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Peninsula RTPO seeks public comment on special needs transportation projects

OLYMPIA - People who have an interest in special needs transportation services are invited to comment on the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization's ([RTPO](#)) funding requests for [14 projects](#) representing over \$12 million.

These projects are designed to improve transportation services for special needs clients, including seniors, youth, and people with low incomes or disabilities. The special needs transportation services help qualifying clients attend medical appointments, educational or social opportunities, jobs, and shopping venues.

The public review and comment period begins today, Monday, Dec. 29, and will continue through Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015. Comments may be mailed to the below address or via email at nedrowt@wsdot.wa.gov.

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A variety of groups apply for these grant funds, including non-profit, public and tribal groups. A sample cross-section of grant applicants includes:

- *Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO)*
Continue ECHHO staffing and retention support, \$12,500
- *Clallam Transit System*
Eight medium-duty passenger vehicles, \$964,000
- *Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*
Jamestown campus route service, \$138,432
- *Jefferson Transit*
Fixed route and ADA service, \$2,017,254

The funding requests have been submitted to the Washington State Department of Transportation's Consolidated Grant Program. Grant funds are allocated by the Washington State Legislature every two years. After the Legislature passes the next funding package, WSDOT and

transportation stakeholders will collaboratively determine which projects receive funding. In the last biennium, the Legislature funded \$37 million statewide for special needs transportation grants.

Peninsula RTPO develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason counties. The Peninsula RTPO is composed of over 32 entities, including all four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies, and tribal governments within the region.

Hyperlinks within the release:

- Peninsula RTPO: <http://wsdot.wa.gov/partners/prtpo/>
- List of grant applicants: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/prtpo/docs/materials/PriorityProjects.pdf>

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