



# Skagit Regional Transportation Priorities

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# About SCOG

The Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Planning Organization in Skagit County. SCOG works cooperatively with local and tribal governments, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Skagit Transit and other stakeholders to plan for all modes of transportation.

## SCOG Transportation Policy Board Consists of Representatives From:

- City of Anacortes
  - City of Burlington
  - City of Mount Vernon
  - City of Sedro-Woolley
  - Port of Anacortes
  - Port of Skagit
  - Samish Indian Nation
  - Skagit County
  - Skagit PUD
  - Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
  - Town of Concrete
  - Town of Hamilton
  - Town of La Conner
  - Town of Lyman
  - Washington State Department of Transportation
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# 2024 Legislative Priorities

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## Support Increased Funding for Regional Transportation Planning Organizations

Increase the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) program budget to \$12 million per biennium in order to achieve the transportation planning outcomes and requirements of RCW 47.80. The original biennial appropriation for the state-wide RTPO program (\$4.4 million) has not changed since the program's creation 34 years ago. RTPO's have an important responsibility to provide transportation planning in support of rural and tribal areas across the state. Duties outlined in RCW 47.80 include developing Long Range Transportation Plans, creating Transportation Improvement Plans and coordinating with local planning agencies. Since the creation of RTPO's, their duties have been expanded and RTPO's are struggling to keep up with the requirements at the current funding levels. Funding allocations have not increased over time to meet the rising costs of operations as well as the expanded responsibilities of RTPO's. SCOG supports an effort to completely assess the amount of funding required for RTPO's to perform their duties.

## WSDOT Highway System Needs

Maintenance, preservation, safety, operations, seismic resilience, environmental retrofit and other needs are estimated at approximately \$61 million per year for the Skagit region. These needs are for Interstate 5 and state routes in Skagit County. Currently, 36% of these needs are funded. Environmental retrofits, principally to improve fish passage, are the highest estimated need.

## Local Roadway System Needs

The vast majority of the roadway network in the Skagit region is owned and maintained by local jurisdictions. Maintenance and preservation needs for these local facilities are estimated at \$27 million per year. Of these local needs, nearly 60% are being met with available revenues (~\$16 million) and the other 40% are unmet needs (~\$11 million). Transportation benefit districts have been utilized in recent years by local jurisdictions to provide funding for maintenance and preservation, but these districts have not provided the funding necessary to address all unmet needs. Deferred maintenance due to these unmet needs are leading to further degradation of local roadways.

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## New Projects

Cap Sante Marina T-Dock, Port of Anacortes, \$7,300,000 project cost, \$1,000,000 existing funds

