

2021-2023

Freight Rail Investment Bank (FRIB)

Progress Report
as of December 2022

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WSDOT Freight Rail Grant and Loan Programs – 2022 Progress Report

Purpose of this report

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5689 Section 309 (2) calls for WSDOT to “...report annually to the transportation committees of the Legislature and the Office of Financial Management on all FRIB loans issued.”

Freight Rail Investment Bank (FRIB)

FRIB loans provide funds to build new or improve existing rail infrastructure across the state. The program is administered by WSDOT and loans are only available to the public sector.¹ Since 50% of the short-line railroads in Washington state are publicly owned by cities, counties, port districts, and the state, these loans are available to public entities. These short-line railroads support rural economies by providing cost effective freight transportation options. Some of the largest industries in the state, including the agriculture, energy and timber industries, rely heavily on rail in their supply chains.

In accordance with the legislative budget proviso, FRIB projects are charged interest to recover the costs of managing the loan collection process, which is assessed on the total amount of the loan. The repayment periods currently are for no more than ten years, although loans made earlier in the program had 15-year repayment schedules. All loan recipients are current on their loan repayments as of December 1, 2022.

A total of 43 FRIB loans have been awarded since the program’s inception in 2007. Exhibit 1 outlines the history of the FRIB program.

Exhibit 1: FRIB program history

FRIB Program History		
Biennium	Number of Projects Funded	Funding Amount
2007-2009	4	\$2,500,000
2009-2011	2	\$1,310,000
2011-2013	9	\$5,180,000
2013-2015	10	\$7,332,274
2015-2017	7	\$3,312,242
2017-2019	1	\$5,000,000
2019-2021	4	\$7,047,000
2021-2023	6	\$5,089,000
TOTAL		\$36,770,516

The FRIB repayment schedule for calendar year 2022, with receivables of approximately \$2.38 million, is found in Exhibit 2.

¹ Article VIII, Section 5, of the state’s Constitution prohibits the state’s credit from being given or loaned to any individual, association, company, or corporation.

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Exhibit 2: Status of FRIB loan repayments

Status of FRIB Loan Repayments							
PIN #	Borrower	Term (Yrs)	Pymt Start Date	Actual Loan Total	Remaining Loan Balance*	Annual Scheduled Payment	Next Payment Due
711010L	City of Tacoma	10	02/01/17	\$121,119	\$48,448	\$12,112	2/1/2023
711010K	City of Tacoma	10	02/01/17	\$405,744	\$162,298	\$40,574	2/1/2023
726810A	City of Tacoma	10	03/01/17	\$149,986	\$60,008	\$14,998	3/1/2023
711010H	City of Tacoma	10	04/01/15	\$618,626	\$123,725	\$61,863	4/1/2023
L2200081	City of Tacoma	10	05/01/14	\$347,320	\$34,732	\$34,732	5/1/2023
711010M	City of Tacoma	10	05/01/16	\$366,387	\$109,916	\$36,639	5/1/2023
711010L	City of Tacoma	10	06/01/15	\$249,997	\$49,997	\$25,000	6/1/2023
711010J	City of Tacoma	10	06/01/16	\$515,770	\$154,731	\$51,577	6/1/2023
F01000A	Port of Benton	15	07/01/09	\$250,000	\$16,667	\$16,667	7/1/2023
F01000A	City of Tacoma	15	07/01/10	\$26,386	\$3,518	\$1,759	7/1/2023
F01000A	City of Tacoma	15	07/01/11	\$249,452	\$49,890	\$16,630	7/1/2023
F01000A	Port of Everett	15	07/01/09	\$250,000	\$16,667	\$16,667	7/1/2023
L2200080	Port of Longview	10	07/01/14	\$465,605	\$46,560	\$46,560	7/1/2023
L2200082	City of Tacoma	10	07/01/14	\$363,938	\$36,394	\$36,394	7/1/2023
L1100064	Port of Everett	10	07/01/18	\$900,000	\$450,000	\$90,000	7/1/2023
722812A	Port of Everett	10	07/01/18	\$911,715	\$455,857	\$91,172	7/1/2023
F01000A	Port of Everett	10	07/01/18	\$1,350,000	\$675,000	\$135,000	7/1/2023
727310B	Port of Walla Walla	10	07/01/16	\$249,927	\$74,978	\$24,993	7/1/2023
L2220052	City of Richland	10	07/01/16	\$399,982	\$119,995	\$39,998	7/1/2023
F01000A	Port of Whitman County	10	07/01/17	\$283,409	\$113,363	\$28,341	7/1/2023
G2000064 726821A	Port of Everett**	10	07/01/21	\$10,403,209	\$8,322,567	\$1,040,321	7/1/2023
721410A	Port of Benton	10	07/01/21	\$249,761	\$199,788	\$24,973	7/1/2023
711010K	City of Tacoma	10	08/01/16	\$773,070	\$231,921	\$77,307	8/1/2023
711010I	City of Tacoma	10	08/01/17	\$311,455	\$124,582	\$31,146	8/1/2023
711010O	City of Tacoma	10	09/01/16	\$1,105,058	\$331,517	\$110,506	9/1/2023
711011J	City of Tacoma	10	10/01/17	\$369,480	\$147,790	\$36,948	10/1/2023
726821A	City of Tacoma	10	10/01/21	\$233,051	\$186,441	\$23,305	10/1/2023
726811A	City of Tacoma	10	10/01/21	\$397,780	\$318,026	\$39,753	10/1/2023
711010N	City of Tacoma	10	11/01/16	\$910,005	\$273,002	\$91,001	11/1/2023
726823B	City of Tacoma	10	12/01/22	\$781,200	\$694,400	\$86,800	12/1/2023
Totals				\$24,009,433	\$13,632,778	\$2,383,734	

*Remaining Loan Balance as of 12/31/2022

** PIN G2000064 and PIN 726821A were combined into a single agreement since it was the same project.

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Exhibit 3 provides a status report on all FRIB projects that were awarded funding during the 2021-2023 biennium.

Exhibit 3: 2021-2023 FRIB project status

2021-2023 FRIB project status					
PIN	Project Title	Status of project	21-23 Awarded	21-23 Spending	21-23 Remaining
726823A	Tacoma Rail - Lincoln Track Upgrades (2021 FRIB)	In Closeout	\$318,000	\$318,000	\$0
726823B	Tacoma Rail - Locomotive Facility (2021 FRIB)	In Closeout	\$868,000	\$868,000	\$0
726823C	Tacoma Rail - Yard Tracks Upgrade (2021 FRIB)	In Construction	\$465,000	\$275,966	\$189,034
726823D	Port of Benton - Crossing Replacements (2022 FRIB)	In Construction	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000
726823E	Port of Everett - Cargo Handling Equipment (2022 FRIB)	In Construction	\$2,572,000	\$1,331,382	\$1,240,618
726823F	Tacoma Rail - Alexander Wye & Storage Track Upgrades (2022 FRIB)	In Design	\$606,000	\$0	\$606,000
TOTAL			\$5,089,000	\$2,793,348	\$2,295,652