

# **Local Programs**

Washington State Transportation Commission

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# Local Programs Overview

Support to cities, counties, and other transportation partners such as tribal governments, ports, and transit agencies:

- **Oversee & Administer Local Federal Aid Programs**  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding
- Technical Support
- Funding Programs
- Education (LTAP)
- State Funded Projects



124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Pedestrian Bridge, Kirkland

# Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025

- Authorized \$454M FHWA Funds
- Additionally, \$192M State Transportation Funds
- Total \$646M FFY 2025  
(October 2024-September 2025)

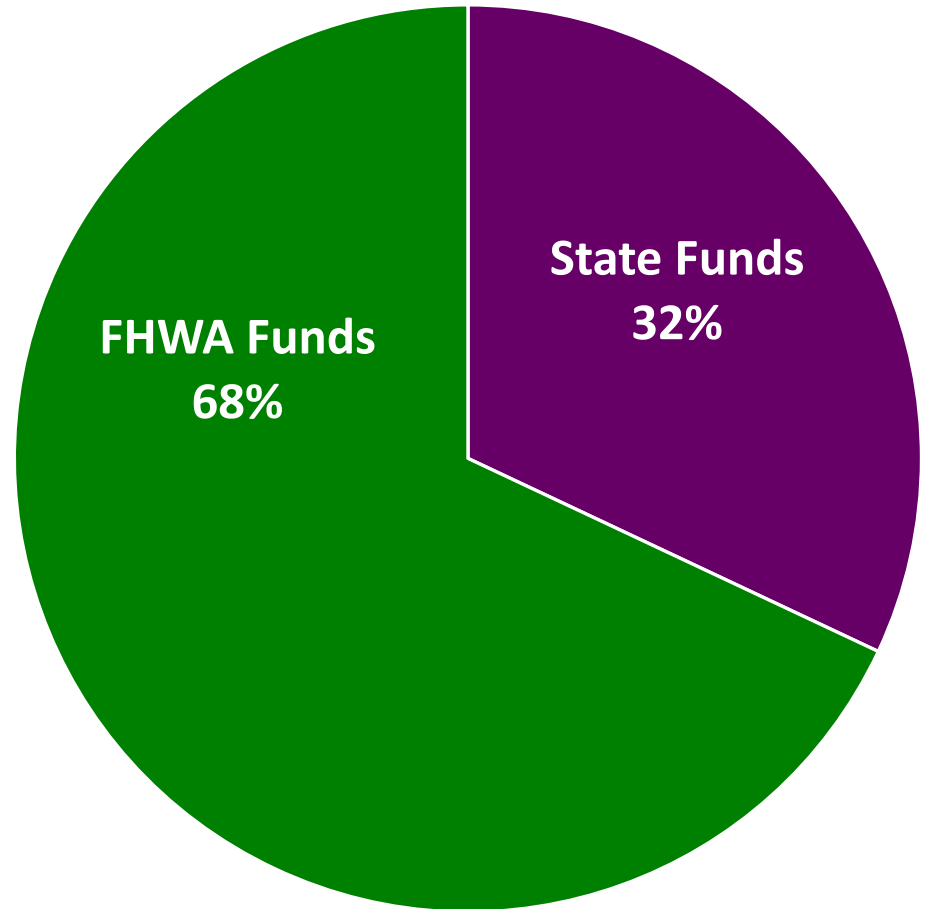


Crawford Ave Preservation, Deer Park

# Z-Program 2025-27 Capital Budget

## State Funds vs FHWA Funds

- **Federal Pass-Through**  
– \$1,078 million
- **Federal Managed Programs**  
– \$741 million
- **State Grant Programs**  
– \$236 million
- **Legislative**  
– \$645 million



State Funds     \$ 856 million

FHWA Funds    \$1,844 million

*Dollars may not add due to rounding.*

# Managed Programs

- Local Bridge
- Safety Improvement
  - City
  - County
  - Railway-Highway Crossings
  - Video Analytics
  - Reducing Rural Roadway Departures
  - Multiuse Roadway Safety (ATV's)
  - Civilian Intervention Program
- National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management
- PROTECT



Citywide Pedestrian Treatments, Walla Walla

# Local Preservation Programs

## Federal Funds

- National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management
- Local Bridge Program



Arterial Street Repaving, SE Harvest Drive, City of Pullman

# National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program

Program's focus is for preserving roadways that are part of the NHS by incentivizing agencies to use asset management strategies that provide cost-effective solutions to maximize the life expectancy of a roadway.

Selected projects support progress toward the achievement of performance targets established in WA state's asset management plan for the NHS.

