

State Grants to Fund Twin-City Road Repairs

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - State grants awarded to Aberdeen and Hoquiam will soon fund road repairs to 16th, Myrtle, and State streets, Hoquiam City Administrator Brian Shay explained to the city council at their meeting this week "We're getting \$221-thousand to do repairs on 16th, you turn off riverside and head down 16th there's several areas where there is deep ruts in the road." Shay said Hoquiam's match on the grant was \$11-thousand, the Transportation Improvement Board awarded the funds to both cities as part of their Fiscal Year 2013 Expanded Preservation Project.

The City of Aberdeen and Hoquiam have received a combined \$712,688 from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to repair and enhance city streets through the Expanded Preservation Program. Specifically, Aberdeen will be receiving \$307,150 for improvements on State Street while Hoquiam has been allocated \$227,638 to repair 16th Street from Riverside to Broadway. Working together, the two cities have also received \$177,900 to widen, repair and enhance Myrtle Street from Cherry to Port Industrial Road. The Myrtle Street Project was a joint application submitted by Mayor Bill Simpson and Mayor Jack Durney back in August. Aberdeen will function as the lead agency for the project by providing project engineering and management. The cities will work together on traffic control, construction of new ADA ramps, new sidewalk, and utility adjustments. "While the cities and citizens often jest about the Myrtle Street divide, this project is a prime example of teamwork and combining resources during tough economic times," said Mayor Jack Durney. Mayor Bill Simpson added that, "It is always a pleasure to work with our neighbors. It is very important especially in the economics of the World." Aberdeen and Hoquiam are great partners working together to improve our community. Both cities have been struggling with adequate funding to improve our roads and these grants will make a significant positive impact.