



About Skagit Council of Governments



Skagit Council of Governments connects Skagit County's leaders to build a stronger region. Since 1967, 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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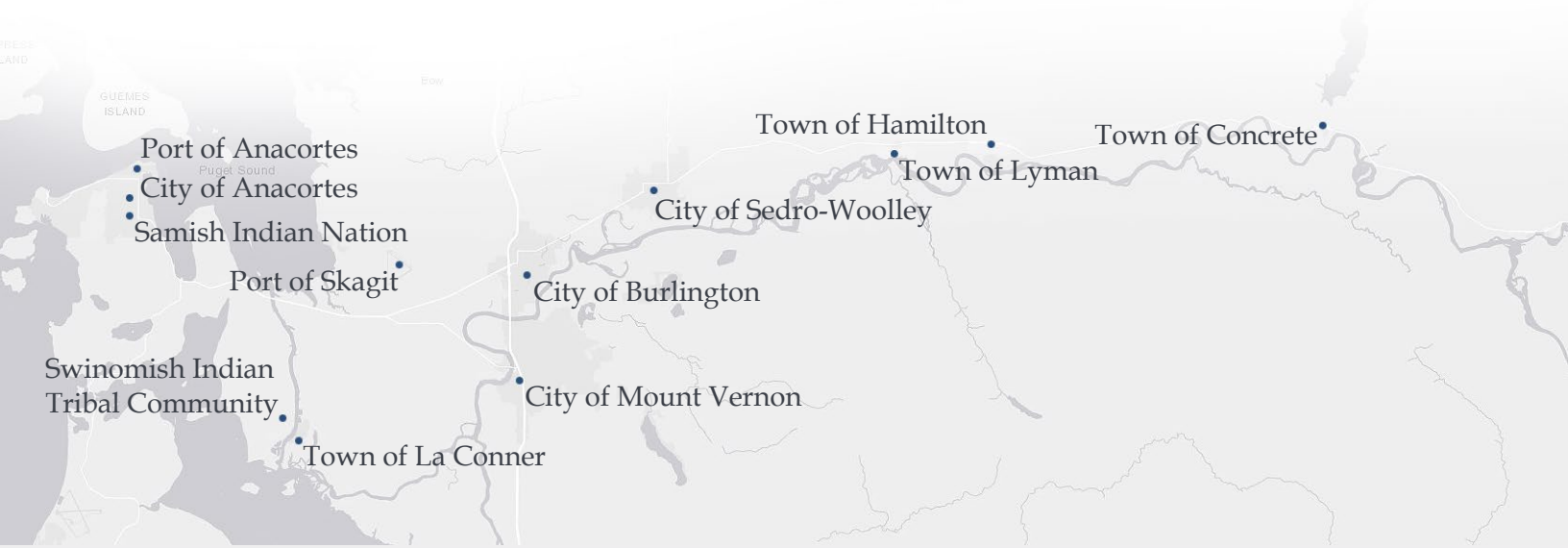
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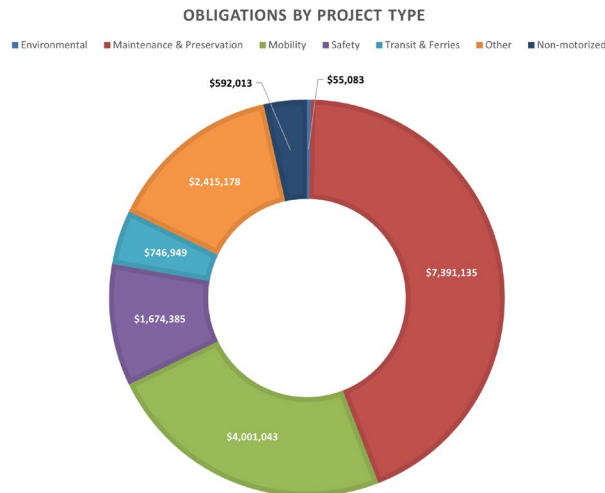


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Skagit County

State
Washington State
Department of
Transportation

Transit
Skagit Transit

Special Districts
Skagit PUD #1



2022 in Transportation

\$16,875,786 in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects

\$747,520 in grant funds were returned to state and federal governments

\$9,258,968 in federal funds obligated by the Washington State Department of Transportation on projects within the region

In 2022, 13 Projects Obligated \$2,465,555 in Regional Funds:

Anacortes: R Avenue Improvements

Burlington: Pease Rd Cascade Mall Non-Motorized Connection

Mount Vernon: 15th Street Sidewalk Improvements, 30th Street Improvements - 1, Riverside Drive Improvements - 1, Riverside Drive Improvements - 2

SCOG: SCOG Administration SFY 2022, SCOG Regional Transportation Resilience Plan

Sedro-Woolley: SR 20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 2A, SR 20/SR 9 - Township Intersection Improvements

Skagit County: Francis Road - Section 3

Skagit Transit: Bus Stop Amenities, Design and Surveying Services for Bus Stop Upgrades

2022 in Transportation

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

SCOG worked with Transpo Group to update the CPT-HSTP, which identifies transportation needs of individuals within the region that have special needs and helps develop solutions to improve their access to services. The CPT-HSTP update began in January 2022 with adoption in November 2022. Extensive stakeholder and public outreach was conducted as part of the planning process, which included monthly meetings of the ad hoc Special Needs Transportation Committee beginning in April 2022, and the Skagit Human Services Transportation Online Open House which went online in July 2022.

