

# Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

## Annual Report 2022



### 1 Projects Funded

#### 2022 Grants and Investment Program

RTC administers the largest transportation system grant program in Clark County. Over the past ten years, RTC has awarded over \$128 million in grants. In 2022, through RTC, approximately \$28.2 million in federal grants were awarded to 24 projects (project list p. 2). These RTC grant funds will help build the region's priority transportation systems.

#### 4-Year Regional Investment Program

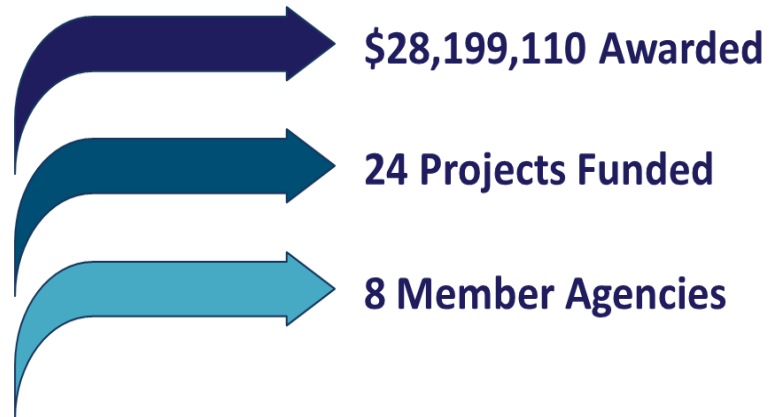
The RTC Board of Directors adopted the **2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program** in October 2022. The four-year program anticipates \$512 million in multi-modal transportation system investments for 79 regionally significant projects.

### Executive Director's Reflection

YR 2022 concludes with RTC delivering the largest grant portfolio in the agency's history. Over \$28 million were awarded through RTC's core grant programs, and an additional \$3.3 million was secured as part of the multi-agency local road safety planning initiative. The funding makes investments along key regional arterial upgrades, bus rapid transit lines, and road safety; and it advances regional corridor investment and system performance targets.

RTC spent considerable effort in updating the three-county region's *Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plans* and advanced a series of *Freight* system projects and corridor priority recommendations. In addition, RTC and partners contributed to major bi-state bridge replacement project initiatives for the I-5 and the Hood River/White Salmon bridges.

Looking forward, RTC will be fully engaged with partners throughout 2023 for a priority update to each Regional Transportation Plan within the three-county region.



### Regional Projects Moving Forward

RTC member agencies celebrated the start of construction on several regionally significant projects that will improve safety, expand multimodal networks, and reduce congestion. These projects include:

- ⇒ [SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street](#)
- ⇒ [NE 99<sup>th</sup> Street](#)
- ⇒ [SR 502/SR 503 Intersection](#)
- ⇒ [SR 14, I-205 to 162<sup>nd</sup> Av.](#)

(Click links to access complete project information.)

## Local Road Safety Planning

RTC partnered with five member agencies to fund and convene City Safety Plan studies for the cities of **Battle Ground**, **Camas**, **La Center**, **Ridgefield**, and **Washougal**. Plans were completed in February, and grant requests were submitted in March. In August, WSDOT awarded **\$3,384,000** to improve safety in these cities.

Agency	Project	Amount
Battle Ground	NW 20th Av./ NW 9th St.	\$508,000
Camas	Horizontal Curve Safety	\$360,000
La Center	Horizontal Curve Safety	\$880,000
Ridgefield	Horizontal Curve Safety	\$360,000
Ridgefield	S 11th St. and S Timm Rd.	\$380,000
Washougal	32nd St., Addy St. to Stiles Rd.	\$896,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,384,000</b>

