

## **NEWS RELEASE**

March 12, 2013

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
411 NORTH 5<sup>TH</sup> ST  
SHELTON, WA 98584**

TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Fund Availability – Call for Projects

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Mason County Public Works invites qualified parties to submit proposals for the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds.

The estimated available funding is \$852,700 in STP Funds and \$100,000 in TAP Funds per year. To ensure programming and delivery for a four year period, priority transportation projects will be selected for years 2013 – 2016.

The applications and application process can be found on the Mason County Homepage at: [www.co.mason.wa.us](http://www.co.mason.wa.us).

**Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 12, 2013.**

An informational meeting will be held for potential applicants on March 20, 2013 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at Mason County Public Works, 100 W Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584.

For more information on this transportation funding opportunity please contact Loretta Swanson at [LorettaS@co.mason.wa.us](mailto:LorettaS@co.mason.wa.us) or by phone at 360-427-9670, ext 769. From the Belfair area, please dial 360-275-4467.

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## 2013 STP FUNDING APPLICATION PROJECT PROPOSAL

**Project Title:**

General project information

Applicant:  
Mailing Address:  
Contact Person:  
Phone:  
Email Address:

**Project Type or Program**  
*(Check all that apply)*

Safety \_\_\_\_\_  
Preservation \_\_\_\_\_  
Efficiency \_\_\_\_\_  
Transit \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Planned Obligation Schedule**

2014	2015	2016	2017
\$	\$	\$	\$

**Project cost**

Revenue Source	
STP Request	\$
Local	\$
State	\$
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Eligibility Requirements** *(Check all that apply)*

Project elements and administration meet all federal requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
 Construction project is on a federally designated major collector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project elements meet all regional eligibility requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project will proceed according to obligation schedule \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the transportation problem or need?**

**How will the project address this?**

**What are the anticipated results?**

Construction Project Vicinity Map *or*  
Transportation Program/Service Delivery Area

Project Details *(Use this section to expand on the Project Overview)*

Project Cost		Total estimated Cost	State/Local Revenue (13.5%)	STP Revenue Request	Phase Start Date
Construction	PE/Design	\$	\$	\$	
	ROW	\$	\$	\$	
	Construction	\$	\$	\$	
Vehicle Acquisition	Capital	\$	\$	\$	
Transportation Program/Services	Implementation	\$	\$	\$	
	Other	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total All</b>					

## Certification Acceptance

This project proposal is consistent with local funding priorities and Regional Transportation Plans. Accurate planning level cost estimates have been provided and the project is financially feasible. If STP funds are awarded, local match revenue will be provided to ensure timely obligation.

This agency or organization will be responsible for meeting federal administrative and project compliance requirements.

This project has been reviewed through a local public process and has the full endorsement of the governing body/leadership of this agency or organization.

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Name/Title of Designated Representative

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Signature of Designated Representative

Date

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Certification Agency (CA)/Representative

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CA Signature

Date

## Supplemental Questionnaire and Criteria to be used for Project Scoring

Applications will be reviewed and scored based upon the following criteria. Please complete all applicable sections.

### I. Mobility of Goods and People

Points: 10

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how this project provides for the mobility of goods and people in general and including the following in particular:

- A. New construction, preventative maintenance activities that extend the service life of the facility (Pavement, bridges, and essential highway appurtenances) are eligible for federal funding with prior approval. Protect investments in the existing system and keep life cycle costs as low as possible. (roads and transit safety improvements)

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- B. How does this project satisfy federal or state mandates (e.g. Modification of existing public sidewalks (regardless of whether the sidewalk is on a federal-aid highway right-of-way), to comply with the requirements of the Americans with disabilities Act (ADA) and Urban Growth Requirements, etc.?)

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### II. Preservation of Eligible Systems

Points: 10

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how this project provides for the preservation of eligible systems in general and the following in particular:

- A. Describe the existing facility/equipment and the required work to preserve it (e.g. AC overlay, slurry seal, etc)

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B. If this is a reconstruction/replacement project, describe the existing facility and the proposed improvements.

