

Funding Infrastructure

Municipal Budgeting and Fiscal Management
Workshop August 7, 2025

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What We'll Cover

- Assumptions re: status of idea/project
- Overview of strategies for securing funding
- Funding options
- Two examples
- Q and A



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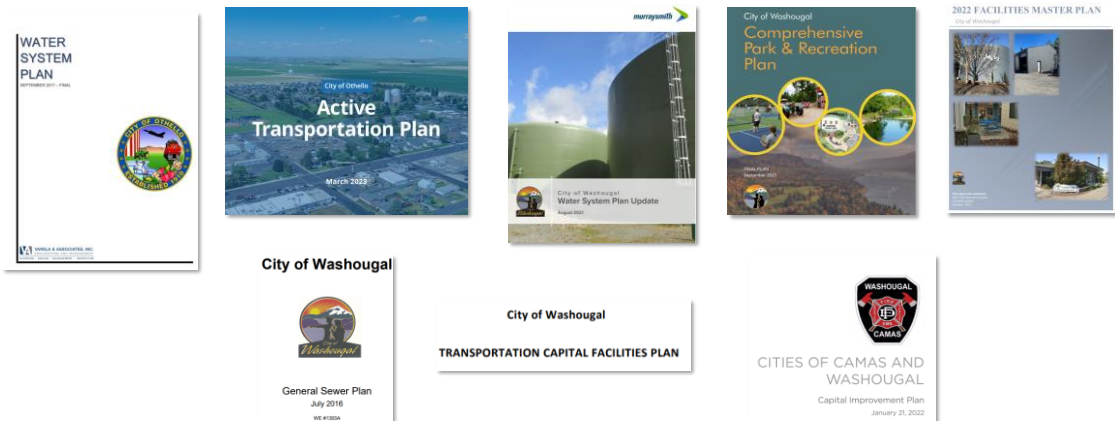
Assumptions re: Project Status

- Idea has become a project
- ✓ Community support for project
- ✓ Partner and stakeholder support for project
- ✓ Council has “approved” pursuit of the project



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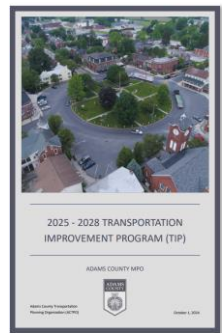
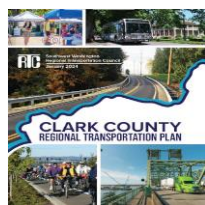
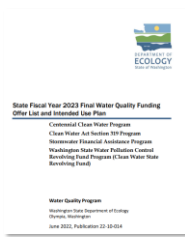
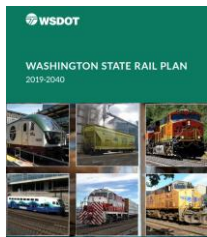
Why is Planning Important?

Project must be listed in your Capital Facilities Plans

- ✓ To use REET \$\$
- ✓ To use Impact Fees or System Development Charges
- ✓ To get on regional and state plans and lists
- ✓ To be eligible for certain grants
- ✓ To make a strong case for legislative appropriations



Strategies for Securing Funding: Get on the “Lists”



WSDOT - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Agency	Project Title	Road Name or Number	Termini
Washougal	32nd Street Rail Underpass Project	32nd Street	A Street to F Street
Washougal	32nd Street Safety - North	32nd Street	W Street to City Limits
Washougal	32nd Street Widening-Middle	32nd Street	Webster Road to W Street
Washougal	S.27th Street Shared Use Path	27th Street	Main Street to Index Street
Washougal	Systemic Street Controlled Intersections	Various to Various	Various to Various



Strategies for Securing Funding: Get on the “Lists”

Why is being on the “Lists” Important?

Project must be listed in regional and state plans

- ✓ To be eligible for certain state/federal grants and loans
- ✓ To be eligible for certain legislative appropriations

FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending

In the interest of transparency and accountability, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations provides the information below regarding Congressionally Directed Spending in the fiscal year 2025 appropriations cycle.

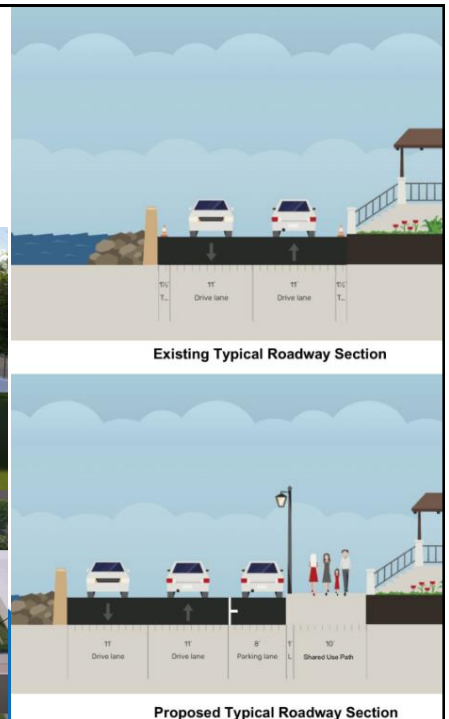
Projects Included in Senate Bills

The links below provide information on Congressionally Directed Spending items included in the fiscal year 2025 Senate appropriations bills.

