



# Transportation Commission 2014 Annual Report and 2015 Work Plan March 23, 2014



City of  
**Bellingham**

# Transportation Commission

- Formed in 2009
- Incorporates former BPAC and Parking Commission
- Nine members with three-year terms
- Mix of experience & expertise
- Monthly meetings
- Supported by the Public Works Department

# Duties and Authorities

Advise Council on  
transportation policy:

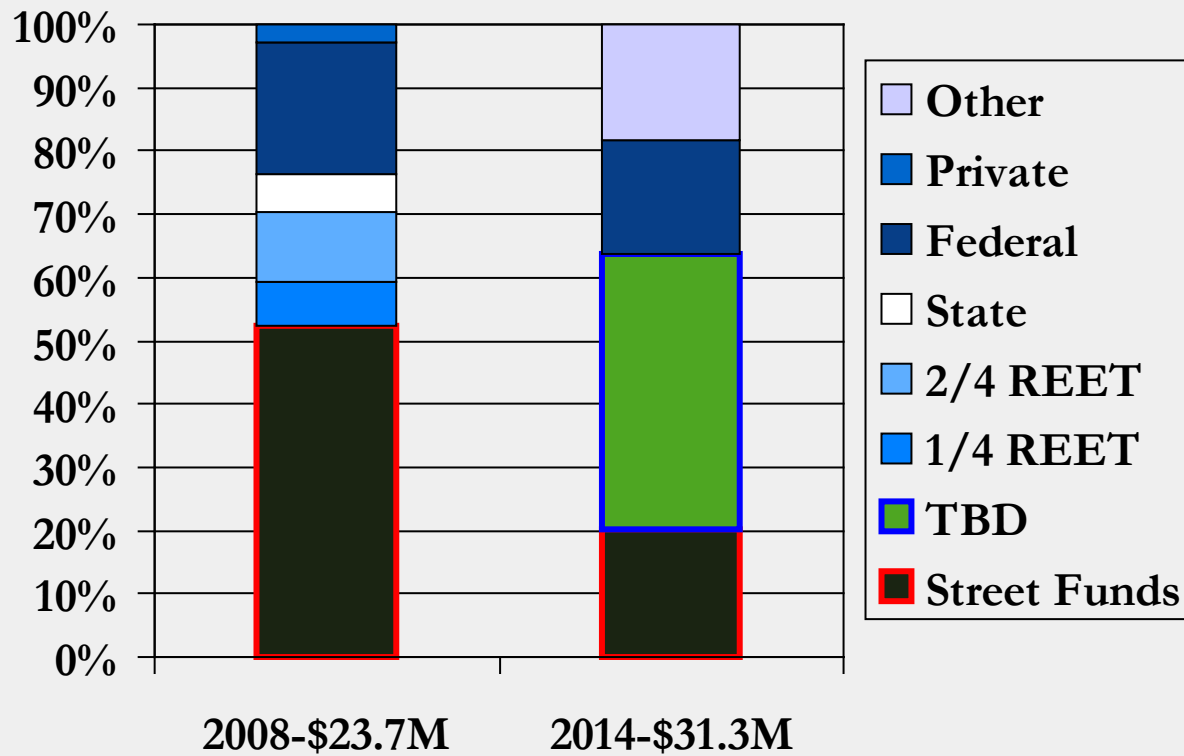
- Comprehensive Plan amendments
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Projects
- Strategic priorities
- Support Pedestrian and Bike Master Plans
- Facilitate citizen and neighborhood involvement



# TC Activities 2014

- 2015-20 TIP review
- 2014-16 TBD project recommendations
- Bicycle Master Plan completed
- Downtown Plan review/endorsement
- Fairhaven Parking Task Force
- Review parking – BMC revisions
- Review TBD funding for WTA Bellis Fair stop relocation

# Change in TIP Funding Sources Known (3-year) Finding, 2008-14



# TBD Projects for 2014

- 25<sup>th</sup> St, 150' S of Bill MacDonald to Douglas, both sides (B/PMP)
- Eliza Ave, W Kellogg to Westerly, W side (PMP)
- 14<sup>th</sup> shared lanes (BMP)
- Hawthorne shared lanes, X-ing (B/PMP)

# Code Revisions - Parking

- 72 hour limit on residential on-street parking
- Increase civil meter and overtime fines to \$15, late payment fees to \$25
- Clarify several procedures
- Scofflaw revisions under review



# Bicycle Master Plan

- Launched March 2013
- Online survey with over 830 responses
- Recommend bike network
- 187 projects identified
- Over 100 attended 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting
- Sets priorities for TBD non-motorized projects
- Approved by City Council in November 2014





# Downtown Plan

## TC Comments, Recommendations

- Support Plan's transportation and parking goals and policies
- Encourage grade-separated connection to Waterfront
- Endorsed by TC February 2014



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February, 2014

# Fairhaven Parking Task Force

- Recommend strategies for future parking supply improvements and demand management
- Staffed by Public Works/Planning Depts. and includes representatives from TC and Fairhaven stakeholders
- Draft report completed December 2014. Public input January 2015. TC review March 2015. Target for Council review May 2015.



# 2015 TC Work Plan

## Primary Elements

- Review of 2016-21 TIP
- Recommend TBD Funded Projects and future TBD funding strategies
- Review/endorse Fairhaven Parking Task Force recommendations
- Participate in further COB parking reviews
- Review City Center implementation strategies
- Prepare for/review 2016 Comp Plan update
- Participate in WTA strategic plan development



# Questions and Comments

The Commission and Public Works Department welcome feedback on the Commission's activities to date and plans for 2015.





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Transportation Commission, Chair



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