



BRT Funding Options

Federal and State Opportunities



Federal Opportunities

- Reauthorization of Transportation Act
- Congressional Earmarks – Annual appropriations process
- Regional Programs
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - » Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - » Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)
 - Federal Transit Administration
 - » Urbanized Area Formula Programs
 - » Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization Program



Reauthorization of the Transportation Legislation

- Current legislation the Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)
- Time Period 2004 - 2009
- SAFETEA-LU included a High Priority Project Program that specifically identified 5,091 projects and authorized a total of \$14.8 billion for the program.



Congressional Earmarks

- Request made directly to House Representatives and State Senators
- Annual transportation appropriation bill
- Be proactive
 - Target your request to specific programs
 - Make realistic funding level requests
 - Contact your Representatives' and Senators' offices to find out their deadlines for submitting earmark requests
 - Advocate for your projects with your representatives' local and Washington D.C. offices



Regional Programs

- Administered by Puget Sound Region Council (PSRC), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Central Puget Sound Region

PSRC Region Consists of:

- Population of 3.5 million
 - 4 Counties, 82 Cities and Towns, 7 Transit Agencies
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- The PSRC's principal function is to maintain and periodically update the region's long range plan, VISION 2020.
 - The PSRC uses VISION 2020 and its transportation element, as guidance in setting policies for making decisions on how to program federal transportation funds in the region.



Federal Programs Administered by the PSRC:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)

The STP provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the National Highway System, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and **intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities**.

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)


The primary purpose of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) is to fund **projects and programs** in air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas for ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), and small particulate matter (PM-10) **which reduce transportation related emissions**.

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- Urbanized Area Formula Programs: Sections 5307 and 5340

These funds can be used on **wide variety** of projects including: planning, engineering design, **capital investments in bus and bus-related activities** such as replacement of buses, security equipment, construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems

- Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization Program

Capital projects to **modernize or improve fixed guideway systems** including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.



Policies and criteria used in evaluating projects for the Regional Programs include:

- Support Regional Growth and Manufacturing Industrial Centers and the corridors that connect them
- Support for the Economic Clusters identified in the Regional Economic Strategy
- Financial Accountability
- Air quality benefit



PSRC is just completing its 2006 Project Selection Process for Federal Fiscal Years 2008 -2010

Recommended projects to receive - \$502.4 million

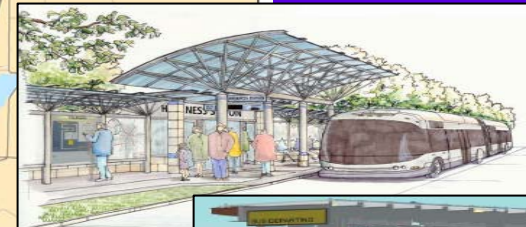
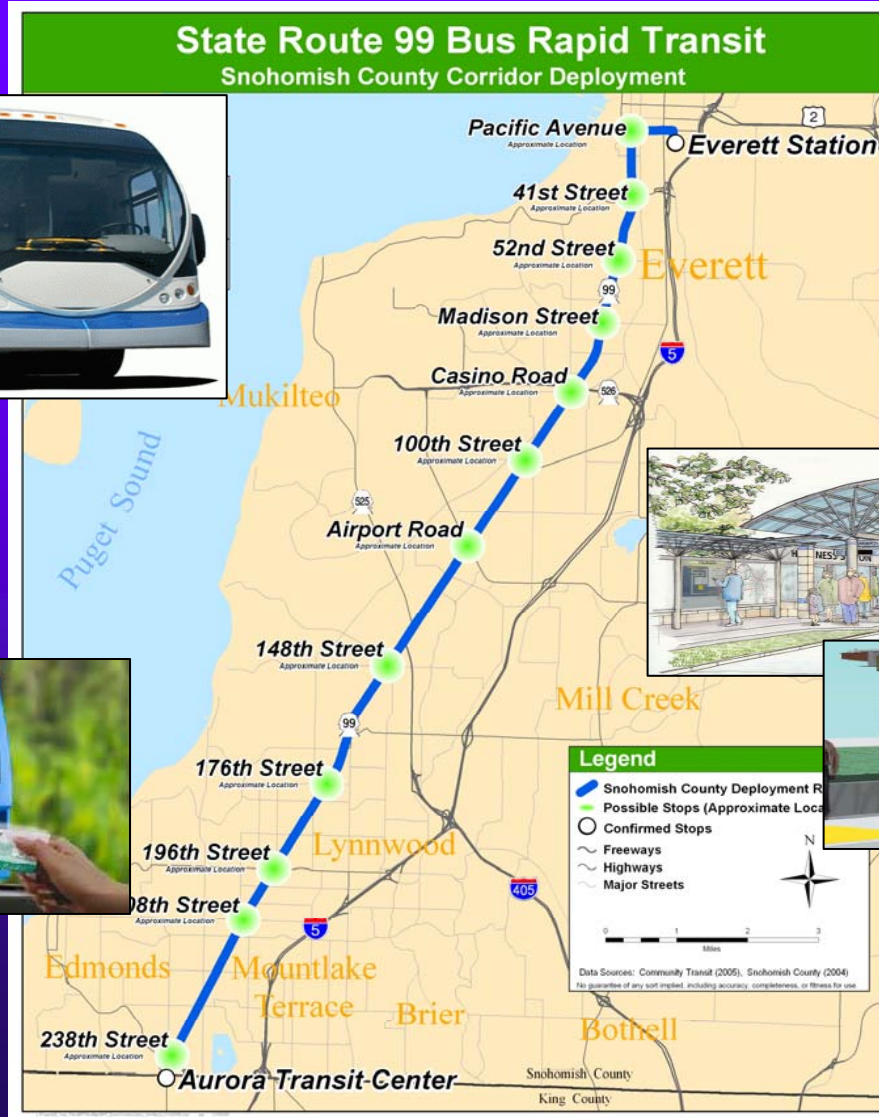
- \$373.7 million in funding from the Urbanized Area Formula Funds and Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization Program
- \$128.7 million in funding from the STP and CMAQ programs