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- Energy and Water Development
- Financial Services and General Government
- Homeland Security
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

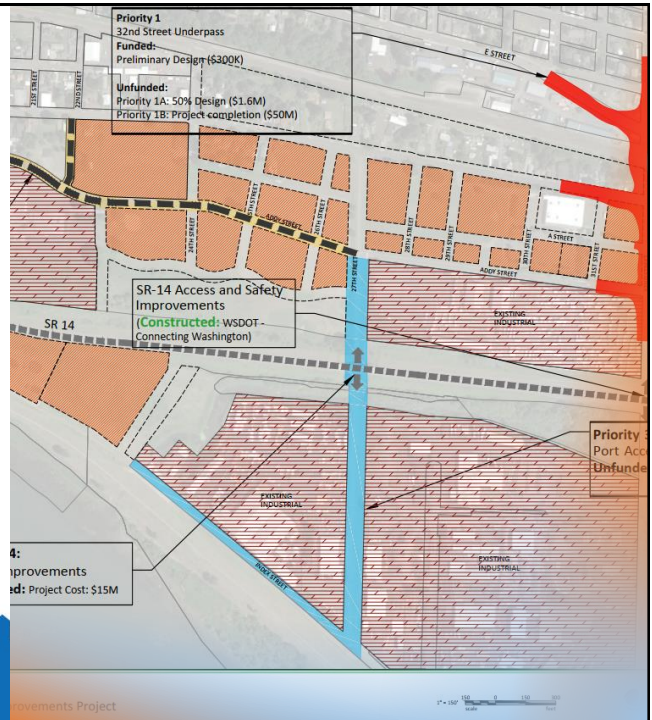


Strategies for Securing Funding: “Conceptuals”



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- Requires initial investment
- Need overall cost estimate
- Use consultant to prepare
- Can use REET \$\$ (maybe)
- Can use Impact Fees and SDCs
- Cost does not need to be huge for creation of “conceptual”



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Strategies for Securing Funding: Relationships

- Proactively engage with funding agencies (regional/state/federal)
- Active engagement – build a team
- Consider visit to DC (maybe not only during NLC)
- Consider using a legislative & funding advocate (state and federal)

- State legislative delegation, neighboring delegations, relevant committee leadership (transportation, capital) – not just in Olympia during session
- Local representatives for federal delegation and federal legislators
- Funding agencies
- Invite them to your community

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Strategies for Securing Funding: Project “Pitch”

- “One-pager” project hand-out and pdf

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32nd Street Underpass Project
2024 Transportation Budget Request
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FUNDING GAP: \$14.6M (estimated)**

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Priority 1 – 32 nd Street Underpass	Amount
Project Funding	\$1.9M
• 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget for design/testing (included)	\$1.9M
• Federal Rail Crossing Elimination Program Grant (included)	\$62.00M
• Move Ahead Washington Rail Crossing Elimination Grant (included)	\$3M
Remaining funds needed (estimated)	\$14.633M
TOTAL COST (estimated)	\$63M

See reverse side for project visuals.

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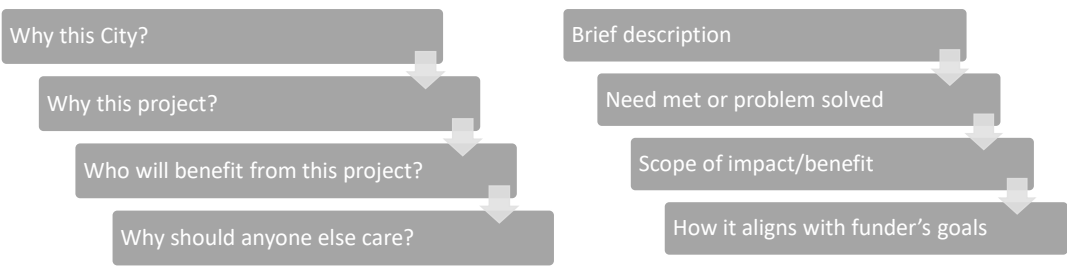


Strategies for Securing Funding: Project “Pitch”

