



**2009 Legislative Agenda
Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council**

**Top Request
for 2009**

**Achieve Marine Transportation System
Sustainability**



**Enact Long-term Funding Solution for
the Washington State Ferry System
at current service level**



**Conserve local & regional funding capacity
for future passenger ferry service**

Contact: *Mary McClure, KRCC, 360-377-4900*



Other issues: *Economic Recovery*
Jobs Creation

Other New Funding Requests	Supporters
<p>1. Advocate Higher Education Center in Kitsap (and one on Olympic Peninsula) to increase Baccalaureate Degree production in our under-served regions (area the size of Connecticut.) <i>Funding Request:</i> \$250,000 <i>Contact:</i> <i>Charlotte Garrido, Commissioner-elect, Kitsap County, 360-337-7146</i></p>	<p>Kitsap Economic Development Alliance Prosperity Partnership Major WA Universities Washington Roundtable</p>
<p>2. Electric Bus Research and Development: This project encourages development & evaluation of technology to build the next generation of small electric busses by supporting research & development at WA higher education institutions. Kitsap’s unique concentration of relevant expertise is intended to anchor new manufacturing jobs in Kitsap County. <i>Funding Request:</i> \$50,000 - \$100,000 as “local seed corn” to continue the on-going collaboration with Western Washington University. <i>Contact:</i> <i>Dick Hayes, Kitsap Transit, 360-478-6230</i></p>	<p>Kitsap Transit/WWU King County Metro Everett Transit Clallam Transit Island Transit Valley Transit Port of Bremerton</p>
<p>3. High Tech Skills Panel: A proposal for an educational skills panel to target high tech markets. This would fund a public/private partnership with West Sound Technical Association working towards a competitive work force. <i>Funding Request:</i> \$150,000 <i>Contact:</i> <i>Bill Mahan, Commissioner, Port of Bremerton, 360-674-2381</i></p>	<p>West Sound Technical Association Port of Bremerton</p>
Preserve Existing Funding	
<p>4. Assure that transportation projects in the region continue to be priorities even as (1) costs increase & (2) revenues for fuel taxes fall. In particular, the Belfair Bypass Project ~ SR 3 Corridor Improvement for its congestion relief, safety, freight mobility, & future growth (including SKIA). Note broad regional support. Ask WSDOT to carefully evaluate traffic management during different phases of construction. <i>Funding Request:</i> Preserve existing \$15 million for Belfair Bypass Project. <i>Contact:</i> <i>Commissioner Cheryl Kincer, Port of Bremerton, 360-674-2381</i> <i>Rick Olson, PSRC Legislative Liaison, 206-971-3050</i></p>	<p>Port of Bremerton Mason County * North Mason School District Overton & Associates WSDOT Puget Sound Regional Council * top legislative priority</p>
<p>5. Maintain WA State’s Emergency & Low-Income Housing funding programs at their current levels, e.g. ESAP, THOR, ESG, and WA State Housing Trust Fund to support basic emergency & transitional housing. <i>Contacts:</i> <i>Darlene Cook, Chair, Continuum of Care Coalition, 360-473-2027</i> <i>Terry Schroeder, Coordinator, Continuum of Care Coalition, 360-473-2028</i></p>	<p>Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition WA Coalition for Homeless WA Low-Income Housing Alliance</p>
<p>6. Maintain \$40 million in adequate and sustainable funding for State and local components of Public Health System ~ expected to be lost/cut in 2009. <i>Contact:</i> <i>Scott Daniels, Kitsap County Health District, 360-337-5287</i></p>	<p>Kitsap Health District WA Assoc/Local Public Health Officials WSAC Public Health Roundtable</p>



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Policy Requests	Supporters
<p>7. Broadband: Support the Kit~Net through legislation or executive action that would allow municipalities to act as their own "broadband retail service providers". This is intended to allow "government -to-government" service. It is <i>not</i> intended to compete with private sector for non-municipal business.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Ed Stern, Kit-Net Policy Advisory Group, 360-649-2101</i></p>	<p align="center">Kit~Net Policy Advisory Group</p>
<p>8. Continued support for Kitsap SEED and the Port of Bremerton's clean technology small business incubator.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Bill Mahan, Commissioner, Port of Bremerton, 360-674-2381</i></p>	<p align="center">Port of Bremerton</p>
<p>9. Establishment of tax incentives and/or other infrastructure funding mechanisms. Examples: Modify RCW 82.14.370 to allow urban counties to take advantage of the sales tax for economic development (now granted only to rural counties). Refine existing tax increment financing mechanism to allow counties and cities to fund their own growth. Allow counties to impose utility taxes in unincorporated areas.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Bill Mahan, Commissioner, Port of Bremerton, 360-674-2381</i> <i>Josh Brown, Commissioner, Kitsap County, 360-337-4667</i></p>	<p align="center">Port of Bremerton</p> <p align="center">Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council</p> <p align="center">WSAC</p>
<p>10. Coalition to grow state support for affordable housing.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Eric Schinfeld, Prosperity Partnership Liaison 206-971-3053</i></p>	<p align="center">Prosperity Partnership Major banks & businesses Housing Authorities Association of Realtors Futurewise <i>et al</i> Cascade Land Conservancy</p>
<p>11. Puget Sound Partnership: Enforce regulations already in place that protect natural environment, especially regarding storm water run-off.</p> <p>Contacts: <i>Steve Bauer, Commissioner, Kitsap County & North Central Puget Sound Eco-System Coordination Board, 360-337-4830</i> <i>Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island, 206-842-2545</i></p>	<p align="center">Puget Sound Partnership</p>
<p>12. Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority: In light of multiple housing authority crises, WA State should act as a partner in bridge financing for housing authorities.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Josh Brown, Commissioner, KCCCHA Board, 360-337-4667</i></p>	<p align="center">Kitsap County, Cities of Poulsbo, Port Orchard, & Bainbridge Island</p>