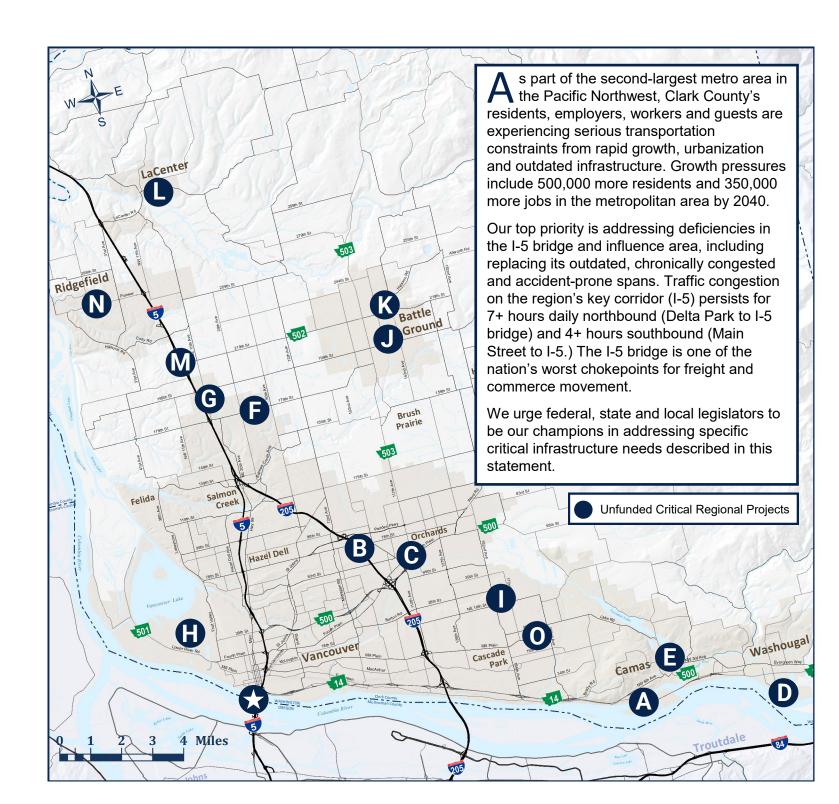
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## A CALL TO FURTHER ACTION

### I-5 Bridge Replacement and Influence **Area Improvements**

### Action #1 Support Timely I-5 Bridge Replacement: We fully support replacement of the I-5 bridges

and related corridor improvements:

stewardship and social equity

• Supplemental EIS: support timely completion of studies, reports and permit applications

- · Bi-state legislative consensus: drive toward regional consensus for long-term solution responsive to economic prosperity, climate
- Funding commitments: secure balanced project funding including emerging federal bridge and transit grants, commitments from both states and local contributions

The I-5 spans are functionally obsolete and require outsized maintenance investments to remain operational. A bi-state approach focused on practical solutions that improve mobility throughout this primary freight, commerce and commuter corridor is a regional imperative congruent with the 2002 I-5 Corridor Strategic Plan.

Additionally, we place high priority on long-range landuse and transportation corridor planning given steadily rising population and commerce forecasts.



105-year old I-5 Bridge

### **Regional Maintenance and Operations** Needs

### Action #2

Pursue Funding to Advance State of Good Repair and Operations: carefully evaluate recommendations of the Joint Transportation Committee's Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment, and consider enhanced and new funding models (e.g. road-usage charge).

Fund Critical Area Operations: dedicate additional maintenance, planning and traffic operations funds for critical urban areas (SR-14, SR-500, I-5, I-205) to optimize safety and mobility on our existing system.

The 2022 Move Ahead Washington package was a welcome down payment on our maintenance and preservation backlog. Additional funding is needed to support our regional economy and community with an optimized transportation network.

### **Catalytic Economic Development Investments**

### Action #3

Fund Job- and Employer-Enabling Improvements: support funding catalytic investments, which serve the objective of accelerating shovel-ready land for jobs and industry expansion.

- Prioritize prime opportunities:
  - Discovery Corridor (I-5/179th St)
  - Section 30 (SE 1st St)
  - Washougal Town Center/Port of Camas Washougal (32nd St)
  - Port of Vancouver USA Industrial Corridor (NW 32nd Ave)
- Support long-range transportation corridor scenario planning and needs analysis
- Refine tax increment financing (TIF) to facilitate economic and infrastructure opportunities
- Stabilize statewide programs including the Public Works Trust Fund, CERB, FMSIB, TIB, and FRAP

### **Critical Regional Projects and Needs**

### Action #4

**Fund Regionally Critical Projects to Address** Immediate Needs: secure funding for priorities that reduce congestion hotspots, improve safety and deliver multi-modal investments. Each project has been vetted through the regional planning process.

