

Cities of Maple Valley & Covington State & Federal Appropriations Requests for Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Commuter Rail Feasibility Study

In 2008, the cities of Maple Valley and Covington formed a partnership with other cities to address pressing transportation needs in Southeast King County, where unprecedented growth has put tremendous pressure on an inadequate road system. The cities have sought – and continue to seek – funding for a thorough feasibility study of new commuter rail service on the existing Stampede Pass line. This new feeder service would connect to and support Amtrak and Sound Transit's existing passenger/commuter rail service in Auburn. The status of this effort as of June 2009 is set forth below.



TriMet's DMU in Wilsonville, Oregon

- State Funding – \$400,000 in 2009-11 State Transportation Budget
 - Phase One Feasibility Study
 - Forecast demand
 - Analyze alternatives
 - DMU
 - Transit
 - Analyze infrastructure i.e. routes, route sharing (for DMU), & stations
 - Develop planning level estimates of capital & operating costs
 - Identify governance options
 - Identify finance options
- Federal Request – \$600,000 requested from 2010 TTHUD Budget
 - Phase Two Feasibility Study
 - Analyze alternatives
 - Other modes (if recommended in Phase One)
 - Develop detailed capital & operating costs
 - Analyze & make recommendations re governance options
 - Analyze & make recommendations re finance options
 - Evaluate environmental impacts
 - Evaluate economic & community impacts