

Press Release For March 2010 Newsletter Release:

FMSIB to issue a 2010 Call for Projects

The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board is issuing a call for projects to maintain a six-year list of active projects. The legislature has approved funding for all but eight of the Board's current projects and it is expected that the legislature will consider a new revenue package in 2011. Of the 71 locally sponsored projects on the FMSIB list, only 28 had confirmed funding when they were selected. This is to demonstrate that even though we cannot pledge a financial commitment based on dedicated agency funding the majority of projects that FMSIB adopted did in fact receive the funding we recommended.

The two most recent state revenue packages targeted funding for specific projects to assure that funds authorized would deliver priority outcomes. Most of FMSIB's requested projects were included in the list. Projects selected by FMSIB during this call will be included for funding consideration in the next state revenue plan and for any new federal funding that may be authorized. The Board is seeking projects that will be ready to go to construction in the next six years and wants to be sure that when the legislature approves new funds that the FMSIB projects are positioned to be recipients. FMSIB advocates for project funding each year based upon an individual project's ability to proceed to construction and assists project sponsors to secure other partnership funding.

The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board will issue the 2010 Call for Projects on April 26, 2010. Applications and instructions can however be found now on the agency's website www.fmsib.wa.gov

Freight projects may be submitted by WSDOT, cities, counties and ports. Projects must be on a strategic freight corridor (annual tonnage minimums: 4 M tons for roadways, 5 M tons for railways & 2.5 M tons for waterways). Projects planned for construction after 2011 are being sought to maintain a six year list of active projects. Additional statutory requirements may be found on our website or in RCW 47.06A

After selection, the board works with project sponsors to develop and advocate for additional partner participation and in development of needed agreements.

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