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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

Whatcom Council of Governments
Whatcom County

Audit Period
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

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September 26, 2012

Council
Whatcom Council of Governments
Bellingham, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on the Whatcom Council of Governments' financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the Council's financial condition.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

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Federal Summary

Whatcom Council of Governments Whatcom County January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

The results of our audit of the Whatcom Council of Governments are summarized below in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- **Significant Deficiencies:** We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- **Material Weaknesses:** We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We noted no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements of the Council.

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

- **Significant Deficiencies:** We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over major federal programs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- **Material Weaknesses:** We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We issued an unqualified opinion on the Council's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs.

We reported no findings that are required to be disclosed under section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.

Identification of Major Programs:

The following were major programs during the period under audit:

| <u>CFDA No.</u> | <u>Program Title</u> |
|-----------------|---|
| 20.521 | Transit Services Programs Cluster - New Freedom Program |
| 20.816 | America's Marine Highway Grants |
| 20.931 | Transportation Planning, Research and Education |

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by OMB Circular A-133, was \$300,000.

The Council qualified as a low-risk auditee under OMB Circular A-133.

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

**Whatcom Council of Governments
Whatcom County
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011**

Council
Whatcom Council of Governments
Bellingham, Washington

We have audited the financial statements of the Whatcom Council of Governments, Whatcom County, Washington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated September 21, 2012.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Council's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Council's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Council, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

September 21, 2012

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
with Requirements That Could Have a Direct
and Material Effect on Each Major Program and
on Internal Control over Compliance in
Accordance with OMB Circular A-133**

Whatcom Council of Governments
Whatcom County
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Bellingham, Washington

COMPLIANCE

We have audited the compliance of the Whatcom Council of Governments, Whatcom County, Washington, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Council's major federal programs are identified in the Federal Summary. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Council complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

The management of the Council is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management, the Council, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.



BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

September 21, 2012

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements

Whatcom Council of Governments Whatcom County January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Council
Whatcom Council of Governments
Bellingham, Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Whatcom Council of Governments, Whatcom County, Washington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, as listed on page 9. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Council prepares its financial statements using accounting practices prescribed by Washington State statutes and the, which demonstrates compliance with the regulatory basis of accounting which differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The differences between the regulatory basis of accounting and the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Whatcom Council of Governments, as of December 31, 2011, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. The accompanying Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is also presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the prescribed BARS Manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended for the information and use of the governing body and management of the Council. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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STATE AUDITOR

September 21, 2012

Financial Section

**Whatcom Council of Governments
Whatcom County
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FUND RESOURCES AND USES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

| BARS CODE | | Total for All Funds | 001 |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | General Fund |
| | | Total Amount | Actual Amount |
| Beginning Cash and Investments | | \$369,105 | \$369,105 |
| 308.10 | Reserved | 71,063 | 71,063 |
| 308.80 | Unreserved | 298,042 | 298,042 |
| | Prior Period Adjustments (388.80 and 588.80) | | |
| Revenues and Other Sources | | | |
| 310 | Taxes | | |
| 320 | Licenses and Permits | | |
| 330 | Intergovernmental | 2,015,248 | 2,015,248 |
| 340 | Charges for Goods and Services | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| 350 | Fines and Penalties | | |
| 360 | Miscellaneous | 336,207 | 336,207 |
| 370 | Capital Contributions | | |
| 390 | Other Financing Sources | | |
| Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources | | 2,368,455 | 2,368,455 |
| Total Resources | | 2,737,560 | 2,737,560 |
| Operating Expenditures: | | | |
| 510 | General Government | | |
| 520 | Public Safety | | |
| 530 | Physical Environment | | |
| 540 | Transportation | | |
| 550 | Economic Environment | 2,460,967 | 2,460,967 |
| 560 | Mental and Physical Health | | |
| 570 | Culture and Recreational | | |
| Total Operating Expenditures | | 2,460,967 | 2,460,967 |
| 591-593 | Debt Service | | |
| 594-595 | Capital Outlay | | |
| Total Expenditures | | 2,460,967 | 2,460,967 |
| 597-599 | Other Financing Uses | | |
| Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses | | 2,460,967 | 2,460,967 |
| Excess (Deficit) of Resources Over Uses | | 276,593 | 276,593 |
| 380 | Nonrevenues (Except 384) | 5,502 | 5,502 |
| 580 | Nonexpenditures (Except 584) | | |
| Ending Cash and Investments: | | \$282,095 | \$282,095 |
| 508.10 | Reserved | 35,987 | 35,987 |
| 508.80 | Unreserved | \$246,108 | \$246,108 |

