



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** RTC Board or Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*  
**DATE:** September 29, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** **STP Rural Grants - Committee Membership**

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**STP RURAL PROGRAM**

The Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP Rural) has been in place since 1991, when the grant program was created in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). The boundary of where funds can be used is based on the most recent US Census. The STP Rural funds are allocated for projects in areas outside the urban area boundary and in cities with population below 5,000. In Clark County this includes La Center, Ridgefield, Yacolt, and portions of Clark County.

Between 1991 and 2014, twenty-six projects totaling approximately \$5.4 million were obligated in rural Clark County. Federal STP Rural projects must meet federal requirements, as outlined in the State LAG manual

**RURAL COMMITTEE**

The Rural Committee is an ad-hoc subgroup of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), convened specifically for the technical review of the STP Rural grant program. Membership on the committee includes all rural area agencies of the RTAC Committee. Specifically, the committee includes staff from: La Center, Ridgefield, Yacolt, and Clark County. The committee meets once or twice each year to review the STP Rural evaluations and to make a technical recommendation on the STP rural funding to the full RTAC Committee. The RTAC Committee is then asked to make a recommendation on all funding programs to the RTC Board.

Due to limited staff resources, the Rural Committee allows improved participation by rural technical staff in the regional TIP development process. Agency membership and specific participation in the YR 2014 grant review process included the following:

Agency	Member	Position
City of La Center	Jeff Sarvis	Public Works Director
	Tony Cooper	City Engineer
City of Ridgefield	Bryan Kast	Civil Engineer
Town of Yacolt	Pete Roberts	Public Works Director
Clark County	Bill Wright	Clark County Public Works