Figure 1: The Larry Scott section of the Olympic Discovery Trail near Port Townsend was reconstructed this spring for safety. Source: Don Willott

PROJECT READINESS

Technical Capacity Assessment

The City of Port Angeles as Lead Applicant has a successful track record for delivering projects in compliance with Federal requirements. Recently completed projects and projects underway include:

- 2015 Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier II Grant. U.S Fish & Wildlife administered by Washington State Recreation Conservation Office
- 2015 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) design grant
- 2019 FLAP construction grant $2.0M
- 2022 $8.6 million federal grant from the Department of Transportation Maritime Administration Port Infrastructure Development Program

The City also has extensive experience administering state transportation funds.

Lead Applicant anticipates assigning current city staff with relevant project experience, as well as new-hires made possible by RAISE grant funding for the Project and Components.

Past Successes

Trail projects have been successful due to the cooperation of many partners, from Washington State agencies like WSDOT Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) to local counties and volunteer groups like the Peninsula Trails Coalition.

In Clallam County, the ODT has been completed from Blyn to the Elwha River passing through Sequim and Port Angeles. Other sections west of Lake Crescent have also recently been finished. A section located on the Spruce Railroad Trail on the north shore of Olympic National Park's Lake Crescent is complete including reopening of two of the original tunnels.

In Jefferson County, other completed sections of the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) include the 7.7-mile Larry Scout Trail near Port Townsend. Jefferson County was recently awarded a $1 million appropriation by the State of Washington for further planning, acquisition, and development of the ODT between Discovery Bay and the terminus of the Larry Scott Trail.

Figure 2: STO Grand Opening. Credit: Don Willott

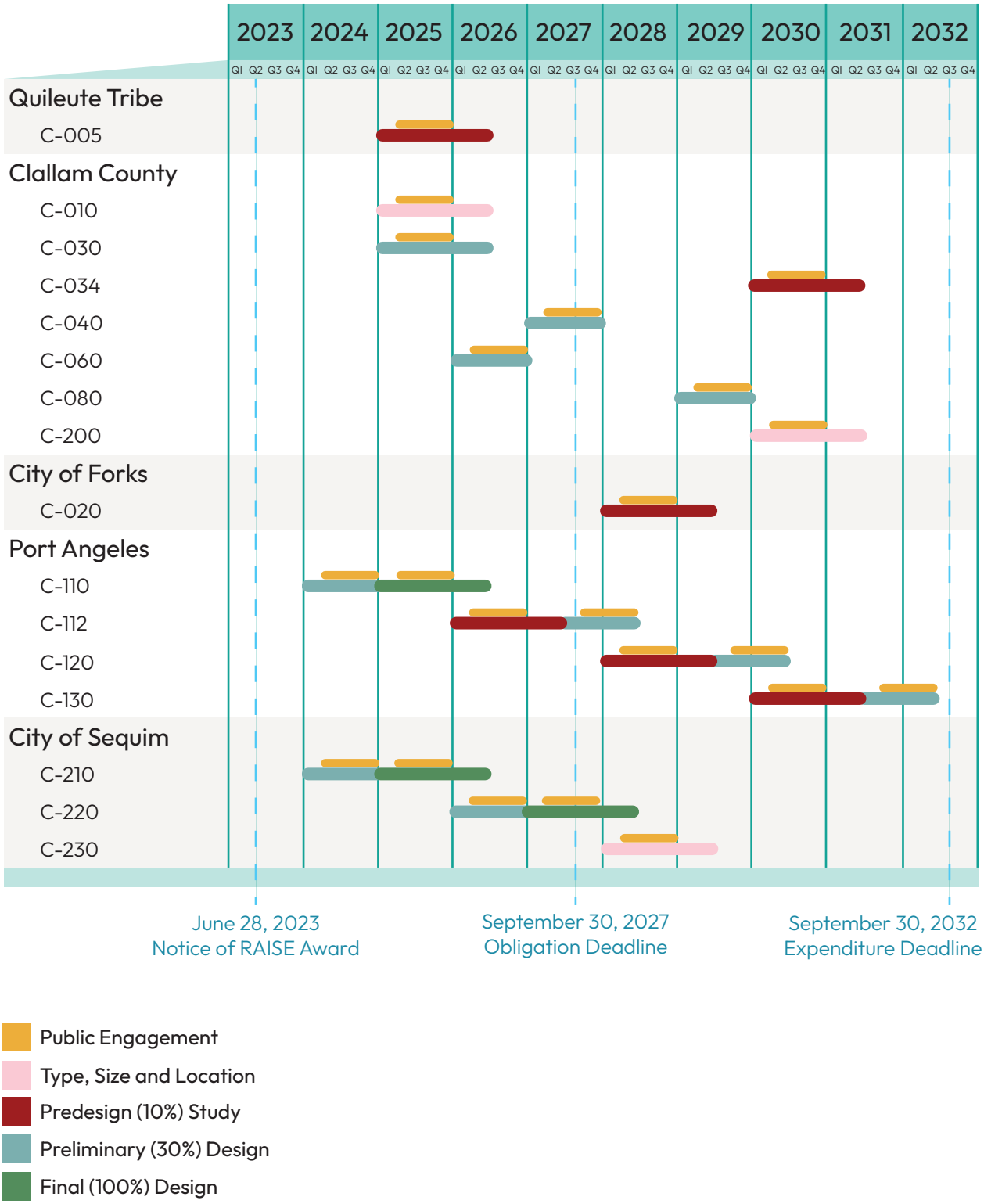
In Kitsap County, the first mile of the Sound to Olympics Trail (STO) on Bainbridge Island was made possible with grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council. This first/last mile of the trail connects to Washington State Ferries largest capacity route. Through a conditional use permit, a development adjacent to SR305 funded the next short section of the STO.