Final adoption of the recommendation by its Executive Board is scheduled for October, 2006

Examples of projects that support BRT include:

Community Transit \$5,000,000

Bus Rapid Transit Project



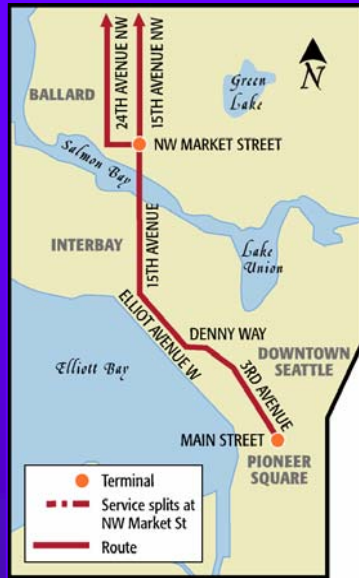
King County Metro Bus Rapid Transit Implementation \$5,000,000



West Seattle to downtown Seattle



Ballard to downtown Seattle



Federal Way to SeaTac on Pacific Highway S (SR 99 S)



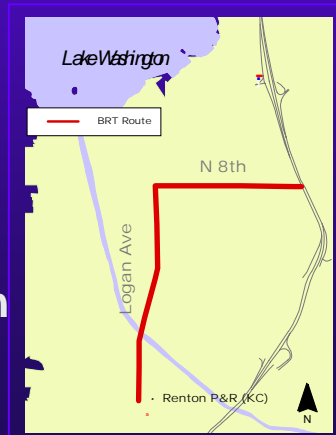
Shoreline to downtown Seattle on Aurora Ave N



Bellevue to Redmond on NE 8th St and 156th Ave NE



North 8th and Logan Ave in Renton



Federal Way Pacific Highway South HOV Lanes (Dash Point Road to S. 312th Street) \$2,000,000

SeaTac Example: Angle Lake Park Frontage



Before



After

SeaTac Example: Bus Stop at the Red Lion



Before



After



King County Metro

\$5,950,000

Acquisition of Articulated Hybrid Buses – Fleet Expansion





State Programs

- Office of Transit Mobility
- Transportation Improvement Board



State Programs – Office of Transit Mobility

Regional Mobility Grant Program

- ◆ \$40 Million identified by Legislature for 2007-2009 Grant Program
- ◆ Purpose:
 - Improve the efficiency of regional corridors through public transportation
- ◆ Focus:
 - Improved connectivity between transit services and across boundaries, park and ride lots, rush hour transit, and projects that improve efficiency of the transportation system



Key Milestones:

2007-2009 Regional Mobility Grant Program

8/14/06	Call for projects issued
10/13/06	Proposals due to Office of Transit Mobility
11/3/06	Ranked project list from Grant Technical Work Group forwarded to Advisory Committee
11/17/06	Advisory Committee issues recommended project list to WSDOT
12/1/06	WSDOT issues recommended project list



Question?