

## Mason Transit awarded grant for amenities

Mason Transit Authority (MTA) has announced it was selected to receive a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant of \$80,000, which includes a local match requirement of \$10,200.

The grant funds were awarded by the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO), through the Federal Highway and Federal Transportation Administrations.

PRTPO is a voluntary association of cities, towns, counties, ports, tribes, transit agencies and major employers representing Clallam, Jefferson, Mason and Kitsap Counties, located in Northwestern Washington State on the Olympic Peninsula.

They work together to develop transportation plans designed to meet the region's future economic and population growth.

The grant awarded to MTA will purchase and install amenities for the Transit-Community Center (T-CC).

Additionally, a portion of the grant will be added to a previous grant funded through the 2012 Federal Transportation Administration State of Good Repair national transit program that will provide funds to purchase 15 new bus shelters.

Mason Transit will use the new bus shelters to replace outdated shelters around Mason County later this year.

The amenities MTA is planning for at the T-CC are permanent outdoor benches, bicycle racks, and various traveler information systems including, but not limited to: information monitors and a kiosk with route and other travel information.

Examples of other travel information would be maps of regional bike and walking trails.

According to T-CC manager Kathy Geist, the center's visitors are really excited for the benches, which will be installed by the end

of June. MTA plans to have the benches made locally.

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