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Project Highlights
- FY 2003 -

This region includes King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston Counties.

TRANSPORTATION:

See also <http://murray.senate.gov/transportation>

Roads:

SR-99/Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seattle Seawall Replacement (\$2.5 million)

The project will fund preliminary engineering and design work on how to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seattle Seawall.

Everett Development 41st Street Interchange (\$1 million)

Funding will support redesign and renovations of the 41st Street/I-5 Interchange to ease traffic congestion.

SR 164 Improvements, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (\$420,000)

The funds will help create left-turn lanes, bus turnouts, and flashing beacons for pedestrians on the road which links Auburn and Enumclaw and serves the Muckleshoot Reservation.

I-405 Corridor Improvements – Tukwila to Lynnwood (\$2.5 million)

The project will start the preliminary engineering, detailed environmental review, and permitting process for I-405 improvements and expansion.

Public Transportation:

Aurora Ave. North Bus Rapid Transit (\$2 million)

This money will fund an integrated package of capital projects on the Aurora North Corridor to improve speed and reliability of transit and improve transit access. Improvements include sidewalk repair and construction, safety improvements (like lighting and pedestrian signals), and new bus shelters that include technology allowing transit users to track the status of their bus.

Burien Transit Center/Transit Oriented Development (\$2 million)

The City of Burien, in conjunction with King County Metro, is in the process of redeveloping the downtown urban center and plans to construct a Transit Oriented Development at this site. It will incorporate a new off-street bus Transit Center, multi-use housing, and office and retail uses. This funding will permit development of the structured parking facility, which will, in turn, facilitate the overall redevelopment effort.

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Community Transit Park and Ride - Snohomish County (\$3.5 million)

The project provides support for the development of additional park and ride capacity on both the I-5 and I-405 corridors in Snohomish County.

Pierce Transit Bus Initiative (\$3 million)

The funding will support the replacement of 19 old diesel buses with new compressed natural gas vehicles.

City of Kent Intra-city Transit Project (\$1.5 million)

The project will assist the City of Kent's Commute Trip Reduction Program, which provides connector service between Kent's Sounder Commuter Rail Station and Kent's Industrial Valley.

Edmonds Crossing Multimodal Project (\$4 million)

The funding will provide for the design and property acquisition phase of the Edmonds crossing Multimodal Project. This will be a new facility for transit connections in Edmonds. Because it includes facilities for ferries, buses and park-and-ride lots, it will allow citizens to move more efficiently between modes of transportation.

City of Lynnwood - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) (\$2 million)

The project will install a multi-component ITS to improve infrastructure. Improvements will include transit signals and technical renovations to the operations center.

Program of Projects, Washington (\$5.5 million)

Integrated Transportation Systems: This money will go to the State of Washington to accelerate the integration and interoperability of ITS across the system, jurisdiction and modal boundaries, in metropolitan and rural areas, to improve transportation efficiency, promote safety, increase traffic flow, reduce emissions of air pollutants, improve traveler information, and enhance alternative modes. The money will go to several projects across the state.

Regional Express Transit Hubs (Mercer Island, Federal Way, Kirkland, Lynnwood and Lakewood) (\$5 million)

This project will support increased capacity at park and ride lots, new transit centers and HOV direct access ramps to improve efficient access for buses and carpools.

WorkFirst Transportation Initiative (\$3.5 million)

The project will provide transportation to low-income job seekers and workers in a number of ways including: new transit routes, extended hours of transit services (nights and weekends), van-pooling, ride-sharing, transporting people from outlying areas to transit hubs, and employer-provided transportation.

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Ferries:

Washington State Ferries (\$2.5 million)

This is the yearly entitlement funding under TEA-21 for the Washington State Ferries. Washington is one of only three states to receive such funding.

Rich Passage Passenger Ferry Project (\$1 million)

This project will analyze the most feasible approach to high-speed water transportation between the cities of Bremerton and Seattle in Washington State.

Rail:

Seattle-Everett Rail Corridor Study (\$750,000)

This provides funding to conduct a study of track capacity and utilization by freight, commuter and intercity rail services in the Seattle-Everett Rail Corridor and the environmental challenges that would accompany expansion of that track capacity.

Sounder Commuter Rail (\$30 million)

These funds will help expand Sounder Commuter Rail services between Seattle, Everett, Tacoma and Lakewood. Senator Murray secured \$20 million for this project in FY 2002.