Skagit Travel Survey

SCOG worked with Resource Systems Group (RSG) to finalize analysis of regional travel data collected through the Skagit Travel Survey during Fall 2021. The survey studied regional travel behavior and public sentiment for transportation investments.

RSG produced two reports based on their work for SCOG: the *2021 Skagit Travel Survey: Final Report*, and the *Passive Data Overview*. SCOG expects to use the information from these two reports to help inform transportation planning efforts within the region in the future, including an update to the regional travel demand model.

Additional Obligation Authority

SCOG coordinated a regional process for additional obligation authority, which resulted in nearly \$700,000 in additional federal funding going to local projects from the Washington State Department of Transportation.

ADA Self-Evaluation and Program Access Plan

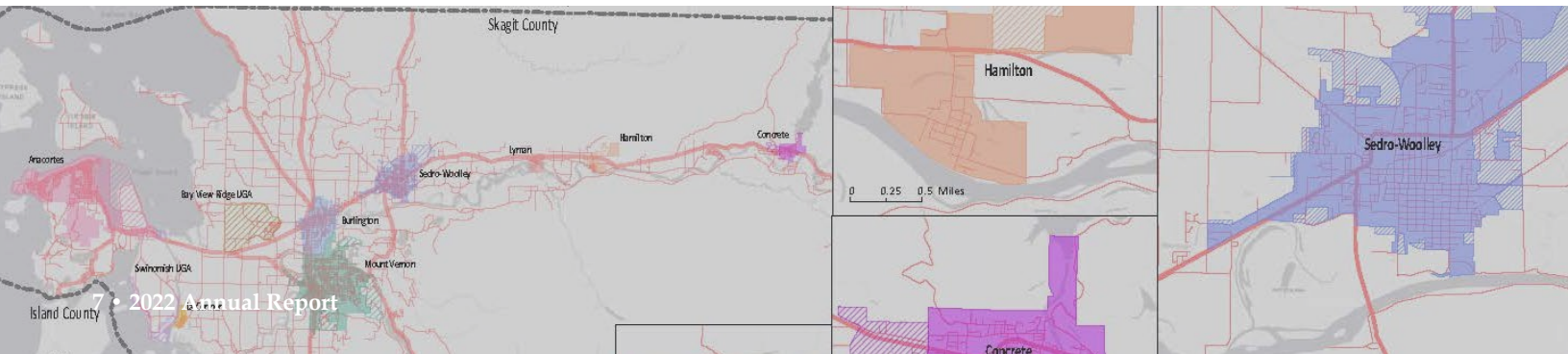
SCOG conducted an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) self-evaluation of its facilities and programs, and used findings from the evaluation to develop a program access plan. The SCOG ADA Self-Evaluation and Program Access Plan will help ensure that SCOG maintains compliance with ADA requirements in the future.

2022 in Growth Management

During 2022, 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.



2022 in Growth Management

Growth Monitoring Program

SCOG continued to build capacity for growth management countywide by conducting the analysis for the 2022 Growth Monitoring Report. This report built on the methodology developed over the past five years, and examined four years of trend data for population, housing, and employment.

Boundary Review Board

Staff worked with the GMA Technical Advisory Committee and Steering Committee to recommend changes to Countywide Planning Policy 12.17 regarding dissolution of the Boundary Review Board to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners.

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.



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Looking Forward to 2023

Transportation

Title VI Plan Update

SCOG will conduct a major update of the Title VI Plan, which had its last major update in 2020. As part of the update, SCOG will also use 2020 Census data to update the Skagit County Demographic Profile and conduct an Environmental Justice assessment of project selection decisions at SCOG from 2020 to 2023.

Select Projects to Receive Federal Funds

SCOG will conduct a regional selection of projects to receive federal funds from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside and Carbon Reduction Program (CR). SCOG estimates that \$8.41 million will be available through the call for projects.

Growth Management

Growth Monitoring Program

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

Population and Employment Forecasts and Allocations

SCOG will continue 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.

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

SCOG will work with a consultant to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which is a long-term, consensus-driven planning document that is intended to guide economic development throughout the Skagit region.

SCOG 2022 Operating Budget

Revenue by Funding Source



Expenses by Activity



2023 Budget

Forecasted Revenue



Budgeted Expenses





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