

Land Use & Climate Change Advisory Committee

Potential Recommendation: Infrastructure Funding

Encouraging more focused compact development in urban growth areas will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, a reduction in per capita vehicle miles traveled, help to reduce our state's dependence on foreign oil, and help to conserve resource lands.

Idea:

Infrastructure funding (existing and new) could be prioritized to areas promoting or requiring compact development.

For the purposes of this recommendation, infrastructure includes water, stormwater, sanitary sewer and transportation.

Intent of the Idea:

Providing additional infrastructure funding to areas of targeted compact development would incentivize development/private investment in these areas and provide local governments with funding necessary to provide the required urban services.

Intended Outcome/Purpose:

Compact development would occur in areas where related investment or desired outcomes (infrastructure for urban services, a multimodal transportation system, jobs/housing balance, etc.) can also be provided.

Draft Language:

In this area, it may be best to recommend that infrastructure investments be targeted to compact development in urban growth areas that will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, a reduction in per capita vehicle miles traveled, help to reduce our state's dependence on foreign oil, and help to conserve resource lands.

CTED suggests that the recommendations on this topic include recognition of the Office of Financial Management's Infrastructure Steering Committee, which will address the promotion of strategic infrastructure investment aligned with state policy goals.

In addition, the following infrastructure information is provided for discussion, as requested. Information regarding current levels of funding will be provided at the meeting on September 12, 2008.

Agency/Program	Mission/Purpose	Legislative Intent
Washington State Transportation Improvement Board	The mission of the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is to fund high priority transportation projects in communities throughout the state to enhance the movement of people, goods, and services.	
Urban Corridor Program (grants)	The program provides grant funding for road construction projects to address congestion caused by economic development or rapid growth. The emphasis is on mobility, local support, and growth and development. Greater emphasis on development and land use than Urban Arterial Program.	The intent of the program is to improve mobility of people and goods in Washington state by supporting economic development and environmentally responsive solutions to statewide transportation system needs.
Urban arterial program (grants)	The program provides grant funding for road construction projects to address preservation and safety of the street system with an emphasis on hazard elimination, pavement condition, and congestion relief. Greater emphasis on safety than Urban Corridor Program.	Due to unprecedented industrial development and population increases, the state of Washington is confronted with emergency needs for improvement of state highways, county roads, and city streets in urban areas. Provide sufficient new highway revenues to alleviate and prevent intolerable traffic congestions in urban areas without the disruption of the long range statewide highway program essential to the economic well-being of the people of the state.
Small City Arterial Program (grants)	The program provides grant funding for projects in small cities and towns that expand or improve the arterial road network by addressing the structural condition of the roadway, roadway geometry deficiencies, and safety issues.	Preserve and improve the roadway system consistent with local needs of cities and towns ≤ 5,000.
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) distributes federal highway and transit funds under the Surface Transportation Program; Congestion Mitigation and Air	The purpose is to allocate federal funds as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to improve the transportation system consistent with adopted plans and regional priorities.	SAFETEA-LU, the federal transportation act, requires MPOs to coordinate transportation investments in the PSRC region. PSRC’s federal funds are used to award grants that implement the region’s long range transportation plan, assuring that the regional funding decisions made today consider the requirements of the future and reflect shared regional and local priorities.

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Quality; and Federal Transit Administration (grants)		
Recreation and Conservation Office (formerly Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation), Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	<p>The mission is to provide leadership and funding to help RCO’s partners protect and enhance Washington’s natural and recreational resources for current and future generations.</p> <p>The purpose of the WWRP is to provide funding assistance for a broad range of park development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, and outdoor recreation facility improvement.</p>	<p>Acquire as soon as possible the most significant lands for wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation purposes before they are converted to other uses, and to develop existing public recreational land and facilities to meet the needs of present and future generations.</p>
CTED, Public Works Board (PWB)	<p>The mission of the PWB is to provide financial and technical assistance to Washington communities for critical public health, safety, and environmental infrastructure that support economic vitality.</p>	
Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) Construction Loan Program	<p>Purpose of revolving low- or no-interest loan fund is to help finance critical public works needs – repair, replacement, rehabilitation, new construction, reconstruction, or improvement of drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, road, bridge, and solid waste/recycling public works systems to meet current standards for existing users and to <i>meet needs for reasonable 20-year population growth</i>.</p>	<p>RCW 43.155.010: Encourage self-reliance by local governments in meeting their public works needs and to assist in the financing of critical public works projects by making loans, financing guarantees, and technical assistance available to local governments for these projects.</p>
Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) Pre-Construction Loan Program	<p>Purpose of revolving low-interest loan fund for pre-construction activities on public works projects – project design, engineering, bid-document preparation, environmental studies, right of way acquisition, and other preliminary phases. Projects may address drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, road, bridge, or solid waste/recycling public works systems.</p>	<p>RCW 43.155.068(1): The purpose of the loans authorized in this section is to accelerate the completion of public works projects by allowing pre-construction activities prior to Legislative approval of the construction phase of the project.</p>

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CTED PWB/Dept of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (loans)	<p>The mission of the program is to assist water systems to provide safe and reliable drinking water.</p> <p>The purpose of loans to water systems for capital improvements is to increase public health protection and compliance with drinking water regulations.</p>	RCW 70.119A.170(1): The purpose of the account is to allow the state to use any federal funds that become available to fund a state revolving loan program as part of the reauthorization of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
Ecology Water Quality Program	The mission of the program is to protect and restore Washington’s waters.	
Centennial Clean Water Fund (CCWF) (grants and loans)	<p>The purpose of grants and low-interest loans is for wastewater treatment facilities and certain activities that reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution. “Facilities” refer to facilities or systems for the control, collection, storage, treatment, disposal, or recycling of wastewater or stormwater. “Activities” include actions to control nonpoint sources of water pollution and to prevent or correct the effects of water pollution.</p>	RCW 70.146.010: Provide financial assistance to state and local governments for planning, design, acquisition, construction, and improvement of water pollution control facilities and related activities in the achievement of state and federal water pollution control requirements to protect the state’s waters.
Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program (loans)	<p>The purpose of low-interest loans is for projects that improve and protect the state’s water quality. Loans may be used for wastewater treatment facilities and certain activities that reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution.</p> <p>“Facilities” refer to facilities or systems for the control, collection, storage, treatment, disposal, or recycling of wastewater or stormwater. “Activities” include actions to control nonpoint sources of water pollution and to prevent or correct the effects of water pollution.</p>	As authorized by the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1987, as amended, and RCW 90.50A.005: Provide an account to receive federal capitalization grants to provide financial assistance [loans] to the state and to local governments for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and improvement of water pollution control facilities and related activities in the achievement of state and federal water pollution control requirements for the protection of the state’s waters.
CTED Community Economic Revitalization Board Traditional/Rural Program (grants and loans)	<p>The mission is to help communities create and retain jobs in partnership with business and industry, providing low-interest loans and grants to local governments to help finance construction of public facility projects supporting private sector development.</p> <p>The program provides funding assistance statewide for public facilities to foster business/job development and retention for specific higher wage business types.</p>	Direct financial resources toward the fostering of economic development through the stimulation of investment and job opportunities and the retention of sustainable existing employment of the general welfare.... A valuable means of fostering economic development is the construction of public facilities which contribute to the stability and growth of the state’s economic base.

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	“Public facilities” include bridges, roads, domestic and industrial water, sanitary and storm sewer, railroad, electricity, telecommunications, natural gas, buildings and structures, and port facilities – all for the purpose of job creation, retention, or expansion.	