- Elevator speech

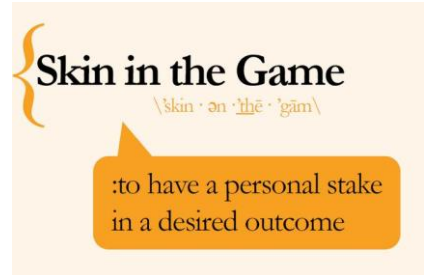
Consider these questions:

Include these:



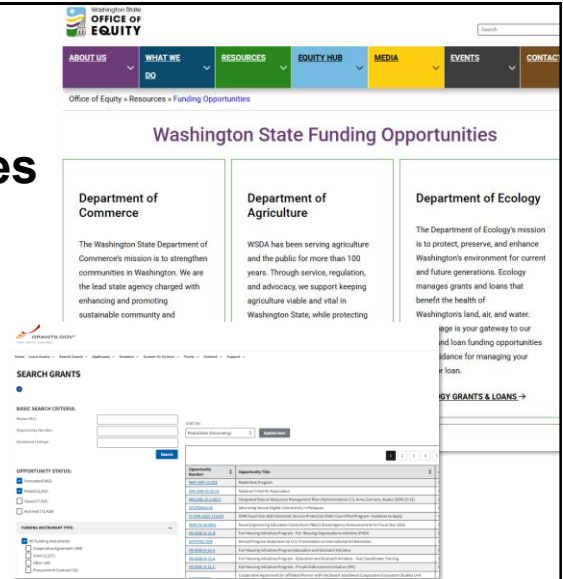
Strategies for Securing Funding: Build “Skin in the Game”

- ❑ Accumulate \$\$ for “Match” = leverage
- ❑ “Match” required for most grants
- ❑ “Match” helpful for legislative appropriations
- ❑ Sources:
 - ✓ REET \$\$ (maybe)
 - ✓ Impact Fees and SDCs
 - ✓ Utility revenue
 - ✓ TBD revenue
 - ✓ General funds (consider setting aside annual surplus and/or budget for incremental annual accumulation)
 - ✓ Some grants can be used as “match” for other grants



Strategies for Securing Funding: Identify \$\$ Sources

- ✓ [Funding Opportunities | Office of Equity](#)
- ✓ [Search Grants | Grants.gov](#)
- ✓ Consider “grants consultant” to create a funding “road map”
- ✓ Lean on state agency and federal legislative/agency staff



Strategies for Securing Funding: Identify \$\$ Sources

✓ Attend IACC

2025 IACC Conference
October 7-9, 2025
Wenatchee Convention Center

The conference will be similar to past years with concurrent sessions, exhibitors, tech teams, and network events. This will be an in-person conference, with no hybrid option.

Conference Registration

Registration is Now Open!

Tech Teams

Tech team requests are being accepted now until **Monday, September 1, 2025**.

For more information on tech teams, please see page 5 of the registration brochure, linked above.

Please note:

- The original request for a Tech Team must come from a community member.
- Tech Team meetings are organized to help communities prioritize multiple infrastructure challenges, develop a specific project idea, or plan for projects that will need multiple funding partners or that face complicated regulatory issues.



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Strategies for Securing Funding: Choreograph Timing

- ✓ Know all the deadlines for all funding opportunities
- ✓ Schedule it and Track it
- ✓ You must obsess about this – don't miss out!



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Strategies for Securing Funding: Adapt and be Patient

- Project costs will creep, sometimes significantly
- Delays will occur
- You will need to adapt and pivot



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Washougal Case Study

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Priority 1 – 32nd Street Underpass	
Project Funding	Amount
• 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget for design/permitting (received)	\$1.98M
• Federal Rail Crossing Elimination Program Grant (received)	\$40.484M
• Move Ahead Washington Rail Crossing Elimination Grant (received)	\$18M
Remaining funds needed (estimated)	\$14.616M
TOTAL COST (estimated)	\$65M

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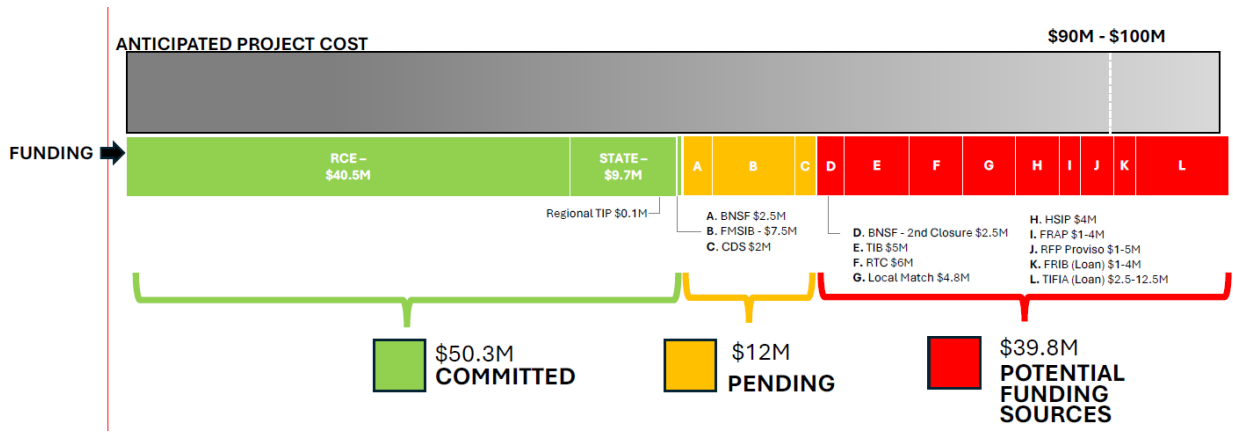


