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Welcoming CSI to Granger



The Center for Sustainable Infrastructure, the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the City of Granger, WA recently underwent a 'fiscal infrastructure x-ray' with consultant Steve Gorcester. Mr. Gorcester, former director of the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), provided **Granger mayor Jose Trevino** and **Public Works Director Jodie Luke** with detailed guidance on **improving their grant competitiveness**. Alan Rainey with Spinks Engineering joined the meeting as Granger's engineer of record.

When packaging grant applications, do your best to think like the grantor. Understanding the business needs of grant programs like TIB will give you a competitive advantage.

[Read on and get the whole story. Click here.](#)

WA Transportation Plan | 2040 and Beyond



The [draft Washington Transportation Plan 2040 and Beyond](#) is now available for review and input. This is an update of the Transportation Commission's 2035 WTP adopted in January 2015. Your review and input will be used to refine this draft before the Commission adopts it in December. Visit our [Comments](#) page to provide your feedback on the draft plan.

OPEN HOUSE at YVCOG: August 28th, 5 - 7 p.m. Open to the public.

Winner, Winner!



Wheel Options Commute Trip Reduction

Local prize winners:

All entrants won a book or gift card, plus a Liberty water bottle!
\$50 Prepaid MasterCards - **Nicholas Todorovich**, WSDOT; **Lori Van Horn-Harris**, WSDOT; **Doc Bower**, WSDOT
Inklings Bookshop Gift Card - **Danielle Squeochs**, ECY
Books - **Jarod Hawks**, Alexandria Moulding; **Dan Dugger**, ECY; **Myria Foisy**, WSDOT; **Christy Sauriol**, WSDOT; **Jeanne Moore**, WSDOT; **Paul Gonseth**, WSDOT; **Greg Barrett**, WSDOT; **Walt Hoffman**, WSDOT; **Sara Montgomery**, WSDOT

Wheel Options encourages employees to reduce their drive-alone trips and explore new ways of getting to work.



Get ready and [sign-up](#) for Wheel Options October 2018!

For more information contact your Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC)
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WIFIA: Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Program



The national Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program finances critical drinking and wastewater infrastructure through low-interest federal loans for up to 35 years to local governments. It's one way municipalities can [pay for aging public works infrastructure](#) and water pollution control – up to 49 percent of eligible project costs.

This year's funds – with a stated priority for projects that reduce lead exposure in public drinking water or repair of aging infrastructure – became available with the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act in March. The funding is estimated to provide as much as \$5.5 billion in loans, which could result in more than \$11 billion in water infrastructure projects.

What is WIFIA?

Read the one-page sheet, [here](#).

Learn more about the WIFIA Program, [here](#).

Calendar



Do you have an upcoming Community Event? Send us an [email](#), and after review, we'll publish your event.

AUGUST 2018

- 20 Transportation Policy Board and Executive Committee meetings
- 29 **Writing in Plain Talk** workshop by Jordan Peabody
Cost: \$75 members, \$85 non-members. As a government agency, you need to use plain language or writing that the typical customer can act upon after a single reading. Writing in Plain Talk allows government to excel at what it does best - serve the public.

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
- 17 Policy Board and Executive Committee meetings
- 19 General Membership meeting, Zillah: Legislative Update

OCTOBER

- 9-10 **Writing Policies & Procedures** Workshop by Jordan Peabody
Cost: \$175 for Members and Staff, \$225 for non-members.
Turn those dreaded policy manuals into lean, mean, working machines that people actually use! Find out more, [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

REGIONAL SOLUTIONS 2019: APRIL 17-19 in TRI-CITIES