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**III Continuity of Transportation Systems      Points: 10      Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

Describe how this project provides for continuity of transportation systems in general and the following in particular:

A. Describe regional importance.

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B. If this is a multi-jurisdictional project, list the agencies involved.

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**IV Multi-modal Transportation      Points: 5      Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

If this is a multi-modal project, list the modes of transportation.

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A. Privately owned vehicles and facilities that are used to provide intercity passenger service by bus.

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B. Park and ride lots for carpools and vanpools.

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C. Capital costs for transit projects eligible for FTA funding, such as the purchase of buses and vanpool vans

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**V Safety**

**Points: 10**

**Score:**

Describe how this project addresses safety issues in general, including the following in particular:

A. Describe the proposed improvements to address existing design deficiencies (e.g. sight distance, horizontal and vertical alignment, etc.)

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B. Provide the 3-year collision history including the number and type of collisions.

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**VI Completed Work/Outside Funding Points: 5 Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

Describe any work that has been completed for the project, such as, studies, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and any other outside funding that is in place for this project.

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**TOTAL Points: 50 Score: \_\_\_\_\_**



## Surface Transportation Program (STP) FACT SHEET

### STP Fund Overview

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). MAP-21 creates a streamlined, performance-based, and multimodal program to address the many challenges facing the U.S. transportation system. These challenges include improving safety, maintaining infrastructure condition, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency of the system and freight movement, protecting the environment, and reducing delays in project delivery.

MAP-21 builds on and refines many of the programs and policies established beginning in 1991 (ISTEA and SAFETEA-LU). MAP-21 continues the STP, providing flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve or improve conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge projects on any public road, facilities for non-motorized transportation, transit capital projects and public bus terminals and facilities.

**Funds are allocated by the State to the MPOs/RTPOs and county lead agencies for regional prioritization and selection. Mason County is the lead agency for our region and has programmed \$7.1 million since 1992 to priority transportation projects within the county.**

Mason County anticipates programming an additional \$3.3 million for the next four years (2014-2017), requiring a local match of approximately \$446,000 during that same period.

### Who is eligible to receive funds?

Qualified transportation partners are local jurisdictions that provide general purpose transportation facilities or services as part of their core mission. In Mason County, this includes: the **City of Shelton, Skokomish Tribe, Squaxin Island Tribe, Mason County Transit Authority, and Mason County.**

Mason County recognizes that transportation needs and good project ideas may be identified by other transportation partners such as our school districts, ports, or community-based non-profit organizations. These transportation proponents are encouraged to coordinate closely with qualified transportation partners to develop project proposals.

## What are the Federal eligibility requirements?

**Construction** projects must be on roads or streets functionally **classified as Arterials or Major Collectors** under the Federal Functional Classification scheme. Projects on local or rural minor collectors are generally not eligible, although there are some exceptions.

**Projects must have at least 13.5% non-federal match** from local revenues or state grants.

Some **examples of eligible activities** authorized under federal statute include:

- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, preservation, or operational improvements for streets, highways and bridges.
- Inspection and evaluation of bridges, tunnels and other highway assets as well as training for bridge and tunnel inspectors.
- Capital costs for transit projects including vehicles and facilities
- Carpool projects, fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs, including electric and natural gas vehicle charging infrastructure, bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways, and ADA sidewalk modification.
- Street and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, installation of safety barriers and nets on bridges, hazard eliminations, mitigation of hazards caused by wildlife, railway-highway grade crossings.
- Highway and transit research, development, technology transfer.
- Capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management and control facilities and programs.
- Surface transportation planning and transportation control measures.
- Development and establishment of management systems.
- Intersections with high accident rates or levels of congestion.
- Environmental mitigation, restoration and pollution abatement.
- Control of noxious weeds and establishment of native species.
- Recreational trails projects.
- Surface transportation infrastructure modifications within port terminal boundaries, only if necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, and access into and out of the port.