Washougal Case Study

- ❑ Initial estimate = \$40M-\$50M (2018)
- ❑ Current Estimate = \$90M - \$100M (2025)
- ❑ Secured (\$50.384M)
 - ✓ WA State Transportation Budget for design = \$1.9M
 - ✓ **Federal Rail Crossing Elimination Grant (RCE) = \$40.484M**
 - ✓ WA State Rail Crossing Elimination Grant (MAW) = \$8.0M
- ❑ Pending (\$12.0M)
 - ✓ WA State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board = \$7.5M
 - ✓ BNSF contribution, closing one crossing = \$2.5M
 - ✓ Federal Appropriation (CDS) = \$2.0M
- ❑ Anticipated (\$18.3M)
 - ✓ Regional Transportation Council (RTC) = \$6.0M
 - ✓ Transportation Improvement Board = \$5.0M
 - ✓ BNSF contribution, closing additional crossing = \$2.5M
 - ✓ Local Match = \$4.8M
- ❑ Potential (\$9.5M - \$29.5M)
 - ✓ Highway Safety Improvement Program (federal, via WSDOT) = \$4M
 - ✓ Freight Rail Assistance Program (WSDOT) = \$1M - 4M
 - ✓ RFP Proviso (WA Transportation Budget) = \$1M - \$5M
 - ✓ Freight Rail Investment Bank Loan (WSDOT) = \$1M - \$4M
 - ✓ Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act Loan (USDOT) = \$2.5M - \$12.5M



Potential Funding Plan





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Othello's Water Supply Issues and Objectives

- 100% reliant on **rapidly depleting** groundwater supply
- Ensure our community has access to **reliable clean water** supply
- Provide for **economic vitality** (we are a home to regional ag processors)
- **Mitigating** environmental disparities
- **Resilience** to drought



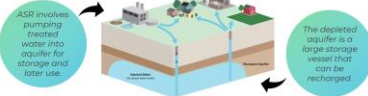
We Have a Critical Need to Diversify Water Supply for Future Sustainability

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Case Study: ASR

Water Supply Strategy Advancement

- Development of Water Supply Sustainability Strategy
 - Short-term: Optimize groundwater capacity (completed)
 - Long-term: Diversify water supply source options
- Optimize Seasonally Available Surface Water through Treatment, Direct Use, and Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)

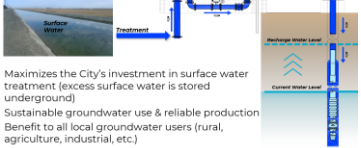


Treatment Plan (phased expansion)

- Need flexibility, **expandability**, easy of use
- Pressure membrane can handle turbidity spikes
- Smart analyzers for contaminants



Othello's Water Supply Strategy ASR Overview



- Maximizes the City's investment in surface water treatment (excess surface water is stored underground)
- Sustainable groundwater use & reliable production
- Benefit to all local groundwater users (rural, agriculture, industrial, etc.)



Project Phases and Funding



Project thoroughly developed & advanced through Phases 1 & 2

- **City's Secured \$11+ Million since 2012**
- **2025 City purchase of 77 acres for the treatment plant**
- **Funding Sought to Complete Phase 3: Water Treatment Plant design and construction**

Phase 3 addresses City's long-term resiliency goals

Future Phases

How we'll scale our modular facility in the future...

What we need now

2027

Water Treatment
Plant design and
construction

*direct supply and
initiate ASR*

What we'll do next

2025+

Reuse planning &
WTP
modifications

*reuse or increased
diversion*

Where we're going

2030+

Year-round
treatment /
higher capacity

*expand ASR
operations*

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What We Need



Current Need

Funding to design and build an expandable water treatment plant to provide water supply resiliency and sustainability.



Long Term

Funding to expand treatment facility to also receive process water from food processors to support regional industries in a sustainable manner.



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Q and A



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