Following are critical regional projects (lead agency):

A) West Camas Slough Bridge Widening (\$50M): develop parallel bridge structure for westbound SR-14 traffic and added capacity (WSDOT)



West Camas Slough Bridge

- B) I-205/SR-500 to Padden Exwy (\$50M): add auxiliary lanes to address congestion hotspot (WSDOT)
- C) SR-500/Fourth Plain/SR-503 (\$20M): following recent planning study, provide funds for initial intersection improvement to address congestion hot spot (WSDOT)
- D) Washougal Town Center Transportation Access Improvement (\$80M): improve corridors connecting Washougal including 32nd Street Rail Underpass; Town Center Connectors; 27th/Index Improvements for Port and SR-14 access (City of Washougal)

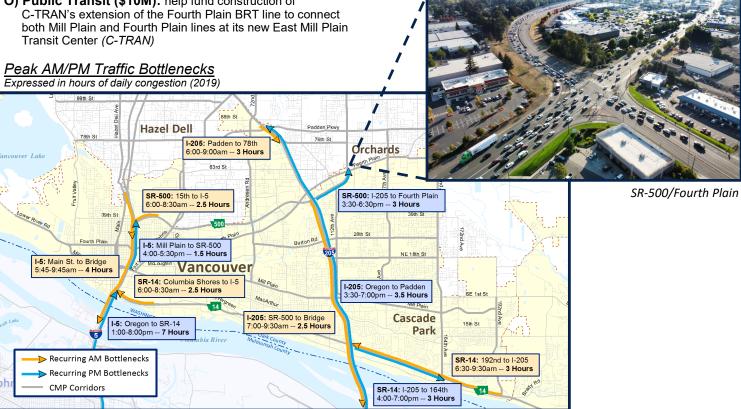
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- E) SR-500/Everett St Corridor Improvements Phase 1 (\$15M): install new Lacamas Lake Bridge above the floodplain with multimodal capacity (City of Camas)
- F) 179th St from NE 15th to NE 50th Ave (\$65.7M): improve roadway to multimodal arterial standards supporting expanded capacity and economic development opportunities (Clark County)
- G) NE 15th Ave from 179th St to NE 10th Ave (\$21.8M): add arterial connection to increase capacity in conjunction with 179th/I-5 interchange upgrade (Clark County)
- H) NW 32nd Ave Industrial Corridor (\$125M); planning. engineering, environmental review and construction for new north-south freight arterial (City of Vancouver)
- I) NW 18th St at 138th Ave to 192nd Ave (\$40M): arterial widening and multi-modal upgrade; leverages significant private sector investments (City of Vancouver)
- J) Eaton Blvd from SW 20th Ave to SR-503 (\$3.3M): improve roadway to urban arterial standards and improve traffic safety (City of Battle Ground)
- K) Downtown Revitalization and Circulation Study (\$0.35M): planning and design for downtown circulation plan including focus on alternative transportation options (City of Battle Ground)
- L) E 4th St Widening/Brezee Creek Culvert (\$12M): complete street makeover with fish bearing culvert replacement for improved environmental outcomes (City of La Center)
- M) NW 219th St Extension/I-5 to Hillhurst Rd (\$5M): add western ramp access at I-5 and arterial street extension to Hillhurst Rd (City of Ridgefield)
- N) SR-501/Pioneer between 56th and 51st Ave (\$10M): improve roadway to multimodal standards supporting economic development and community partnership opportunities (City of Ridgefield)
- O) Public Transit (\$10M): help fund construction of C-TRAN's extension of the Fourth Plain BRT line to connect Transit Center (C-TRAN)

### **Facilitating Transportation Mobility, Economic Growth and Equity**

We urge legislators to embrace the following priorities where possible:

- Support the evaluation of transportation investments to help ensure equity and climate goals
- Support broadband infrastructure to disperse economic opportunity, foster telecommuting and better compete in the evolving digital economy
- Support funding to adequately maintain the Columbia River marine highway shipping channel for the next 20-years, and for ongoing implementation of the channel maintenance plan
- Fund regionally significant freight mobility improvements for river, road and rail for Ports, as well as track improvements for the county-owned Chelatchie Prairie Railroad
- Support the Workforce Impact Fund to increase the supply of highly skilled and job ready individuals
- Support (\$3.5M) the Port of Vancouver USA's Terminal 1 Waterfront development project for safety, commerce and tourism
- Enhance or expand funding programs to improve Complete Streets by promoting safety and accessibility for everyone, including increased funding for safe bike and pedestrian pathways, sidewalks and street crossings
- Actively embrace smart technologies to ease pressures on the transportation grid and improve safety for all users



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