The $10 Million Murden Cove, a joint WSDOT and Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) project, is replacing a box culvert with a bridge and stream restoration to support endangered salmon passage. This bridge design provides space for a shared-use path.

In Poulsbo, a City-WSDOT project funded a roundabout on the heavily traveled SR 305, with Complete Streets planning creating a tunnel and sections of the Sound to Olympics Trail. Poulsbo has built or secured funding for the entire STO within its city limits.

Kitsap County's efforts include acquisition of the 3,500 acre Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. A Kitsap Public Facilities District Grant funded a 1-1/2 year master plan and guidelines study. The STO preferred route uses six-miles of former logging roads.

Figure 3: Detailed Project Schedule (see Table 2 under Budget or supplemental file 'Component Information' for more information on Project Components)



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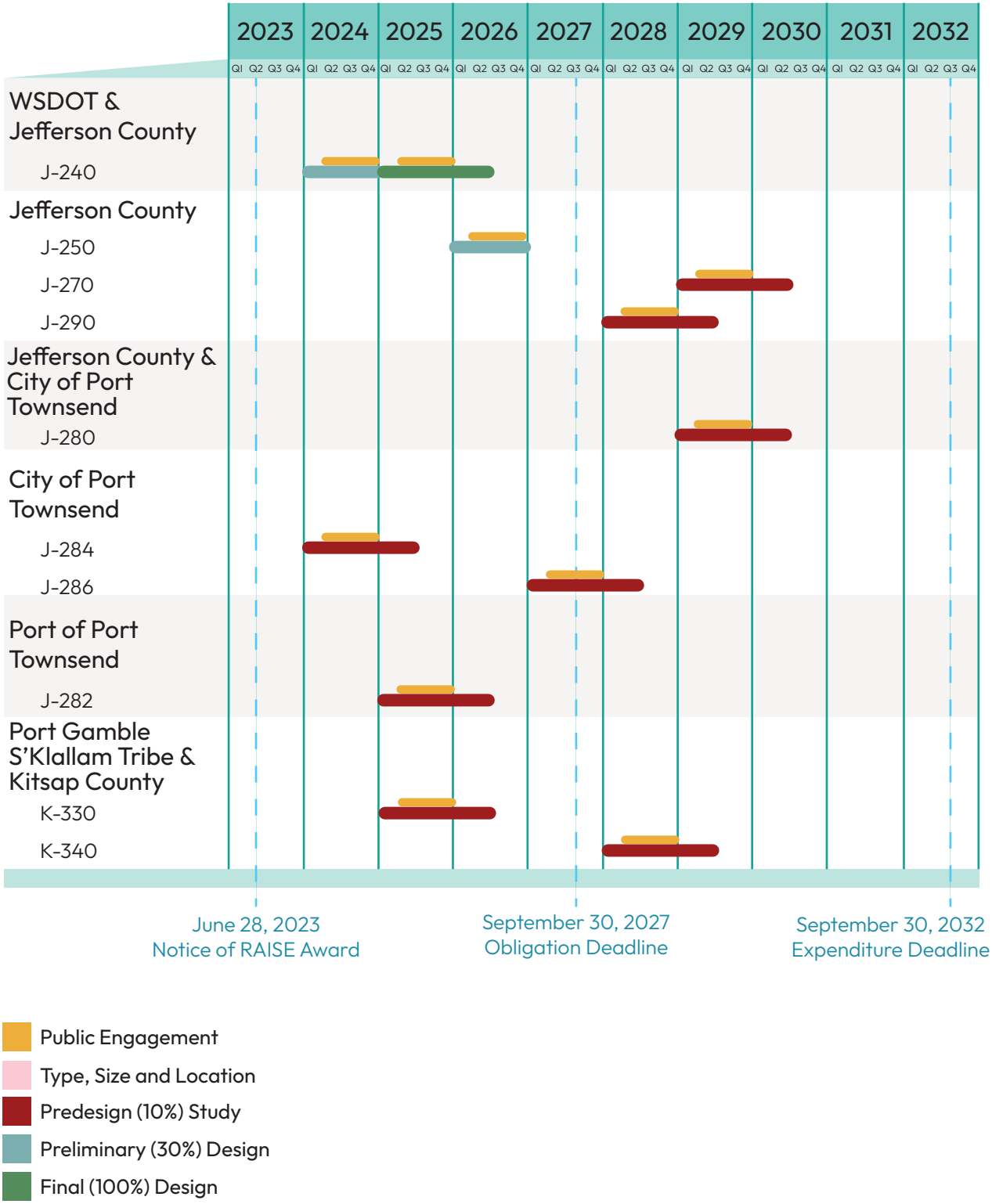

