

The [Public Works Board](#) is a 13-member Governor-appointed state policy board that provides financing and technical assistance to help local governments meet critical infrastructure needs that address public health, safety, and the environment.

Washington's Infrastructure *Update*

LETTERS OF SUPPORT RECEIVED

[City of Des Moines](#)

[City of Washougal](#)

[Discovery Clean Water Alliance](#)

[WA Public Utility Districts Association](#)

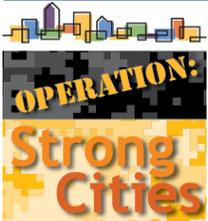
[WA Good Roads & Transportation Association](#)



Special Newsletter – December 2014

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES:

[The Ugly Truth About Infrastructure](#)



WORKING TOGETHER: COMMERCE & PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

The Director of the Department of Commerce and the Public Works Board met with Governor Inslee last month to discuss the important role that infrastructure plays in economic growth and job sustainment. The Board, as an infrastructure policy board, is working with Brian Bonlender, Director of the Department, to promote sustainable infrastructure systems and job creation. Their meeting with the Governor echoed that sustainable infrastructure systems are the basis for strong economic engines for local communities. They discussed the importance of the program and the role the Board plays in maximizing state and federal funds to ensure a healthy, safe environment for our children and businesses to thrive. Bonlender said, *"The ability to provide affordable infrastructure in Washington's communities is one of the basic necessities that needs to be in place to create and improve jobs. The Board plays an important role in achieving this ideal."*

Stan Finkelstein, Board Chair, said *"The members of the Board are mindful of the fiscal challenges facing the state and were satisfied that they were able to impart an understanding to the Governor of the significant role of infrastructure in the ability of the state to sustain and enhance economic activity in the State of Washington."*

2016 PWB BIENNIAL PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) leverages federal, local, and private funding and creates jobs.



For more information:

Visit our website at www.pwb.wa.gov

- [2016 Brochure](#)
- [Recommended Funding List](#)
- [Project Highlights](#)

NEWLY APPOINTED INTERIM EXECUTIVE / ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mark Barkley has been appointed to serve as the Board's interim Executive Director and Assistant Director for the Department of Commerce's Local Government and Infrastructure Division. [Mark](#) can be reached at 360-725-3003.

NEED HELP FINDING RESOURCES?

The Board's new [Online Catalogue](#) of resources will direct you to financial, technical and training resources provided by expert agencies and associations.

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SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 3-5 | Vancouver

WA Public Utility Districts Association

[2014 Annual Conference](#)

Feb. 17-19 | Yakima

Evergreen Rural Water of Washington

[2015 Annual Conference](#)

Mar. 31-April 3 | Tacoma

APWA, WA Chapter

[2015 Spring Conference](#)

April 16-17 | Yakima

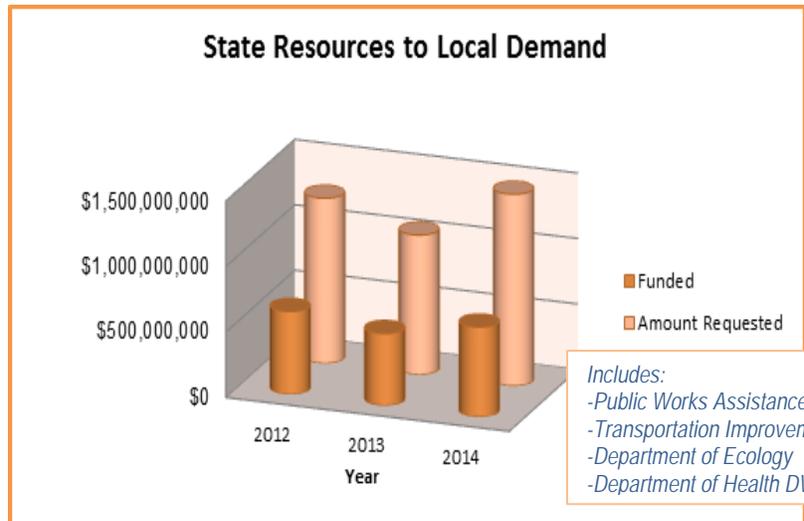
WA Association of Sewer & Water Districts

[2015 Spring Conference](#)

April 18-22 | Seattle

American Planning Association

[2015 National Conference](#)



THE DEMAND FOR MULTIPLE FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Some projects are too expensive for a single program to fund.
- Projects that address multiple systems (road/water/sewer) need assistance from multiple programs.
- The demand for funds exceeds the resources available for water, sewer and transportation programs.
- State funding programs leverage funding from federal programs.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR’S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

“This phase of the City of Gig Harbor’s Waste Water Treatment Capacity Expansion is well underway, consisting of the construction of the new Laboratory/Operations building and related features. The following phase, also funded by PWB loan monies, will provide for the necessary mechanical improvements to satisfy the City’s expansion to 2.4 MGD. The very low interest loan from the PWB for this project is helping the city hold down current and future utility rates, and the City is very much appreciative of this loan.” - Stephen Misiurak, City Engineer



The City’s 2008 PWB loan funded the treatment plant upgrade and outfall extension.



The City’s 2013 PWB loan funded the treatment plant expansion and improved treatment quality.

The PWB loan is for \$4.85M at 0.25% vs a revenue bond funded at 5% interest.

The difference in annual debt payments is \$140,000 a year in lower interest costs.

Based on \$3.777M per year in sewer revenues, this results in a 4% decrease in rates.

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