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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4708

April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Small Starts Account for Bus Rapid Transit Corridor in Bellevue and Redmond. The entity to receive funding for this project is King County, located at King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave Rm 1200, Seattle, WA 98104. The funding would be used to construct and operate a 9.25-mile long street-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line connecting downtown Bellevue, Crossroads Mall, the Overlake urban center, and downtown Redmond. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Reichert".

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Kevin Desmond

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: King County DOT, Transit Division, General Manager

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: King County

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave.,
Rm 1200, Seattle, WA 98104

SIGNATURE:

Kevin Desmond

DATE:

5/29/07



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on March 31, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: Bellevue - Redmond Rapidride

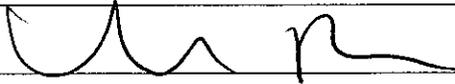
DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 3-31-2009

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Maura Brueger

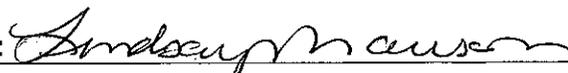
TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Senior Advisor for Federal Relations

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: King County, Washington

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 516 Third Ave Rm 1200 Seattle,

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 3-30-09 ^{WA 98104}

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Lindsay Manson

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 3-31-09

1. The sources of funding for the duration of the project (current and anticipated).

Phase	Federal	Local	Total
BRT Corridor, TSP/Commication/Roadway Improvements	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,584,369	\$ 4,984,369
Rapid Ride Passenger Facilities	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 689,024	\$ 2,689,024
Real Time Information System	\$ 500,000	\$ 107,500	\$ 607,500
Bus Acquisition	\$ 15,300,000	\$ 4,230,676	\$ 19,530,676
Total	\$ 20,200,000	\$ 7,611,569	\$ 27,811,569

2. The percent and source of required matching funds.

Total non federal share: 73%

Source of Local match
Local sales tax revenue

3. Detailed budget outlining how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.

See answer to questions number 1.

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request: **King County** Federal Tax Status: (i.e. 501(c)3) Exempt

Address: **King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave Rm 1200**

City: **Seattle** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **98104**

Point of Contact(POC): **Chuck Williams**

Phone: **(206) 296-0367** Email: **chuck.williams@kingcounty.gov**

Address: **King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave Rm 1200**

City: **Seattle** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **98104**

DC Representation (if any): **Bill Hanka, The Ferguson Group**

Phone: **(202) 261-6003** Email: **bhanka@tfgnet.com**

Address: **1130 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300**

City: **Washington** State: **DC** ZIP Code: **22203**

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide

Prioritized: 1 of 13 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce, Justice, Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Defense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior and Environment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State, Foreign Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Construction, Veterans' Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Housing and Urban Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Branch | | |

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): **Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration**

Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc):
Very Small Starts

Amount requested for FY2010: \$9.35 million

Total cost of project: \$26.95 million

Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: \$9.35 million

Is this program authorized? YES NO If YES, bill number: Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request? YES NO If YES, amount: \$

Anticipated total future requests: \$ Over the next years

Local, state and/or private funding sources: \$6,022,000 Local

Total Amount: \$ Over the next years

Other sources of Federal funding:

Total Amount: \$ Over the next years

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager:

Office:

Phone Number:

Other agency advocate (if any):

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

The Bellevue – Redmond Rapid Ride Corridor increases passenger capacity along the corridor and improves the reliability of transit service. These improvements will increase its viability as a link for those traveling to employment centers. The stations will provide a utilitarian service to waiting passengers, but will act as neighborhood amenity, potentially attracting new transit oriented development with station areas. The regions draft long range growth plan forecasts that employment along the corridor will increase by 34% by 2040, many of these jobs will be in place in 2010 as Microsoft expands its existing campus.

CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

RDT&E Procurement O&M Counter Drugs Medical
 Reserve Equipment National Guard Equipment Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

Army Army Reserve Navy Navy Reserve Marine Corps Marine Corps Reserve
 Air Force Air Force Reserve Intelligence Army Guard Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # _____ P-1/Line # _____ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) _____

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M): _____

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

Office:

Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office(s): Yes

If yes, which office(s): Senators Murray and Cantwell, Representative Inslee

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT
FY 09		\$20.2 million	\$10.95 million	Transportation	Very Small Starts

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

King County Metro is proposing to construct and operate a 9.25-mile long street-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line connecting downtown Bellevue, Crossroads Mall, the Overlake urban center, and downtown Redmond. The corridor already features substantial existing transit investment including three regional transit transfer centers. The Bellevue - Redmond BRT project is intended to complement these facilities. The scope of work includes 12 new stations, real-time bus arrival information, signal prioritization, and 18 low-floor hybrid vehicles. The proposed service would operate with 10-minute headways during the peak-period and 15-minute headways during the weekday off-peak.

The Bellevue to Redmond RapidRide Bus Rapid Transit corridor will provide frequent all day service and faster travel times. Making transit easier to use and a viable alternative to driving alone. The frequency and quality of service to customers will result in a significant improvement in the customer's transit experience, help to reduce congestion on the roadway network and green house gas emissions.

Justification of funding:

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8th Congressional District?

Specifically this request would fund:

- Construction of 12 new transit stations along a 9.25 mile corridor between downtown Bellevue and downtown Redmond;
- Installation of real-time bus arrival information at these stations;
- Implementation of transit signal prioritization along the corridor; and
- Acquisition of 18 low-floor diesel/ hybrid vehicles.

The proposed service would operate with 10-minute headways during the peak-period and 15-minute headways during the weekday off-peak. Operational funding for the RapidRide service will be provided from local revenue sources.

This project would sustain 51 U.S. jobs in the manufacturing and work assembly of the buses and 4 local jobs related to the acquisition of the buses. The Bellevue/Redmond RapidRide project connects the downtown areas of both cities with major intermediate destinations such as Crossroads Mall and the Overlake regional growth center, the head quarters of many international corporations, including Microsoft. The project offers a cost effective solution to provide faster, more reliable and convenient transit service and respond to and stimulate increasing transit demand. These hybrid diesel/electric buses will help to reduce green house gas emissions in the area improving the air quality and health of the people in the 8th District. The Bellevue/Redmond RapidRide will also provide a viable alternative to driving alone which will help to ease the congestion that occurs on highways and arterial streets in this district.