

## News from U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

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# Fiscal Year 2011 Project Requests (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies)

**Project Name:** M Street Grade Separation Project

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Recipient:** City of Auburn

**Address:** 25 West Main Street

**City:** Auburn

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98001

**Explanation:** This project will support acquisition of right-of-way and initial construction of an underpass along M Street beneath the railroad lines. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the movement of goods and people to and from the urban centers of Auburn, Kent, and Federal Way by increasing freight movement, roadway capacity, and transportation efficiency.

**Project Name:** SR 518 and Des Moines Memorial Drive Interchange Improvement Project

**Amount:** \$750,000

**Recipient:** City of Burien

**Address:** 400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 300

**City:** Burien

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98166

**Explanation:** This project will complete preliminary design for the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive Interchange. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it furthers a project that will provide full access to and from SR 518 and will enable the city of Burien to attract commercial redevelopment.

**Project Name:** Triangle Project—I-5/SR 161 Left Turn Lane

**Amount:** \$2,700,000

**Recipient:** City of Federal Way

**Address:** 33325 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, P.O. Box 9718

**City:** Federal Way

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98003

**Explanation:** This project will complete design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of an additional northbound left-turn lane at the intersection of SR 161 at South 356<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this segment, as well as the entire Triangle Project, will improve the efficiency of vehicle and freight movement between population centers, industrial sites, and the Port of Tacoma.

**Project Name:** Willis Street/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation

**Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Recipient:** City of Kent

**Address:** 220 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**City:** Kent

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98032

**Explanation:** This project will construct approaches to the overpass and advance the grade separation project on Willis Street over the railroad line. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because a completed grade separation will allow freight and commuter traffic to pass over the Union Pacific Rail line with a greater degree of efficiency and safety.

**Project Name:** Thornton Ave & Stewart Road Intersection Improvement

**Amount:** \$959,400

**Recipient:** City of Pacific

**Address:** 100 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE

**City:** Pacific

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98047

**Explanation:** This project will complete the design, right-of-way acquisition, and final construction of additional left turn pockets on Stewart Road and Thornton Avenue. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because these enhancements will improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and commuters, while creating efficient turn lanes for freight traffic in a designated freight corridor for the city of Pacific.

**Project Name:** 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Extension Project

**Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Recipient:** City of Puyallup

**Address:** 333 South Meridian

**City:** Puyallup

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98371

**Explanation:** This project will complete construction of the intersection on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Meridian and construct an extension of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the East side of Meridian. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will greatly reduce congestion and contribute to the redevelopment and economic revitalization of the Meridian corridor.

**Project Name:** SW 27th Street/Strander Boulevard Connection Project - Sounder Station Access Phase

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Recipient:** City of Renton

**Address:** 1055 South Grady Way

**City:** Renton

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98057

**Explanation:** The project will complete final design and advance construction of an underpass on Strander Boulevard beneath the rail line enabling better access to the Sounder station. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project will improve public transit access and freight mobility by providing an alternate route and connecting the Tukwila Urban Center to the Renton/Tukwila industrial area.

**Project Name:** South 154th Street Improvements—Phase 2

**Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Recipient:** City of SeaTac

**Address:** 4800 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street

**City:** SeaTac

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98188

**Explanation:** This project will allow for further construction and improvements to the South 154<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because these changes will significantly improve the efficiency and safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists along a key arterial connecting Burien and SeaTac to public transit, municipal centers, and the region's major international airport.

**Project Name:** Light Rail Extension from Sea-Tac Airport to South 200<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of SeaTac

**Amount:** \$3,000,000

**Recipient:** Sound Transit

**Address:** 401 South Jackson Street

**City:** Seattle

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98014

**Explanation:** This project will be used for right-of-way acquisition and final design activities for the establishment of a light rail line extension from Sea-Tac Airport to the City of SeaTac. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will establish an important new public transport connection for citizens and businesses located in the City of SeaTac to the regional light rail system that now connects Sea-Tac Airport with downtown Seattle.

**Project Name:** Steilacoom Child, Youth, and Adult Center

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Recipient:** Town of Steilacoom

**Address:** 1030 Roe Street

**City:** Steilacoom  
**State:** Washington  
**Zip:** 98388

**Explanation:** This project will enable the construction and expansion of the Steilacoom community center which will serve the greater Steilacoom, Dupont, Lakewood, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord area. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will provide needed facilities to operate programs that assist underserved local populations such as seniors, youth, and the growing number of military residents in the community.

**Project Name:** Puyallup River Rail Bridge Improvement Project

**Amount:** \$2,070,000

**Recipient:** Tacoma Public Utilities DBA Tacoma Rail

**Address:** 2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road

**City:** Tacoma

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98421

**Explanation:** This project will rehabilitate the Tacoma Rail Puyallup River Bridge by removing and replacing deteriorating and corroded steel components, and replacing old and worn rail with new heavier rail. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the Puyallup River Bridge, that is an essential link to major rail interchanges with Class I railroads and helps to connect the Port of Tacoma, local industries, and container terminals with freight and market destinations throughout the region and nation.

**Project Name:** Tukwila Transit Center

**Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Recipient:** City of Tukwila

**Address:** 6200 Southcenter Boulevard

**City:** Tukwila

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98188

**Explanation:** This project will complete design, enable acquisition of right-of-way, and construct the west side of the Tukwila Transit Center. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will expand the accessibility of transit options in the area and better accommodate current public transportation needs and future regional business and residential growth.

**Project Name:** I-5/Thorne Lane Capacity and Safety Improvements

**Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Recipient:** Washington State Department of Transportation

**Address:** 310 Maple Park Avenue SE

**City:** Olympia

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98504

**Explanation:** This project will design and establish right-of-way needs for a roadway connecting Gravelly Lake Drive to Thorne Lane across Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce congestion in the surrounding area,

enhance freight mobility, and improve access to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the City of Lakewood.

**Project Name:** SR 510 Yelm Loop Project

**Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Recipient:** Washington State Department of Transportation

**Address:** 310 Maple Park Avenue SE

**City:** Olympia

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98504

**Explanation:** The SR 510 Yelm Loop Project will help to further the construction of a new state highway connecting SR 507 and SR 510. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the completed highway will serve as an alternate route for regional traffic around the Yelm city center, provide an enhanced north/south route as an alternate to Interstate 5, and will help to improve freight mobility in the South Puget Sound region.

**Project Name:** SR 167 Tacoma to Puyallup New Freeway

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Recipient:** Washington State Department of Transportation

**Address:** 310 Maple Park Avenue SE

**City:** Olympia

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98504

**Explanation:** This project will make progress on preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and environmental mitigation. The SR 167 Extension will complete the remaining four miles of SR 167 and finalize a long-planned connection to I-5. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this project will offer improved regional vehicle and freight mobility and reduced congestion on secondary roads and other highways in the South Sound region.