



# Washington's Infrastructure *Update*

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## Executive Director Update

- CALL FOR PROJECTS –**  
 Nearly \$100 million is available for construction projects. Applications will be available starting July 1, 2016. Contact your Program Specialist with questions. [Read More...](#)
- Budget Development Season has arrived! The Board and staff are in the throes of developing biennial budget packages for consideration.
- Currently there are several initiatives under development that will assist local governments with their infrastructure needs. They will be finalized at the upcoming **Board Policy Retreat, September 8-9, 2016.**
- There is no denying that the upcoming Legislative Session will be tough. The Governor and the Legislature have a big lift with the McCleary decision still to be addressed - \$3.5 billion at the last estimate. This puts pressure throughout state government. Limited resources will be targeted to only the most critical issues.

## The Public Works Trust Fund Needs Your Help!

Please submit your application for funding, to demonstrate to the legislature that State infrastructure financing is essential. There is a potential for nearly \$100 million in construction loans available. If we are unable to show the need for these resources, they could be re-directed to other state priorities. New, easier applications are available July 1 on our website: [pwb.wa.gov](http://pwb.wa.gov)



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## The Governor's Veto Doesn't Save the PWAA

There is a belief out there that the Governor's veto of Section 935 of the supplemental budget saved the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). All the veto really did was to push the budget discussion of what to do with the \$200 million plus of loan repayments into the 2017-2019 biennial budget deliberations starting in January of 2017.

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## Highlights from May Regional Training Events

During May, Public Works Board staff, along with other state and federal agency partners, provided two Regional Training events to local governments. The first was on May 3-4 in Colville, the second was on May 24-25 in Ritzville.

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## Project Highlight: Oak Harbor



*Installation of a pair of 42-inch storm drain outfalls into Oak Harbor Bay.*

On August 26, 2010, the Public Works Board awarded a \$1.6 million loan to the City of Oak Harbor for the completion of a 42-inch Outfall Reconstruction Project, to replace an existing 40 year old storm drain outfall pipe that was structurally and functionally failing. The original outfall, built in the 1950's, became clogged with sand and gravel from wave action, requiring maintenance in hazardous conditions.

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## Board Member Receives Award

Public Works Board Member Jerry Cummins, in his role as Councilmember for the City of Walla Walla received the 2016 Advocacy All-Star Award from the Association of Washington Cities for the second year in a row. *"In recognition of your active and ongoing engagement with area legislators and local media on issues of importance to cities."*

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