



Regional Transportation Investment District King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties

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To: Regional Transportation Investment District Executive Board Members
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Re: Staff Report on RTID Activities

1. RTID Budget Accounting, Work Plan, 2005 Budget Allocation, and Retreat Planning

1.A. Budget Accounting

1.A.(1). Beginning Funds

The following State budget page excerpt shows the original appropriation for RTID:

*Agency 405 Program T C 360, L 03, PV, Sec 222 Department of Transportation
Program T - Transportation Planning, Data, & Research, Total Appropriated
Funds (Dollars in Thousands) Enacted 2001-03 Expenditure Authority
33,2832003-05 Maintenance Level 32,026, Policy Changes:*

4. RTID Support 3,000

5. RTID Project Estimate Reviews 5,000

Note #4. RTID Support - Funding is provided to assist with the costs of the election and WSDOT project oversight. (Motor Vehicle Account-State)

Note #5 . RTID Project Estimate Reviews - Funding is provided for an external review of Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) project costs estimates in order to provide the best available estimate of cost maximizing the use of RTID funds while ensuring that projects will not overrun estimates. (Motor Vehicle Account-State)

1.A.(2). Governor's Supplemental Budget

Governor Locke's supplemental budget recommendation to the Legislature for the remainder of the biennium, through June 2005, reduces the appropriation to RTID by \$4.8 million. These funds are returned to the motor vehicle account. The rationale is that with no election in spring 2005 the funds are not currently needed.

1.A. (3). Available Funds

Expenditures by task reflect billings submitted to date to WSDOT. Work may have been performed from Sept. – December 2004 that is not reflected in expenditures to date.

1.A. (3a.) Project Cost Estimate Fund

Task	Budget	Actual Expenditures	Remaining**
US Cost/MWH	\$962,700	\$704,480.56	\$258,219.44
Cliff Mansfield/John Reilly	\$347,858	\$192,489.36	\$155,368.64
Lund Consulting Inc.	\$30,000	\$19,300.95	\$10,699.05
Project Owners	\$500,142	\$68,105.16	\$432,036.84
CVP/CRA	\$159,300	\$7,447.54	\$151,852.46
Total	\$2,000,000	\$991,823.57	\$1,008,176.43

1.A. (3b.) RTID Support

Task	Budget	Actual Expenditures	Remaining**
Election Costs	0	0	0
WSDOT Services	\$460,000.00	\$250,614.00	\$209,386.00
King County Clerk	\$30,000.00	\$1,900.54	\$28,099.46
Lund Consulting Inc.	\$710,000	\$528,327.37	\$181,672.63
Total	\$1,200,000	\$780,841.91	\$419,158.09

**Remaining funds are overstated because they do not reflect pending billings for the period September – December 2004.

1.B. Proposed Work Plan for January through June 2005

Specific Deliverables:

January – March

Complete Cost Review & Provide Information to Legislature

- Facilitate workshop to build support for regional transportation finance plan.
- Complete cost review assessments and basis of estimate documents.
- Draft partnership funding document showing funding sources for RTID projects.
- Revise project list based on new cost estimates, funding sources, and phasing.
- Provide expert testimony to legislature on regional transportation financing.
- Provide materials for Executive Board members meeting with legislators.
- Provide legal analysis of legislative proposals related to regional financing.
- Write report describing the current planning practices of RTID process, Sound Transit, PSRC, and WSDOT.
- Write report describing the current project delivery arrangements for transportation investments.

April – June: Plan to Achieve Affirmative Regional Vote

- Recommendation on action steps to get to ballot with strong partners.
- Draft working agreements for project financing and implementation with partnership funding.

1. C. Proposed Budget Reallocation

Position	Original Contract Fees include hourly rate, benefits, medical, overhead.	Change from original contract	Total Budget (18 months)	Available for 2005 (Approx.)*	2005 Hours
Project Manager	310,000	+40,000	350,000	60,000	418
Senior Associate	65,000	0	65,000	18,000	156
Associate	26,000	0	26,000		146
Clerical	2,000	-2,000	0		0
Financial Review	7,000	-7,000	0		0
Legal Staff	90,000	+28,000	118,000	15,000	60
Communications	90,000	+21,000	111,000	15,000	100
Facilitator	0	+25,000	25,000	25,000	100
Cost Review	30,000	None	30,000	10,000	60
Expenses	20,000	-15,000	5,000	1,000	NA
Communications Materials	100,000	-90,000	10,000	5,400	NA
Total Cost	\$740,000	0	\$740,000	162,400	1040

*Available funds are approximate pending December billings.

