



Roundtable:

Local Agency Administered Transportation Projects on State Routes

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Presentation Goals

- Discuss successes, challenges, and solutions for successful partnerships between WSDOT, local agencies, and consultants
- Review WSDOT's role in project delivery, and how effective communication and partnerships can pave the road to successful projects
- Discuss possible solutions to balance funding requirements, limited local funds, and making design decisions that are affordable and meet long-term needs



Housekeeping

- **Participation is encouraged**

- We benefit from each other's ideas and lessons learned

- **Leave a business card**

- We'll send you a copy of the presentation

- **We are available as a resource**

- The panel is happy to answer questions now or anytime, please reach out



Tips and Tricks - Federal/State Funding

- When there are multiple funding sources - which rules apply?
 - Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
 - Contact is directly with region engineering (NOT local programs, but they are available as a resource)
 - Department of Commerce
 - e.g. Buy America Clause
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - NEPA not required
- Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) Manual
 - Common challenges
 - Key focus areas
 - Use current version of LAG and forms

Tips and Tricks - Working w/WSDOT

- Local Agency/WSDOT Relationships
 - Develop at all levels (local programs, region technical leads, etc.)
 - Quarterly/bi-annual WSDOT/local agency coordination meetings
- Planning Criteria
 - City and state needs are different
 - Schedule pre-meeting before you apply for a grant
 - Accurate cost estimating - projects may trigger additional requirements
 - Funding WSDOT staff time on your projects
 - Pre-RFQ/P coordination
- Project Scoping
- Communication is key
 - Kick-off meetings - set communication ground rules and preferences
 - Resource planning - send notifications prior to submittals
 - Deadlines - clearly communicate and request status updates

Tips and Tricks - Working w/WSDOT

- Know and track your deadlines - especially related to funding obligations
- Not sure about something - ask WSDOT!
- Involve the right WSDOT groups/staff
- City streets as part of state highways
 - Link to guidelines:
 - <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/fulltext/design/DevelopmentServices/DevelopmentServices-StateHighwaysasCityStreetsGuidelines.pdf>
 - Different criteria for cities over/under 25,000 population
 - Design criteria
 - Maintenance responsibility
 - Required versus desired improvements and available funding

Roundtable Discussion

Attendee Participation is Encouraged!

- What are recent challenges you've experienced?
- How have you successfully partnered with WSDOT, local agencies, and consultants to find solutions?
- What were the lessons learned and how might they be incorporated into future projects?
- General questions for the panel



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Thank you for your participation!



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