



Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization

May 2024 Amendment to the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program 2024-2029

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For Public Review

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Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Amendment Timeframe

The May 2024 amendment to the 2024-2029 Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) includes the years 2024 through 2027.

Projects Included

The May 2024 Amendment proposes increase in funding and changing for planned to secured for PE and CN phase to the Washington State Department of Transportation projects. Additional project details also shown in [Appendix A](#).

Washington Department of Transportation

Project Name: 512501Z36 - SR 125 Spur/N 13th Ave to Myra Road - ADA Compliance

Amendment: The amendment indicates that PE changed from Planned to Secured.

Improvement: Upgrade existing curb ramps to meet ADA Compliance. This project will upgrade the curb ramps to meet current standards, improving accessibility for all pedestrians.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$294,853

Project Name: 501219C36 - US 12/Isaacs Ave Bridge - Deck Rehabilitation

Amendment: The amendment indicates there is an increase in funding for PE and CN phase by \$19,232 and \$243,880 respectively. PIN total increased \$273,112 from \$2,667,296 to \$2,940,408. CN changed from Planned to Secured.

Improvement: Repair and resurface the existing bridge deck to maintain the structural integrity, continue safe operation of the highway and extend the life of the bridge.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,940,408

Project Name: 501203A36 - US 12/Wallula to Nine Mile Hill - Build New Highway

Amendment: The amendment indicates there is additional funding to the RW phase by \$4,740,000 from \$14,750,000 to \$10,010,000. PIN totals decrease \$11,030,000 from \$219,030,000 to \$208,000,000. PE funds of \$3,300,000 out of \$6,360,000 have already been obligated.

Improvement: Adding capacity, reducing the risks of collisions, and improving economic vitality by completing the four-lane of US 12 FROM Tri-Cities to Walla Walla.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$208,000,000

Project Name: 573001H36 - US 730/4.1 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Amendment: The amendment indicates that there is CN phase by \$8,265 from \$200,802 to \$209,067. PIN total increased \$8,266 from \$252,972 to \$261,238. CN changed from Planned to Secured. PE funds have already been obligated.

Improvement: Removal of loose rocks and installation of permanent ground anchors and slope protection netting. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by reducing the risk of falling rocks reaching the roadway.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$261,238

Project Name: 573001136 - US 730/4.4 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Amendment: The amendment indicates that there is CN phase by \$66,136 from \$1,606,617 to \$1,672,753. PIN total increased \$73,437 from \$1,932,061 to \$2,005,498. CN changed from Planned to Secured. PE funds have already been obligated.

Improvement: Removal of loose rocks and installation of permanent ground anchors and slope protection netting. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by reducing the risk of falling rocks reaching the roadway.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,005,498

Project Name: 512501Z36 - US 730/5.2 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Amendment: The amendment indicates that there is CN phase by \$7,184 from \$174,510 to \$181,694. PIN total increased \$7,184 from \$307,302 to \$314,486. CN changed from Planned to Secured. PE funds have already been obligated.

Improvement: Removal of loose rocks and installation of permanent ground anchors and slope protection netting. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by reducing the risk of falling rocks reaching the roadway.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$314,486

Project Prioritization

The projects programmed for implementation in the Walla Walla Valley region (see map in [Appendix B](#)), were selected and prioritized using a performance-based and data-driven process that considered project readiness, safety, system preservation, quality of life, connectivity, and efficiency impacts.

Important Findings

Funding Availability

The secured projects in the 2024-2029 M/RTIP must have committed sources of funding. Close coordination with the Oregon and Washington State Department of Transportations (ODOT and WSDOT), as well as other federal or state granting agencies, ensures that the M/RTIP is fiscally constrained.

In general, availability for Walla Walla Valley-specific Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds is tied to allocation provided through WSDOT. The following tables summarize the funding assumptions for the STBG, TA, and CRP programs from 2024 through 2027.

STBG (WA)	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 2024-2027
Urban	\$624,688	\$624,688	\$624,688	\$624,688	\$2,498,752
Rural	\$505,067	\$505,067	\$505,067	\$505,067	\$2,020,268
Any Area	\$199,368	\$199,368	\$199,368	\$199,368	\$797,472
Yearly Total	\$1,329,123	\$1,329,123	\$1,329,123	\$1,329,123	\$5,316,492

<i>Funds Carry-Over to 2024</i>	\$863,268				\$863,268
<i>2023-2026 Projects carried</i>	\$651,201	\$2,051,920			\$2,703,121
STBG Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$3,476,639
TA (WA)	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 2024-2027
<i>Urban</i>	\$61,593	\$61,593	\$61,593	\$61,593	\$246,372
<i>Rural</i>	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$51,132
<i>Any Area</i>	\$41,837	\$41,837	\$41,837	\$41,837	\$167,348
Yearly Total	\$116,213	\$116,213	\$116,213	\$116,213	\$464,852
<i>Funds Carry-Over to 2024</i>	\$170,464				\$170,464
<i>2023-2026 Projects carried</i>	\$0	\$257,943	\$224,224		\$482,167
TA Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$153,149
CRP (WA)	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 2024-2027
<i>Urban</i>	\$75,067	\$75,067	\$75,067	\$75,067	\$300,268
<i>Rural</i>	\$26,375	\$26,375	\$26,375	\$26,375	\$105,500
<i>Any Area</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Yearly Total	\$101,442	\$101,442	\$101,442	\$101,442	\$405,768
<i>Funds Carry-Over to 2024</i>	\$243,515				\$243,515
<i>2023-2026 Projects carried</i>	\$248,725	\$150,505	\$123,250		\$522,480
CRP Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$126,803

Source: WSDOT financial data

Funding availability for other sources of funds are tied to each project sponsor’s demonstration of specific funding awards, which are routinely verified by WWVMPO/SRTPO staff.