1. D. Gordon Thomas Honeywell: RTID Workshop Scope of Work

Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell will assist the RTID/WSDOT in preparing for and facilitating a workshop with the RTID Executive Committee. To reach concurrence around a three-county agreed upon transportation plan with a common vision for the future that includes the next round of transportation investment. Deliverables will include: Agenda for workshop, discussion materials for workshop, workshop facilitation, and post-workshop workplan to achieve stated goal.

Potential Dates: February 24 or March 10

Potential Location: Olympia

2. 2005 Legislative Agenda)

The following is a listing of the legislative agenda for the Puget Sound Regional council (PSRC), the Transportation Partnership, and the Transportation Working Group.

2. A. PSRC Executive Board

- Advocate for additional state funding for state and local transportation projects in the 2005 Legislative session.
- Additional state funding should emphasize transportation corridors connecting urban growth and industrial/manufacturing centers.
- Advocate that the 2005 Legislature develop new revenues to be distributed to cities and counties to invest in local transportation infrastructure, including transit. State funding should address city and county needs in addition to the state system.
- Advocate for the creation of special category of state funding for major safety and preservation projects, including the Alaskan Way Viaduct, the State Route 520 Floating Bridge, and others.
- Sustain the ability of the region via RCW 36.20 (SB6140 codified) to develop a transportation funding proposal and present it to voters for approval and work with the Legislature to consider changes, such as the granting of state bonding authority, additional financing tools, and ballot title revisions to expand the limit on title length.

2. B. The Transportation Partnership

The Transportation Partnership is a coalition of business, labor, local government and environmental representatives who are committed to advocating for a successful comprehensive regional solution to our transportation challenges.

Their legislative agenda thus far:

- Significant statewide gas tax increase to finance transportation improvements, recognizing that the Puget Sound region must also be a sizable contributor.
- Technical modifications to RCW 36.20 (Regional Transportation Investment Districts) to improve the likelihood of additional funding for regional

transportation needs. This includes boundary modifications, bonding authorization, additional financing tools, and ballot title revisions.

- Legislative changes that provide additional financing tools to Sound Transit that would enable placing a balanced transportation investment strategy on a joint ballot measure.

2. C. Transportation Working Group

This is a business, labor, environmental group convened by the Discovery Institute's Cascadia Project.

- Make Viaduct and SR 520 replacement, the first priority.
- Fund a traffic mitigation plan including I-405 capacity improvements, to go with them.
- State share should be no less than replacing existing capacity of Viaduct and SR 520.
- State should raise \$8 billion over ten years, including higher gas taxes, license fees, and user fees, such as tolling and hot lanes.
- Use part of new state revenue for cities and counties road programs.
- Regional funding is essential.
- Continue dialogue on regional funding and reorganization of transportation governance.

2.D. RTID Legislative Agenda

2. D. (1). Work Plan

Provide legislature with RTID project list with cost estimates and funding assumptions.

Propose technical changes such as ballot title and tolling.

Provide policy language on governance, Sound Transit, transit, project eligibility, and state bonding.

Request funding for next biennium.

2. D. (2). Time-Frame

Need letter to Governor, Committee Chairs requesting 2005-07 Appropriation Authority to proceed prior to next RTID meeting.

2. D. (3). Recommendation

Need subcommittee to develop details.

3. Federal-State-Regional Funding Approaches

RCW 36.120.040 (3) (c): *The overall plan of the district must leverage the district's financial contributions so that the federal, state, local, and other revenue sources continue to fund major congestion relief and transportation capacity improvement projects in each county and the district. A combination of local, state, and federal revenues may be necessary to pay for transportation projects, and the planning committee shall consider all of these revenue sources in developing a plan.*

3. A. RTID Package Financial Summary, not including Sound Transit

	Regional	State	Tolls	Local Match	Other*	Total
Pierce	2,747.7	81.4		27.0	NA	2,856.1
King	5,980.0	775.5	700.0	1.7	5,900.0	13,373.2
Snohomish	2,039.1	165.3		111.9	46.20	2,362.5
Total	10,766.80	1,022.2	700.0	140.60	5946.20	18,591.80

*Other includes other partners and unidentified sources.

3. A. (1) Questions

- a) How can a smaller proposal be placed before the voters?
- b) How are existing state nickel projects factored in?
- c) What is the assumption about new state revenue?
- d) What is impact of project cost estimate review on new costs?
- e) How does new information about Viaduct plans change funding plan?
- f) How do new considerations about phasing affect funding plan?
- g) What is impact of removing local option gas tax?
- h) What is impact of new information about I-5 re-paving requirements?

3. A. (2) Process

- a) Bases for discussion with PSRC, WSDOT, legislature
- b) Follow-up data collection
- c) Potential discussion at retreat

4. Planning Committee Scheduling and Agenda Setting

Tentative date, February 8. Agenda: Executive Board appointments; operating rules, meeting date change, informational update. Location: King County Council Chambers.