## What are the Regional eligibility requirements?

Project sponsors are expected to demonstrate how their proposal supports the stated regional priority of improving safety, preservation, or efficiency of the region's multi-modal transportation system. Project sponsors that do well typically put some thought into overall regional policy objectives and speak to those in their project description.

Project sponsors are also expected to demonstrate their ability to obligate funds in a timely manner to ensure that STP funds remain in the county. This typically means that local matching funds are available and will be committed to the project if awarded STP funds.

## How are projects reviewed and STP funds awarded?

The Mason County STP/TAP Policy Board is responsible for reviewing and ranking applications for funding. Policy Board members consist of one representative from:

City of Shelton  
Skokomish Tribe  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Mason County Transit Authority  
Mason County

The Policy Board will first screen projects for eligibility, and then rank projects based on rating criteria scores. The ranked projects will be available for public review and comment followed by a briefing with County Commissioners. A final project funding list and awards will follow mid-year.

**Applicants are encouraged to submit projects to be considered for the next four year period, to ensure thoughtful local programming and delivery of STP funds.**

## STP funding schedule

Mid-March	Call for Projects
Mid-April	Applications Due
May	Projects ranked and posted for public comment
June	Project funding awarded
July	Projects submitted for STIP update



## Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) FACT SHEET

### TAP Fund Overview

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). MAP-21 creates a streamlined, performance-based, and multimodal program to address the many challenges facing the U.S. transportation system. These challenges include improving safety, maintaining infrastructure condition, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency of the system and freight movement, protecting the environment, and reducing delays in project delivery.

MAP-21 builds on and refines many of the programs and policies established beginning in 1991 (ISTEA and SAFETEA-LU). MAP-21 establishes a new program to provide for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including many that were previously eligible activities under separately funded programs. The TAP replaces the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School, and several other discretionary programs, wrapping them into a single funding source.

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Some **examples of eligible activities** authorized under federal statute include:

- Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation.
- Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Community improvement activities, including—
  - inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising;
  - historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities;
  - vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control; and
  - archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under 23 USC.
- Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to—
  - address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff; or
  - reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.

In addition to defined Transportation Alternatives (as described above), the

- The recreational trails program
- The safe routes to school program
- Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

