

April 16, 2026

The Honorable Jayme Peloli
Mayor
Town of Wilkeson
P.O. Box 89
Wilkeson, WA 98396

**RE: Fairfax/Wilkeson/Carbon River SR 165 Bridge Closure Mitigation
2026 Supplemental Transportation Budget – Capital Project
State Funding**

Dear Mayor Peloli:

WSDOT is pleased to advise you that the 2026 Supplemental Transportation Budget has provided the above-mentioned project funding. The state funding is limited as shown below:

Fairfax/Wilkeson/Carbon River SR 165 Bridge Closure Mitigation \$2,500,000

2025-27 Available Funding: \$1,000,000

2027-29 Available Funding: \$1,500,000

Scope: Provide temporary access and mobility solutions, Fairfax emergency management and operations support, and planning and design for secondary egress from Fairfax. (ESSB 6005 Section 310(20)) *It is in the intent of the legislature to provide \$1,500,000 future funding for the same purposes in 2027-29.*

Local Programs State Funding Agreement or Supplement must be authorized before the start of each state funded phase of the project. This includes authorization of the construction phase prior to advertisement of the construction contract.

In the event the 2025-27 funding is not reimbursed, WSDOT will need to request the remaining funding through the 2027-29 budget process. Based on the funding provided by the legislature, WSDOT can only reimburse your agency for the approved work completed each biennium, as reflected above. Therefore, it is critical that the city plan its work and schedule so that the funds match the work.

To meet the state requirements for this project, the following are required:

- ***Project expenditures incurred before receiving notice from Local Programs of fund authorization are not eligible for reimbursement.***
- Please refer to the Local Programs webpage for detailed authorization information, including: (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/>)
 - ✓ [Local Agency Guidelines \(LAG\) manual](#) for detailed requirements.

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- ✓ Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendments, as applicable.
- ✓ [Funding and billing forms](#).
- ✓ [Local Project Report](#) is required to be completed by the end of June and December each year. To access the database, you will need an account name and password. Your account name is **Wilkeson** and your password is **Wilke267**. The password is case sensitive.

Local Programs encourages all agencies to submit monthly progress billings to ensure timely reimbursement of eligible expenditures.

For questions or assistance, please contact your Region Local Programs Engineer, John Ho at 564.669.1018 or John.Ho@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Director
Local Programs

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cc: John Ho, PE, Olympic Region Local Programs Engineer