



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director   
**DATE:** February 7, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Safety Grant Awards

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### *AT A GLANCE - DISCUSSION*

*Three safety projects in SW Washington will receive approximately \$1.6 million in grants through Washington State Department of Transportation for innovative safety improvements.*

### INTRODUCTION

Using federal safety funds, the Washington State Department of Transportation has developed the Innovative Safety Program. The purpose of this program is to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions on public roads using specific engineering improvements/countermeasures. These counter measures include high friction surface treatments, intersection conflict warning systems, projects to increase traffic signal operations or visibility, and compact roundabouts.

WSDOT considers these four improvements/countermeasures to be low cost, able to be delivered quickly, and to have a high potential to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions.

The grant program provides 100% funding for projects obligated by August 31, 2017. Projects implemented after August will require a 10% match. The following projects from the three county region were selected for funding:

#### Clark County

- **Curve Safety Improvement:** This project will install high friction surfacing treatment, striping, and curve warning signs on various county roads. The total grant award is \$331,000.
- **Hazel Dell Adaptive Traffic Signals:** This project will upgrade existing traffic signal to improve traffic signal timing and coordination along NE 78th Street and NE Hwy 99. The total grant award is \$1,004,000.

#### Klickitat County

- **BZ Glenwood Highway High Friction Surface Treatment:** This project will install high friction surface treatment on the BZ Glenwood Highway. The total grant award is \$275,000.