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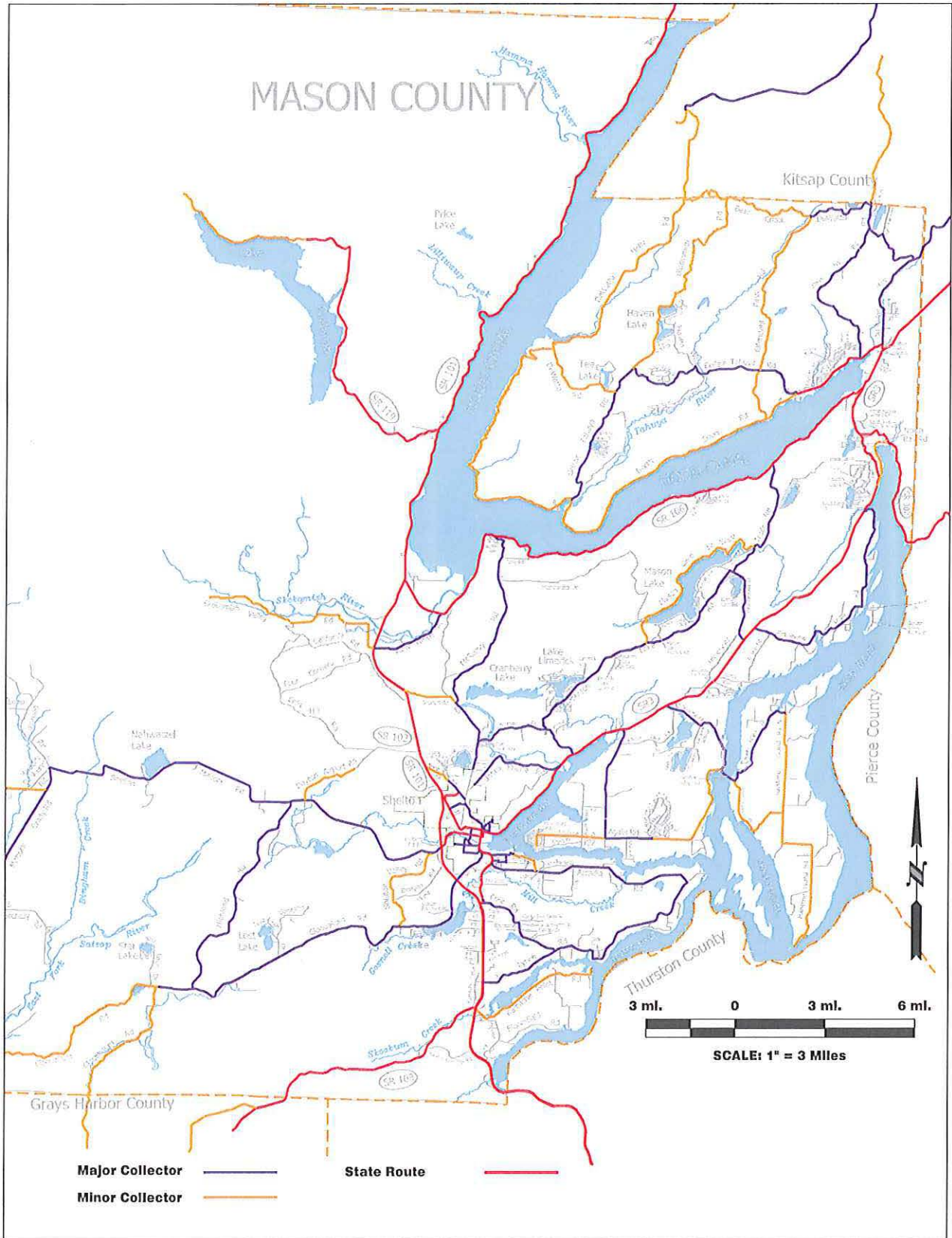
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**Figure VIII - 3-1**  
**Mason County Transportation Element**  
**Functional Classification**

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FFC Roads		
Road Name	From Location	To Location
Rural Major Collector	FFC 07	
Agate Road	SR-3	Timberlake Drive
Arcadia Road	SR-3	Lynch Road
Bear Creek-Dewatto Road	Elfendahl Pass Road	Old Belfair Highway
Belfair-Tahuya Road	North Shore Road	SR-300
Brockdale Road	Batstone Cutoff Road	McReavy Road
Clifton Lane	SR-3	SR-300
Cloquallum Road	Shelton City Limits	Satsop-Cloquallum Road
Cole Road	Lynch Road	Craig Road
Craig Road	SR-3	Cole Road
Dayton Airport Road	Little Egypt Road	SR-102
Grapeview Loop Road	SR-3	SR-3
Harstine Bridge Road	Pickering Road	South Island Drive
Harstine Island North Road	Harstine Island South Road	North Island Drive
Highland Road	Shelton-Matlock Road	Cloquallum Road
Johns Prairie Road	Shelton city Limits	SR-3
Lynch Road	SR-101	Arcadia Road
Mason Benson Road	SR-3	Mason Lake Drive East
Mason Lake Road	SR-3	Trails Road
Matlock-Brady Road	Shelton-Matlock Road	Grays Harbor County Line
McEwan Prairie Road	Mason Lake Road	Brockdale Road
McReavy Road	SR-106	Brockdale Road
North Island Drive	South Island Drive	Harstine Island North Road
Old Belfair Highway	SR-300	Kitsap County Line
Pickering Road	SR-3	Harstine Bridge Road
Purdy Cut-Off Road	US-101	SR-106
Sand Hill Road	SR-300	Bear Creek-Dewatto Road
Shelton-Matlock Road	Shelton city limits	Matlock-Brady Road
South Island Drive	North Island Drive	Harstine Island South Drive
Trails Road	SR-106	Mason Lake Road