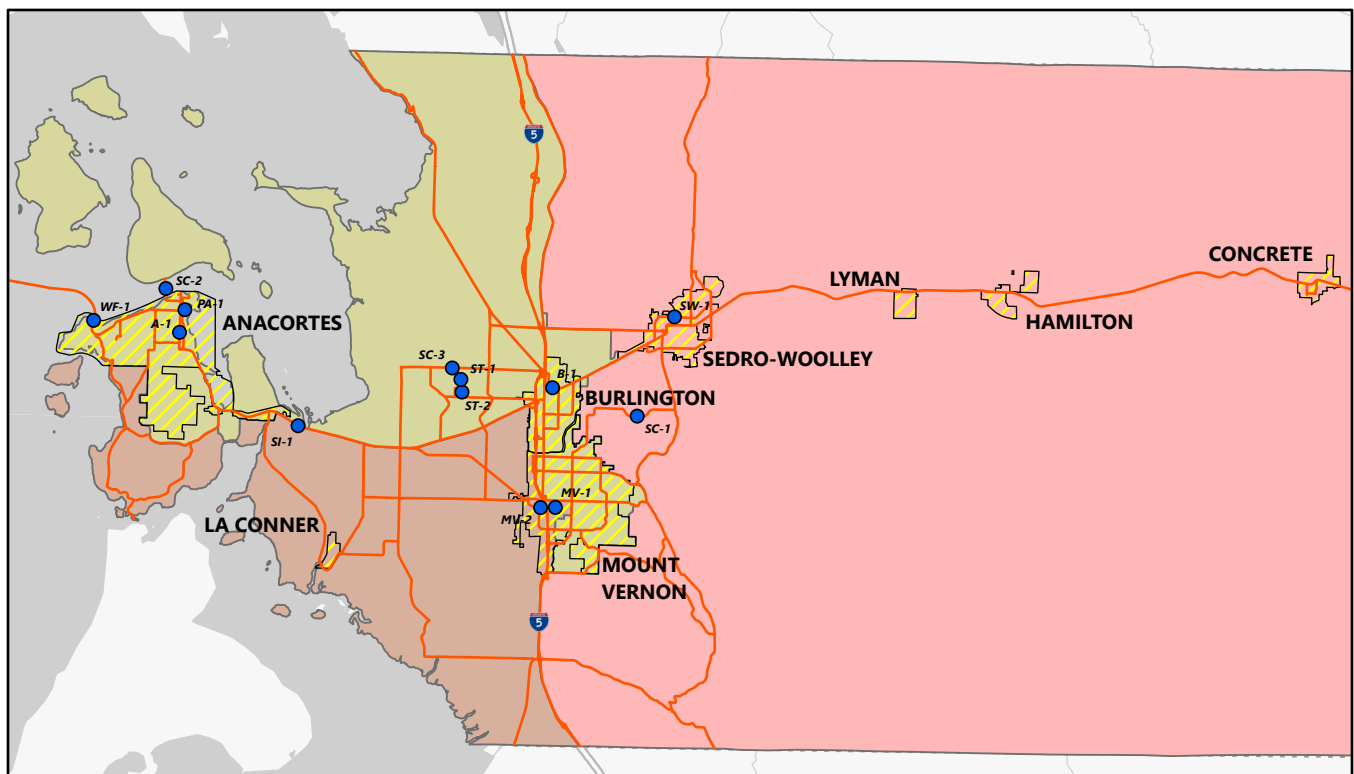
## Financial Summary

	Number of Projects	Project Cost	Existing Funds	Funding Needed
Legislative District 10	5	\$113,597,629	\$32,800,000	\$80,797,629
Legislative District 39	3	\$65,605,675	\$38,892,202	\$92,319,148
Legislative District 40	10	\$344,168,257	\$153,250,000	\$190,918,257
Skagit Region Total*	13	\$444,173,932	\$205,296,101	\$238,877,831

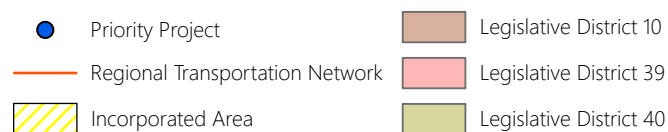
\* Some projects overlap Legislative District boundaries. Legislative District totals will not match Skagit Region totals

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Map ID	Project Title	Agency	Leg. Dist.	Description	Total Cost	Existing Funding	Funding Needed
A-1	South Commercial Avenue Corridor Plan	Anacortes	40	Non-motorized improvements to a combination main street and SR 20 Spur	\$56,770,628	\$3,750,000	\$53,020,628
B-1	SR 20 (Alder St to Cascade Hwy) Non-Motorized and Safety Improvements	Burlington	40	Safety improvements for multi-modal users along SR 20 within Burlington City limits from Alder Street to Cascade Highway	\$3,000,000	\$700,000	\$2,300,000
MV-1	I-5/Kincaid Interchange Vicinity Improvements	Mount Vernon	10, 40	Corridor improvement project to improve safety, mobility, circulation and economic vitality	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000
MV-2	Library Commons Project Regional Transportation Supporting Elements	Mount Vernon	40	Structured public parking, electric vehicle mega charging site, electric bicycle charging and transit stop.	\$53,000,000	\$46,500,000	\$6,500,000
PA-1	Cap Sante Marina T-Dock	Port of Anacortes	40	Replace Port of Anacortes' T-Dock, which is used for commercial fishing and oil spill response	\$7,300,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,300,000
SW-1	Jones/John Liner/ Trail Road Corridor Improvements	Sedro-Woolley	39	Roadway and trail transportation improvements around the SR 20 corridor	\$40,454,000	\$10,821,400	\$29,632,600
SC-1	Francis Road Reconstruction (Sections 1,3 & 4)	Skagit County	39	Reconstruct Francis Road to current standards in order to provide alternate route from I-5 to SR 9	\$15,151,675	\$8,624,701	\$6,526,974
SC-2	Guemes Island Ferry Replacement	Skagit County	40	Replace the aging diesel powered Guemes Island Ferry with an all-electric ferry	\$32,500,000	\$26,300,000	\$6,200,000
SC-3	Josh Wilson Road Reconstruction (Phase 2, 2A, 3 & 4)	Skagit County	10, 40	Reconstruct Josh Wilson Road, an alternate route to SR 20, to current standards	\$18,197,629	\$0	\$18,197,629
ST-1	Zero Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure	Skagit Transit	10, 40, 39	Investment in infrastructure and vehicles to convert to zero emission transit fleet	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000
ST-2	Construction of New Maintenance, Operations and Administration Facility	Skagit Transit	10	Construction of new facility to support ongoing and future transit service support activities	\$44,400,000	\$32,600,000	\$11,800,000
SI-1	SR 20 Safe Access Improvements	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	10, 40	Project to improve safety and access on SR 20 at Casino Drive and at Long John Drive	\$21,000,000	\$200,000	\$20,800,000
WF-1	Anacortes Terminal Replacement	Washington State Ferries	40	Construct a new or enhanced ferry terminal that meets current safety, security and accessibility requirements	\$122,400,000	\$74,800,000	\$47,600,000



## **Project Information Sheets**

*AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*

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