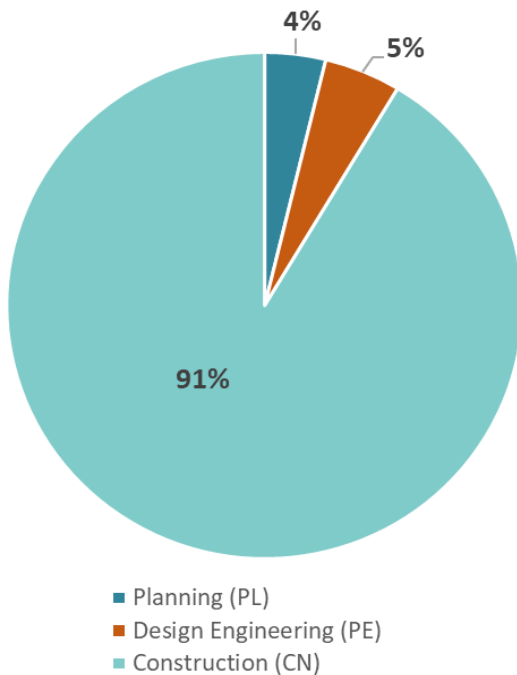


S 11th St. at S Timm Rd., Ridgefield



32nd St. at K St., Washougal

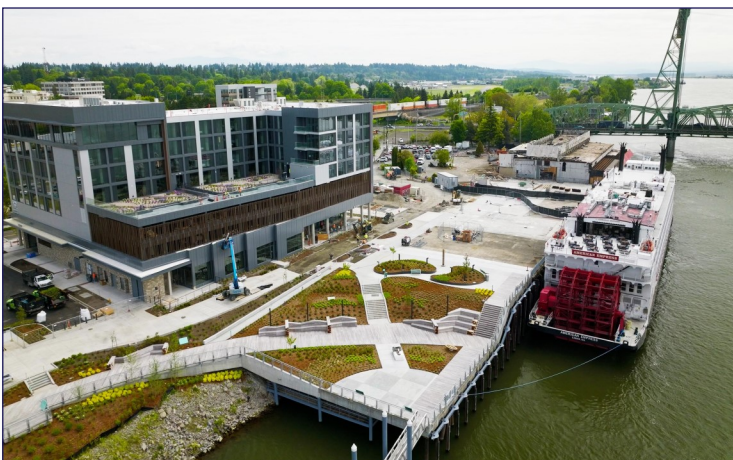
### 2022 RTC Grant Awards



### 2022 RTC Grant Awards — Projects

Agency	Project	Amount
Battle Ground	SE Grace Av., Main to Rasmussenn (CN)	\$1,900,000
Battle Ground	SR 502/SR 503 Right Turn Lanes (CN)	\$2,091,688
Battle Ground	Small Cities ATMS (CN)	\$132,992
Camas	NW 38th Av., Parker to Grass Valley Pk. (CN)	\$663,100
Clark County	NE 152nd Av, Padden to 99th St. (CN)	\$500,000
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Clark County	NE 15th Av., 179th St. to 10th Av. (CN)	\$2,000,000
Clark County	NE 119th St./NE 152nd Av. Roundabout (CN)	\$395,000
Clark County	NE 99th Street, 94th Av. to 117th Av. (CN)	\$5,950,000
Clark County	Hazel Dell Sidewalk (CN)	\$647,330
C-TRAN	Highway 99 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (CN)	\$3,350,000
La Center	4th Street Widening/Brezee Cr. Culvert (CN)	\$955,000
Multi-Agency	Strategic Regional Partnership Planning (PL)	\$100,000
Port Vancouver	Renaissance Trail Segment 5 (PE)	\$315,000
RTC	RTC Program Support (PL)	\$915,000
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Vancouver	NE 137th Av., 49th St. to Fourth Plain (CN)	\$1,000,000
Vancouver	NE 192nd Av., NE 18th St. to SE 1st St. (PE)	\$750,000
Vancouver	SE 34th St., 162nd Av. to City Limits (CN)	\$500,000
Vancouver	SE 1st Street, 164th Av. to 177th Av. (CN)	\$3,950,000
Washougal	S 27th Street Shared Use Path (PE)	\$224,000
WSDOT	I-205 NB @ Mill Plain Ramp Meter (CN)	\$100,000
WSDOT	SR 500, I-5 at 39th St. Connection (PE)	\$65,000
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<b>Total</b>		<b>\$28,199,110</b>

(PL)=Planning, (PE)=Engineering, (CN)=Construction



Renaissance Trail at Terminal 1 Landing



## 2 Special Program



Vancouver Waterfront Trail

**Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan—2022 Update** — The 2022 Update to the RTC region’s Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP) was completed in November 2022, concluding months of community outreach, surveys, and planning.

Development of an HSTP for the region meets federal and state laws to address special transportation needs, including those of seniors, the young, people with disabilities, those with low income, and rural residents unable to provide their own transportation; it is updated every four years.

Despite the pandemic, RTC staff organized a community survey, held several open houses, and sought input from the Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance, Clark County Commission on Aging, and the C-TRAN Citizens' Advisory Committee as part of the required public outreach.

Following adoption of the CPT-HSTP update, planning will continue; and ranking of project applications submitted for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program concludes early 2023.

## 4 Major Projects



I-5 Bridge

**Walkability/Movability Action Institute (WAI)** — In 2022 a six-member, interdisciplinary Clark County team was selected to participate in a [Walkability/Movability Action Institute \(WAI\)](#) training in Olympia, with a design to support active transportation planning in this region. During the training, the Clark County Team devised and submitted a Team Action Plan (TAP) to the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and the Washington Department of Health.

Clark County's TAP included three overarching goals: (1) aligning transportation and public health agencies to achieve a more walkable/movable/bikeable Clark County; (2) ensuring that implementable policies are in place to support a more walkable/bikeable/moveable Clark County; and (3) increasing opportunities for walking in Clark County, with a focus on developing/evolving urban centers, primary transit corridors, and equity focus areas.

The Clark County Team has already started to implement the action steps identified in its TAP.

## 3 Plan Update



Mt. Adams Transit

**Columbia River Bridge Replacements** — Bi-state partners achieved significant milestones to replace two aging bi-state bridges. The Interstate-5 Bridge Replacement project secured regional endorsement of a *Modified-Locally Preferred Alternative* and commitment of \$1 billion in construction funds; and the Hood River/White Salmon Bridge Replacement project secured commitment of over \$80 million toward construction and is nearing completion of the *Final EIS* studies. State, regional, and local officials committed significant energy toward advancing these priority bi-state projects.



Legislative briefing at Hood River/White Salmon Bridge

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