NHS routes by lane mile are preserved and maintained by:

- 77% - WSDOT owned
- 23% - Local agency owned

# Federal Local Bridge Program

Local Bridge Program – 4,309 Bridges

Maintain compliance and public safety

Bridge Funding Programs:

- Replacement
- Rehabilitation
- Preventative Maintenance



# Bridge Program Criteria

- Replacement & Rehabilitation
  - Bridges in poor condition
- Preventative Maintenance
  - Steel bridge painting
  - Scour mitigation
  - Seismic retrofit
  - Deck repair or resurfacing
  - Bundled projects



Boulder Creek Bridge – Ferry County

# 2025 Local Bridge Call for Projects

- Funded \$85 million in last cycle
- Replacement & Rehabilitation
  - \$25 million maximum per bridge
  - Bridges in poor condition
  - Projects that improve climate resiliency
- Preventative Maintenance
  - Maximum award is case-by-case



Arch Bridge on Lamar Road, Walla Walla County

# Local Safety Program Funding

- **Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**
  - About \$35 million per biennium for city safety
    - Call for projects is currently open
  - About \$35 million per biennium for county safety
    - Awarded 43 projects, \$34M
- **State Funds**
  - Reducing Rural Roadway Departures \$12 million total (\$4 million in 2023, 2025, and 2027)
  - Video Analytics \$1 million total (in 2024)
  - Flexible Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety (\$5 million per biennium)
  - Multiuse Roadway Safety (\$1.4 million total)
  - Civilian Intervention Program (\$700K total)

# Safety Program demand

**\$970 million requested 2014-25**

## City Safety

- **2014**
  - 33 cities applied for 54 projects  
= \$60 million
- **2018**
  - 32 cities applied for 101 projects  
= \$64 million
- **2020**
  - 44 cities applied for 191 projects  
= \$128 million
- **2022**
  - 51 cities applied for 198 projects  
= \$160 million
- **2024**
  - 38 cities applied for 108 projects  
= \$105 million

## County Safety

- **2014**
  - 31 counties applied for 178 projects  
= \$45 million
- **2017**
  - 30 counties applied for 141 projects  
= \$57 million
- **2019**
  - 30 counties applied for 148 projects  
= \$79 million
- **2021**
  - 30 counties applied for 185 projects  
= \$83 million
- **2023**
  - 26 counties applied for 81 projects  
= \$84 million
- **2025**
  - 26 counties applied for 84 projects  
= \$103 million

# Reducing Rural Roadway Departures

- Reducing Rural Roadway Departures \$12 million total (\$4 million in 2023, 2025, and 2027)
- Awarded as part of the County Safety Program (single application) for low-cost projects
- 2023: Eight projects selected in seven counties
- 2025: Twelve projects in six counties
- Guardrail, Signing, Pavement Markings, Guideposts

# Federal Fund Exchange Pilot

## 25-27 Transportation Budget

### – Section 311(6)

\$22,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is provided solely for a **federal fund exchange pilot program**. The pilot program will allow exchanges of federal surface transportation block grant population funding and state funds at an **exchange rate of 95 cents in state funds per \$1.00 in federal funds...**

... A report on the effectiveness of the exchange program, the total estimated cost of program administration, and recommendations for continuing the pilot program is due to the governor and transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2026...

**The legislature intends to evaluate the utility and efficacy of this program, and if underutilized, the program is intended to not to continue into future biennia.**

# Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

- WSDOT allocates STBG funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) and County Lead Agencies for prioritizing and selecting projects that align with their regional priorities involving all entities eligible to participate in a public process.
- Eligible projects include highway/bridge construction/repair; transit capital projects; bicycle, pedestrian and recreational trails; and construction of ferry boats and terminals.

# Federal Fund Exchange Pilot

- Rural Counties (22) and their Sub-Recipients
- Exchange Rate
  - \$0.95 state funds per \$1.00 federal funds
- Effective FFY 2025 & FFY 2026
  - October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2026
- Participating Counties
  - Wahkiakum
  - Pacific
  - Lincoln
  - Ferry
  - Stevens



# Exchange Process Benefits

- Streamlined delivery process
  - Reduced procedures
  - Reduced documentation
- More cost effective small projects



Bainbridge Island

# Exchange Program Risks

## Implementation of an Exchange

- Pilot – Cannot Borrow-Ahead **beyond FFY 2026**
- Legislative appropriation
- Distribution, Accounting, and Compliance
- SFY Challenges
  - Authorize July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
  - WSDOT budget limitations
  - Federal uncertainty

# Program Opportunities

- Pilot – Program needs to be made permanent
- System is now in place and will be more efficient
- Explore the ability to expand into other programs
- New reauthorization may provide opportunities



Little Spokane Connection, Spokane County

# Questions?

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