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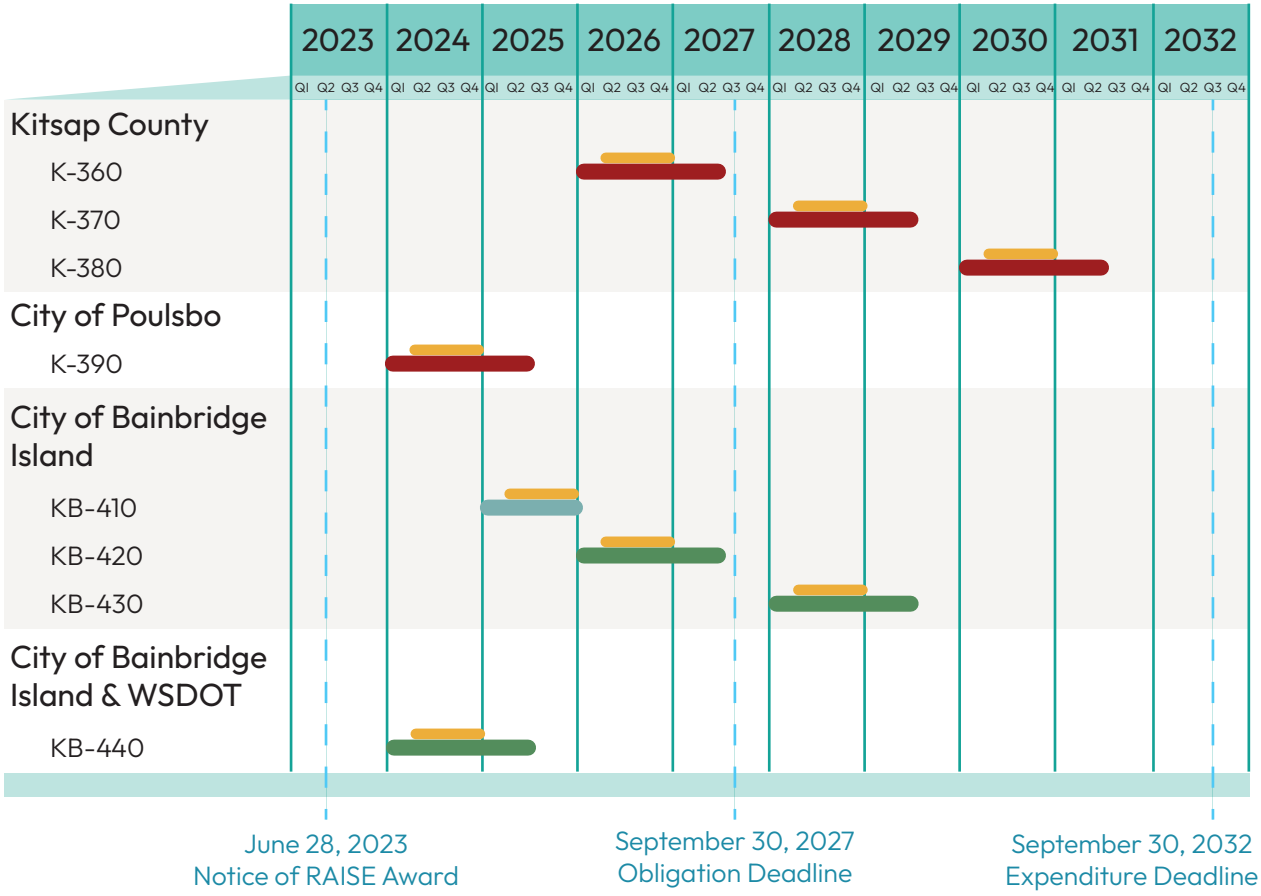

Figure 4: Spruce Railroad Trail Opening, Source: olympicdiscoverytrail.org