Pacific NW Rail Corridor - Rail Safety Improvement Projects (\$1.5 million)

This project will improve the high-speed rail linking Eugene, Oregon, Portland, Seattle, Washington, and British Columbia. It is part of an incremental program that envisions 13 daily round trips between Seattle and Portland, operating at speeds up to 110 mph. To accomplish this goal, a series of grade crossing improvements all along the corridor are needed. In addition, these improvements the project will help improve commuter and freight traffic from Seattle to Everett.

Airports:

Airport Security Demonstration at SeaTac (\$4.7 million)

This funding will help develop a pilot project at SeaTac to create a security solution that integrates the capabilities of mobile software to monitor and interpret air traffic operations and irregular flight conditions.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport - Air Traffic Control Tower (\$550,000)

This funding will help with the replacement tower construction and development.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport – Air Traffic Control (\$4.8 million)

This funding will support air traffic control improvements at SeaTac Airport.

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Paine Field (Everett) (\$925,000)

This funding will allow various improvements to the air traffic control system.

Ports:

FAST Corridor Project (\$10 million)

The FAST Corridor project is a series of grade-crossing and port-access projects in the corridor between Tacoma and Everett intended to enhance passenger and freight mobility in the Puget Sound region. Senator Murray has secured over \$120 million for this project to date, including \$20 million in FY 2002.

Other Transportation Projects:

Interurban Trail Construction (\$400,000)

Funding will help construct a 3-mile non-motorized trail "arterial" through Shoreline connecting to the Interurban trail system in Seattle and Snohomish Counties. The trail will serve transportation and recreational uses and create a linear park the length of Shoreline.

Vehicular Flywheel System (\$1.5 million)

This funding will aid in the research and development of an energy saving, fuel efficient, environmentally friendly, high powered energy source that can be used for buses, cars and trains.

Interactive Highway Safety Design Model (\$1.5 million)

These funds will be used to conduct research into heavy vehicle safety and to conduct vulnerability assessments regarding security and safety in all modes of transportation.

EDUCATION:

See also: <http://murray.senate.gov/education>

Northwest Center for Livable Communities, U.W. (\$225,000)

The Center will use the funding to create a new resource for Washington state communities as they manage a variety of challenges, including economic and community development, creating affordable housing, preventing sprawl, and enhancing the use of technology.

ENVIRONMENT:

See also: <http://murray.senate.gov/environment>

Kitsap County - Hood Canal (\$300,000)

These funds will allow Kitsap County to purchase 20 acres of waterfront along Hood Canal. Laughlin Cove is ideal for a waterfront park and a future campsite. The forested site includes

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1,200 feet of beachfront and has stunning views of the Olympics. This appropriation complements the \$500,000 secured in FY 2002 for Kitsap County.

Thea Foss Waterway Environmental Protection and Transportation Impact Project (\$500,000)

The funds will support a study of the environmental impacts of storm-water runoff on the Thea Foss Waterway in Tacoma. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources will study the effects to public health, safety, the environment and the economy associated with the discharge of storm-water from the two interstate highways and connected transportation routes to the Thea Foss Waterway in Tacoma.

Mason County PUD Waste Water System (\$690,000)

This grant will allow Mason County Public Utility District to solve severe water pollution problems that have: contaminated Finch Creek, periodically closed the state's Hoodspout fish hatchery, and led to bans on swimming and shellfish harvesting on nearby Hood Canal beaches. The requested funds will allow the PUD to decommission 40 failing septic tanks that drain into and contaminate Finch Creek and Hood Canal and to replace them with a wastewater collection system.

Oil Spill Prevention, 13th District (\$1.6 million)

This project will provide funding for the Captain of the Port in the Puget Sound to improve oil spill mitigation and prevention.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

YWCA Opportunity Place, Seattle (\$450,000)

The YWCA will use the funding to help build the YWCA Opportunity Place. When Opportunity Place is completed, it will provide critical services to 3,000 chronically homeless women and employment services to 1,300 adults, helping them to move from welfare to work. Opportunity Place will include 145 studio and one-bedroom apartments for very low-income and homeless people. The facility will employ approximately 40 very low-income people in the delivery of services to clients and an additional 30 people in retail activity as part of the project.

Friends of Youth's Griffin Home, Renton (\$225,000)

Griffin Home is one of the few remaining residential treatment programs in the state for troubled and homeless boys aged 12-18. Friends of Youth will use the funding to help renovate two aging homes, modernize on-site school classrooms, and add two professionally-staffed foster care homes to the Griffin Home site.

