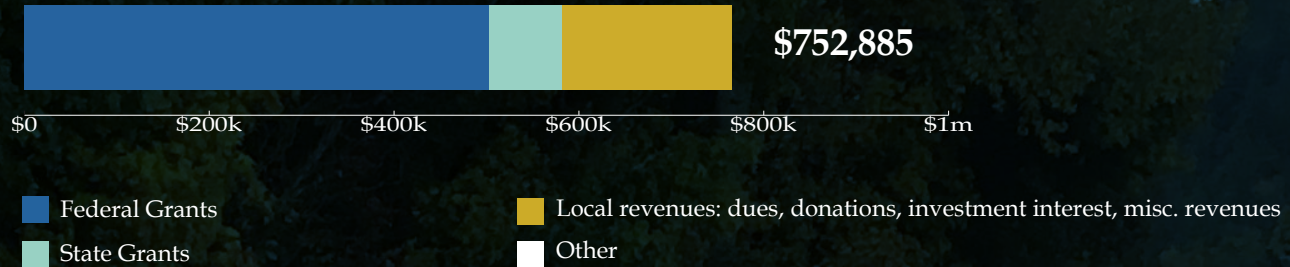


Expenses by Activity

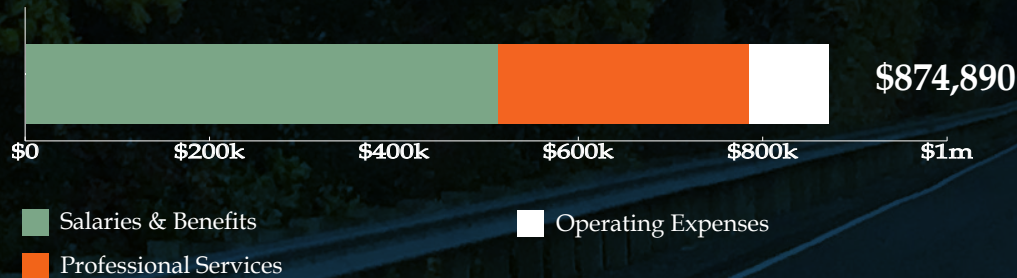


2022 Budget

Forecasted Revenue



Budgeted Expenses





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