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part Of This Statement.

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Notes to Financial Statements
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Whatcom Council of Governments (Council) is a regional agency that provides planning and regional coordination services to its members and is supported primarily through member assessments and grants. The Council was established on March 26, 1970 and operates under RCW 36.64.080 and other laws of the state of Washington applicable to regional agencies.

The council consists of local governments in Whatcom County. At December 31, 2011 the council consisted of representatives of the following local governments:

City of Bellingham
City of Blaine
City of Everson
City of Ferndale
City of Lynden
City of Nooksack
City of Sumas
Whatcom County
Port of Bellingham
Birch Bay Water & Sewer District
Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District

a. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Revenues are recognized only when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid, including those properly chargeable against the report year(s) budget appropriations as required by state law.

Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. There is no capitalization of capital assets, nor allocation of depreciation expense. Inventory is expensed when purchased.

The basis of accounting described above represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Council accounts and reports in accordance with methods prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Chapter 43.09 RCW and contained in the *Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting* (BARS) manual.

b. Duties of Whatcom County

As required by statute, Whatcom County serves as the council's treasurer, issues council warrants, invests available cash, and prepares cash receipt and disbursement reports of the council's financial activity.

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Notes to Financial Statements
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c. Budget

The Council adopts an annual appropriated budget. This budget is appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end.

The annual appropriated budget is adopted on the same basis of accounting used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budget were as follows:

| FUND | FINAL APPROPRIATED AMOUNT | ACTUAL EXPENDITURES | VARIANCE |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| General | \$2,570,630 | \$2,460,967 | \$109,663 |

The Executive Director is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between object classes; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions must be approved by the Council's legislative body.

d. Cash

It is the Council's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The amount is included in the net cash and investments shown on the statements of fund resources and uses arising from cash transactions. The interest on these investments is posted to the general (current expense) fund.

e. Deposits

The Council deposits and certificates of deposit are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission.

f. Investments

See Note No. 3 Investments

g. Capital Assets

Capital assets are long-lived assets of the Council and are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Notes to Financial Statements
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h. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 240 days and is payable upon separation or retirement.

Sick leave may be accumulated 700 hours. Upon separation or retirement employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave.

i. Other Financing Sources Or Uses

The Council had no other financing sources or uses during the audit period.

j. Risk Management

The Council is a member of Enduris. Chapter 48.62 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entity to form together into or join a pool or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insure, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Enduris was formed July 10, 1987, when two (2) counties and two (2) cities in the State of Washington joined together by signing an Interlocal Governmental Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. As of August 31, 2011, there are 468 Enduris members representing a broad range of special purpose districts.

Enduris allows members to jointly purchase excess insurance coverage, share in the self-insured retention, establish a plan for total self-insurance, and provide excellent risk management services and other related services. Enduris provides “occurrence” policies for all lines of liability coverage including Public Official’s Liability. The Property coverage is written on an “all risk” basis blanket form using current Statement of Values. The Property coverage includes mobile equipment, electronic data processing equipment, valuable papers, building ordinance coverage, property in transit, extra expense, consequential loss, accounts receivable, fine arts, inventory or appraisal cost, automobile physical damage to insured vehicles. Boiler and machinery coverage is included on a blanket limit of \$100 million for all members. Enduris offers employee dishonesty coverage up to a liability limit of \$1,000,000.