Building Better Futures Community Centers Campaign, Kent (\$225,000)

Funding will help the Building Better Futures campaign meet its goal of building two new community centers in Kent. The centers will provide Head Start, primary health care, after-school recreation and homework support, job training, and placement services to immigrant or refugee and other low-income families. The community centers will directly serve three low-income housing complexes with more than 2,000 residents whose average income is 18 percent of adjusted median income.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

New Police Officers for the Puget Sound Region

See Also: <http://murray.senate.gov/justice>

Since 1994, Senator Murray's support of the COPS program has put more than 1,800 new police officers on Washington streets, including:

Puget Sound Region	868.8*	\$69,444,117
King County	366.5	\$32,348,870
Kitsap County	42.6	\$1,768,900
Pierce County	227.6	\$20,741,561
Snohomish County	203.4	\$11,982,751
Thurston County	28.7	\$2,602,035

* Note: Decimals reflect that some county police departments only requested a portion of a full-time officer's salary. See also: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>

Senator Murray has championed the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. She voted for the law that created it in 1993, and every year she has worked to fund this effort to put new police officers on the streets of these communities where they work closely with residents.

Seattle Police Department - Digital Video Cameras (\$ 750,000)

This funding will support the Seattle Police Department's efforts to equip police cars with digital video surveillance cameras. Video cameras in police vehicles serve to bolster prosecution of criminal violations and traffic infractions, improve officer safety and provide an objective record of police and citizen interaction.

HEALTHCARE:

CAP Health Care Program for the Uninsured (\$120 million Nationwide)

This program provides a healthcare safety net for uninsured and underinsured working and low-income families. In the Puget Sound area, families without insurance can get health care through the "Kids Get Care" Program, which serves King County. This network is supported by a federal grant through the Community Access Program (CAP). It is one of four Washington CAP grantees based in Spokane, Wenatchee, Olympia and Seattle.

In the first year that "Kids Get Care" received the CAP grant, it did the following:

- Increased the number of "well child" exams by 46% at Kids Get Care sites, without any increase in staff
- Connected over 3,000 children in King County to Health Care Homes where they received integrated physical, oral and developmental care
- Trained over 1,700 health professionals and staff from community-based organizations to screen over 18,000 kids for developmental issues and educate families about the importance of well child care and oral health
- Trained over 100 primary care providers in oral health promotion and assessment

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- Scanned 4,000 children for oral health problems and connected them to oral health services as needed

In 2003, the Bush administration tried to eliminate the CAP program. Senator Murray succeeded in saving the program and providing the funding that allows it to continue serving families in the Puget Sound area. Senator Murray recently visited the King County “Kids Get Care” facility.

See also: www.metrokc.gov/health/kgc or www.choicenet.org

Elks Club of Pierce & Thurston Counties, Toys for Disabled Youth Initiative (\$90,000)

The Elks Club will work with four groups – low- and moderate-income families, pediatric occupational therapists, toy retailers and toy manufacturers – to produce toys that will help disabled children learn and develop skills and imagination. If successful, this one-year pilot program will be extended to a larger geographic area.

DEFENSE:

See also: http://murray.senate.gov/homeland_security

Operation Safe Commerce \$30m nationally (approximately \$10 m for Seattle-Tacoma)

See also http://murray.senate.gov/port_security

Operation Safe Commerce is a pilot program to dramatically improve the security at the Nation’s three largest container ports. Murray developed and authored legislation and secured funding for it. More than 6 million intermodal containers enter U.S. ports each year. The Ports of Seattle and Tacoma comprise the third busiest container port in the country.

Camp Murray (\$5.3 million)

These funds will enable Guardsmen and women to take coursework and receive college credit without having to travel to campus.

Coast Guard - Nighttime Operation Capability (\$5 million)

This funding provides technology to allow Coast Guard patrol boats to carry out missions at night and in adverse weather conditions by using “maritime electro-optical infrared sensors.”

Rebuild ISC Seattle Pier 36 – Phase I (\$16 million)

The Coast Guard is in the process of repairing and rebuilding its Integrated Support Center at Pier 36 in Seattle. The facilities are outdated and need to be rebuilt due to damage from the Nisqually Earthquake in February 2001.

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

Squaxin Island Museum, Library and Research Center, Shelton (\$180,000)

The Tribe will use the funding to purchase display cases and install an interactive learning section in its newly-completed museum. The new museum will be an outstanding economic and cultural resource for the Tribe.