

### 2025-2027 Regional Mobility Grant Program TDM Technical Committee Overview

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## **Regional Mobility Grant**

The Regional Mobility Grant Program supports local efforts to improve connectivity between counties and regional population centers and reduce transportation delay. State funding supports this grant (<u>RCW 47.66.030</u>).

Eligible project types:

- Vehicle and equipment purchases.
- Capital construction (e.g. build new transit centers and park and ride lots).
- Operations (e.g. add routes or increase service frequency).
- Transportation demand management (e.g. incentive program to reduce vehicle trips).

We seek to fund projects that deliver public benefits as quickly as possible.



## **Eligible applicants**

Cities, counties, ports, public transit agencies, regional transit authorities, regional transportation planning organizations, and metropolitan planning organizations in Washington state are eligible to apply.



## **Pre-application**

- Applicants **MUST** first submit a pre-application. WSDOT engineers, planners, and transportation demand management experts will review your pre-application. Only organizations with a reviewed pre-application may apply for a grant.
- Applicants may apply for more than one project. Each project requires a separate pre-application.
- Applicants may apply for two- or four-year projects.

### Pre-application deadline: 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 5



### **Important dates**

- 3 p.m. March 5, 2024: Pre-application due in GMS.
- March April 2024: WSDOT subject matter experts review pre-applications.
- May 9, 2024: Grant applications available in GMS.
- May-June 2024: WSDOT staff available for questions and technical assistance.
- **3 p.m. June 25, 2024:** Grant applications due in GMS.
- June-August 2024: WSDOT reviews applications and performance estimates.
- **3 p.m. Aug. 27, 2024:** Revised applications due in GMS.
- August-September 2024: Independent evaluation panel reviews and scores applications.
- Nov. 29, 2024: WSDOT sends prioritized list of projects to the Legislature and Governor's Office.
- May-June 2025: WSDOT sends grant award letters to grantees.



### Match

- Maximum **80%** Regional Mobility Grant Funds.
- Minimum 20% matching funds.
  - Matching funds must be in the form of cash or other assets that directly benefit the project and are fundamental to implementing the project.
  - Applicants may use any funding source as matching funds, except for other competitive state public transportation grants.
  - Pending: Commute Trip Reduction formula funds may be used as match.



## **Evaluation criteria**

- **Reduce delay**: Uses program funds to reduce the amount of time it takes for people to get where they are trying to go.
- **Improve connectivity**: Improves multimodal connections and services between counties or regional population centers.
- **Project performance**: Reduces vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled compared with costs and useful life.
- **Readiness to proceed**: Consistent with local plans and minimizes scope, schedule, and budget risks. Likely to deliver public benefits on schedule.



## **TDM project summary**

RMG Projects	2021-2023	2023-2025
TDM projects	6	9
Total projects	26	24
Total TDM requested	\$2,428,727	\$5,876,772



## 23-25 TDM funded projects

Applicant	Project title	2023-2025 requested	2025-2027 requested
Whatcom Transportation Authority	Whatcom Smart Trips	\$439,971	\$408,800
Intercity Transit	Rear Door Boarding and Real-Time Passenger Information Deployments	\$1,211,221	\$0
Spokane County	Commuter Revitalization Project	\$212,678	\$212,678
City of Vancouver	Residential Transportation Demand Management Program	\$421,434	\$0
King County Metro	ORCA Youth Access to Transit	\$832,000	\$800,000
King County Metro	ORCA Business Passport Ridership-Based Rebate Pilot	\$2,350,400	\$2,060,000
Pierce County Planning and Public Works	Reduce Regional Commute Trips with Transportation Demand Management Programs	\$292,000	\$0
King County Metro	Park-and-Ride Pedestrian and Bicycle Site Improvements	\$1,272,000	\$880,000
City of Bothell	Bothell Canyon Park Transportation Management Demand Program	\$333,334	\$266,666



### **Questions?**

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Regional Mobility website:

https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/grants/public-transportation-grants/grant-programsand-awards/regional-mobility



# 23-25 TDM Projects Reference Slides



WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WHATCOM SMART TRIPS

**Legislative districts** – 40 and 42

**2023-2025 amount requested** – \$439,971

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$408,800

Project type – Transportation demand management

**Description** – Expand the reach of the region's transportation demand management program.



#### **INTERCITY TRANSIT** REAR DOOR BOARDING AND REAL-TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION DEPLOYMENTS

Legislative districts – 2, 22, 28, 29, and 35

2023-2025 amount requested - \$1,211,221

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$0

**Project type –** Capital construction and transportation demand management

**Description** – Upgrade 55 bus stops to facilitate rear door access, deploy real-time traveler information devices at 17 locations, and rehabilitate three critical bus zones at the Olympia Transit Center.



#### SPOKANE COUNTY COMMUTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Legislative districts – 3, 4, 6, and 7

2023-2025 amount requested - \$212,678

2025-2027 amount requested - \$212,678

Project type – Transportation demand management

**Description** – Educate, bring awareness, and incentivize commuters to use transportation demand management strategies.



#### CITY OF VANCOUVER RESIDENTIAL TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Legislative districts – 17, 18, and 49

2023-2025 amount requested - \$421,434

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$0

Project type – Transportation demand management

**Description** – Build upon the existing transportation demand management program, expanding to include a residential program.



### KING COUNTY METRO ORCA YOUTH ACCESS TO TRANSIT

 $\label{eq:legislative districts - 1, 5, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 41, 43, \\$ 

44, 45, 47, and 48

2023-2025 amount requested - \$832,000

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$800,000

**Project type –** Transportation demand management

**Description** – Implement a transportation demand management youth mobility program by providing outreach and education for youth and their families to encourage greater transit ridership.



#### KING COUNTY METRO ORCA BUSINESS PASSPORT RIDERSHIP-BASED REBATE PILOT

**Legislative districts** – 1, 5, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, and 48

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**2023-2025 amount requested** – \$2,350,400

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$2,060,000

Project type – Transportation demand management

**Description** – Extend existing and create new pilots for employerbased incentive projects, with marketing campaigns to increase transit ridership.



### PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

REDUCE REGIONAL COMMUTE TRIPS WITH TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Legislative districts – 2, 11, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 37, 41, and 47

**2023-2025 amount requested –** \$292,000

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$0

**Project type –** Transportation demand management

**Description** – Implement a transportation demand management program that will address Pierce County resident commutes into King County by promoting travel options such as carpooling, vanpooling, transit, telework, and compressed work week schedules.



#### KING COUNTY METRO PARK-AND-RIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Legislative districts – 11, 32, 34, 41, and 46

**2023-2025 amount requested** – \$1,272,000

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$880,000

Project type - Capital equipment, construction, and transportation

demand management

**Description** – Improve safety and access for walking, biking, and rolling at five facilities that are on the frequent transit network, have high ridership, and serve equity-priority populations.



#### **CITY OF BOTHELL** BOTHELL CANYON PARK TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DEMAND PROGRAM

Legislative district - 1

**2023-2025 amount requested – \$333,334** 

**2025-2027 amount requested** – \$266,666

Project type – Transportation demand management

**Description** – Implement a transportation demand management program for the Canyon Park subarea, providing outreach and resources to encourage sustainable travel. Employees, residents, and businesses would be eligible to participate.

