



November 18, 2014

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
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RE: Public Works Board's Requests

Dear Governor Inslee,

I am writing in support of the longstanding, successful partnership between the State and cities, including Washougal, in funding and delivering important infrastructure projects in our communities. Programs such as the Public Works Assistance Account and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) provide necessary funding for vital infrastructure projects. Specifically, I am requesting that your 2015-2017 Governor's Proposed Budget include full funding for the Public Works Board's \$170M request for Assistance Account loan funds, and, full funding for TIB programs.

The Public Works Board's \$170M request will provide loans to support 49 projects statewide, including \$7M toward the \$16M Washougal Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project. The City is under mandate from the Department of Ecology to provide redundancy at our treatment plant. Constructing the mandated new facilities at the plant will also increase the plant's capacity to handle increases in wastewater flow as the community grows, serving the needs of our community through at least 2030.

Our project brings us into compliance with Ecology mandates and promotes local economic development. We have a long history of partnership with this program, having benefited from \$8.3M of loan assistance over the last 24 years.

We currently have an active application with the TIB for \$500K to provide local "match" to complete the funding puzzle for a vital \$1.7M intersection project, for which we have already received \$1M in Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant funding. Fully funding TIB programs will ensure that projects like ours across the state receive the funding necessary to enhance our aging and deteriorating transportation system.

Thank you for your support of the on-going partnership between the State and cities. I encourage you to work with the Legislature in the upcoming session to fully fund the Public Works Assistance Account, a program which is supported by on-going loan repayment revenues; restore previous levels of funding to the Assistance Account; and fully fund TIB programs. These investments in our local economies promote jobs, economic growth and community prosperity.

Respectfully,

Mayor Sean Guard

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