Members make an annual contribution to fund Enduris. Enduris acquires insurance from unrelated insurance companies that is subject to a “per occurrence”:

\$1,000,000 deductible on liability loss – the member is responsible for the first \$1,000 of the deductible amount of each claim, while Enduris is responsible for the remaining \$999,000 on liability loss; \$250,000 deductible on property loss - the member is

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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responsible for the first \$1,000 of the deductible amount of each claim, while Enduris is responsible for the remaining \$249,000 on property loss. Enduris is responsible for the \$4,000 deductible on boiler and machinery loss.

Insurance carriers cover all losses over the deductibles as shown to the policy maximum limits. Since Enduris is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members.

The contract requires members to continue membership for a period of not less than one (1) year and must give notice 60 days before terminating participation. The Master Agreement (Intergovernmental Contract) is automatically renewed after the initial one (1) full fiscal year commitment. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for contribution to Enduris for any unresolved, unreported and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to the Master Agreement.

Enduris is fully funded by its member participants. Claims are filed by members with Enduris and are administered in house.

A Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) board members governs Enduris. Its members elect the Board and the positions are filled on a rotating basis. The Board meets quarterly and is responsible for conducting the business affairs of Enduris.

M. Reserved Fund Balance

Use of the following amounts of cash and investments is restricted by individuals and entities that provided the funds:

| | 1/1/2011 | 12/31/2011 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Cross-Border Circulation Analysis | \$5,009 | \$0 |
| EverybodyBIKE - Maps | 303 | 422 |
| EverybodyBIKE - Education | 1,626 | 970 |
| Community Transportation Advisory Group | 30,846 | 5,348 |
| West Coast Corridor Coalition | 0 | 3,000 |
| Whatcom Smart Trips – Incentives | <u>33,279</u> | <u>26,247</u> |
| Total Reserved Fund Balance | \$71,063 | \$ 35,987 |

NOTE 2 - COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

There have been no material violations of finance-related legal or contractual provisions.

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Notes to Financial Statements
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The Council's investments are held by Whatcom County as its agent in the Council's name. Investments by type at December 31, 2011 are as follows:

| <u>Type of Investment</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| L.G.I.P. | \$ 264,384 |

NOTE 4 - PENSION PLANS

Substantially all Council full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in the Public Employee Retirement System administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, under cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. Actuarial information is on a system-wide basis and is not considered pertinent to the Council's financial statements. Contributions to the systems by both employee and employer are based upon gross wages covered by plan benefits.

Historical trend or other information regarding each plan is presented in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems annual financial report. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to:

Department of Retirement Systems
Communications Unit
PO Box 48380
Olympia, WA 98504-8380

**WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

| ID. No. | Description | Maturity/Payment Due Date __/__/20__ | Beginning Balance 01/01/2011 | Additions | Reductions | BARS Code for Redemption of Debt Only | Ending Balance 12/31/2011 |
|---------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|---|------------------------------|
| 259.11 | Accrued Vacation Leave | n/a | \$52,446 | \$0 | \$16 | n/a | \$52,430 |

**WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

| CFDA # | Federal Agency Name | | Federal Program Name | Pass-Through Agency Name | Other Award I.D. Number | ARRA | Total | Footnote Ref. |
|---|--|---------|---|--|---|------|--------------------|---------------|
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Planning | GCA-6100 Cross-border Rail Studies | N | \$ 199,875 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Mt. Baker Ofc | GCA-6669 FAST | N | 108,960 | 2, 3, 4, 6 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Mt. Baker Ofc | GCA-6517 IMTC 5 | N | 13,948 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Planning | GCA-6100 IMTC 6 | N | 207,784 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Planning | GCA-6790 IMTC 6 | N | 38,645 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Mt. Baker Ofc | GCA-6521 ITS-ATIS (BIFA) | N | 155,095 | 2, 3, 4, 6 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Planning | GCA-6100 MPO-PL | N | 43,657 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Planning | GCA-6790 MPO-PL | N | 190,448 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Skagit Council of Governments | SCOG Interlocal North Sound Connecting Communities | N | 11,027 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Highways | LA-5348 Northern Border Projects | N | 60,782 | 2, 3, 4, 6 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Highways | LA-7240 Unified Planning Work Program | N | 56,400 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Govt. Liasion Ofc | GCA-5760 West Coast Corridor Coalition | N | 78,701 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Govt. Liasion Ofc | GCA-6588 West Coast Corridor Coalition | N | 10,928 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.205 | Department of Transportation Highway Administration (FHWA) | Federal | Highway Planning and Construction | Washington State Dept. of Transportation - Highways | LA-7255 Whatcom Bike Month 2 | N | 34,641 | 2, 3, 4 |
| | | | sub-total 20.205 | | | | \$1,210,891 | |
| 20.505 | Department of Transportation Transit Administration (FTA) | Federal | Metropolitan Transportation Planning | Washington State Dept of Transportation - Public Tran. | GCA-6100 MPO - FTA | N | \$ 40,991 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.505 | Department of Transportation Transit Administration (FTA) | Federal | Metropolitan Transportation Planning | Washington State Dept of Transportation - Public Tran. | GCA-6100 MPO - FTA | N | 3,473 | 2, 3, 4 |
| | | | sub-total 20.505 | | | | \$44,464 | |
| 20.521 | Department of Transportation Transit Administration (FTA) | Federal | New Freedom Program | Washington State Dept of Transportation - Public Tran. | GCA-6227 Mobility Coordination (EACH 3) | N | \$ 84,705 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.521 | Department of Transportation Transit Administration (FTA) | Federal | New Freedom Program | Washington State Dept of Transportation - Public Tran. | GCA-6859 Human Svcs Plan (EACH 5) | N | 952 | 2, 3, 4 |
| | | | sub-total 20.521 | | | | \$85,657 | |
| 20.816 | Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) | | America's Marine Highway Grants | | DTMA1H10010 West Coast Marine Hwy Mrkt Analysis | N | \$ 194,520 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 20.931 | Department of Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Administration | | Transportation Planning, Research and Education | | DTOS59-10-G-00106 Whatcom Smart Trips | N | \$ 170,990 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 81.128 | Department of Energy | | ARRA - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program | Whatcom County | 201001021 Whatcom Smart Trips - Online Trip Diaries | Y | \$ 19,928 | 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | | | | | \$1,726,450 | |

The Accompanying Notes To The Schedule Of Expenditures of Federal Awards Are An Integral Part Of This Schedule.

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

This schedule is prepared on same basis of accounting as the council's financial statements. The council uses the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE 2 - PROGRAM COSTS

The amounts shown as current year expenditures represent only the federal grant portion of the program costs. Entire program costs, including the council's portion, may be more than shown.

NOTE 3 - INDIRECT COST RATE

The amount expended includes \$ 312,010 claimed as an indirect cost recovery using an approved indirect cost rate of 94.05%.

NOTE 4 - FRINGE BENEFIT RATE

The amount expended includes \$193,709 claimed as a fringe benefit cost recovery using an approved fringe benefit cost rate of 58.39%.

NOTE 5 - AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) of 2009

Expenditures for this program were funded by ARRA.

NOTE 6 – AMOUNTS AWARDED TO SUBRECIPIENTS

Included in the total amount expended for this program is \$65,079 that was passed through to subrecipients that administered their own projects.



ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

Our mission is to work with our audit clients and citizens as an advocate for government accountability. As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

The State Auditor's Office employees are located around the state to deliver services effectively and efficiently.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments and fraud, whistleblower and citizen hotline investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our Web site and through our free, electronic subscription service.

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