Lastly, the DOTs will also review the amendment and the associated fiscal constraint prior to inclusion into their respective STIP during this amendment cycle.

Consistency with Local, Regional, and State Plans

The projects included in the May 2024 Amendment are consistent with the goals and objectives of local comprehensive plans, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation - 2045 Plan, and the Oregon and Washington State Transportation Plans.

Air Quality Conformity

As a part of its compliance with 40 CFR 93, which governs air quality conformity, the WWVMPO/SRTPO certifies that these amended projects will resurface and/or rehabilitate pavement, update pavement markings, and add guardrails. According to 40 CFR 93.126, these projects are therefore exempted from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.

The agency thus finds that the projects included in this May 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP will not cause air quality to degrade to levels that would be in violation of the allowed standards for particulate matter with a diameter less than or equal to ten micrometers (PM₁₀).

Public Involvement

Citizens and interested parties are provided with the opportunity to comment on any M/RTIP amendment, as required under the IJA Act.

The public review period for the May 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP will be held from April 2 through April 15, 2024. Public notices announcing the availability of the draft will be published in the newspapers of record. An electronic copy will be posted on the WWVMPO website at <https://wwwmpo.org/public-participation.html>.

Public comments received are included in Appendix C.

Conclusion

After review and analysis of the proposed changes and additions, and as called out in the previously mentioned findings, WWVMPO/SRTPO concludes that the May 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP is in compliance with the requirements of RCW 47.80.023 which governs regional transportation planning, 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 which govern the metropolitan transportation planning process, as well as 42 USC 7401 (et seq.) and 40 CFR 93 which govern air quality and associated conformity determination.

Appendices

Appendix A – STIP Report

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2024 to 2027

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWV

Y Inside

N Outside

March 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func CIs	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
14	0125(010)	512501Z	512501Z36	21	0.610	CE	No	6.09	6.70	294,853	

SR 125 Spur/N 13th Ave to Myra Road - ADA Compliance

Upgrade existing curb ramps to meet ADA Compliance. Pedestrian ADA curb ramps at various intersections on SR 125 Spur in the city of Walla Walla do not fully meet ADA standards. This project will upgrade the curb ramps to meet current standards, improving accessibility for all pedestrians.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Funds		State Funds		Local Funds	Total
		Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds		
PE	2027	NHPP	16,351	MVA	771	0	17,122
Project Totals			16,351		771	0	17,122

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
ALL	0	0	0	17,122	0
Totals	0	0	0	17,122	0

Washington State S. T. I. P.
2024 to 2027
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MPO/RTPO: WWV

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March 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func CIs	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
02		501219C	501219C36	14	0.090	CE	No	340.88	340.97	2,940,408	

US 12/Isaacs Ave Bridge - Deck Rehabilitation

Bridge Deck Rehabilitation - Bridge 012/654. The bridge deck of the bridge in the vicinity of Isaacs Avenue interchange is showing signs of fatigue. This project will repair and resurface the existing bridge deck to maintain the structural integrity, continue safe operation of the highway and extend the life of the bridge.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
PE	2024	NHPP	265,188	MVA	23,060	0	288,248
CN	2027	NHPP	2,599,117	MVA	53,043	0	2,652,160
Project Totals			2,864,305		76,103	0	2,940,408

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
PE	70,762	79,618	75,417	61,933	518
CN	0	0	27,710	1,911,923	712,527
Totals	70,762	79,618	103,127	1,973,856	713,045

Washington State S. T. I. P.
2024 to 2027
(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWV

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March 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
03		501203A	501203A36	01	12.990	EA	Yes	304.17	317.16	208,000,000	

US 12/Wallula to Nine Mile Hill - Build New Highway

Build new highway. The existing two lane section of US 12 between Wallula and Nine Mile Hill experiences congestion and has a history of collisions. This project will complete the four-laning of US 12 from Tri-Cities to Walla Walla adding capacity, reducing the risks of collisions, and improving economic vitality.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds		Local Funds	Total		
			State Fund Code	State Funds				
PE	2025			0	CWA	6,360,000	0	6,360,000
RW	2025			0	CWA	10,010,000	0	10,010,000
Project Totals				0		16,370,000	0	16,370,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
PE	5,404,244	955,756	0	0	0
RW	7,121,791	2,888,209	0	0	0
Totals	12,526,035	3,843,965	0	0	0

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2024 to 2027

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWV

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March 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
04	0730(005)	573001H	573001H36	21	0.070	DCE	No	4.09	4.16	261,238	

US 730/4.1 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Scale slopes, install netting and permanent ground anchors; Slope 549. WSDOT's geotechnical division has identified this unstable slope as a potential hazard to the traveling public based on recorded vehicle/ rock collisions and repeated call-outs to remove rocks from the roadway. This project will remove loose rocks and install permanent ground anchors and slope protection netting. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by reducing the risk of rocks reaching the roadway.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
CN	2027	STBG	204,886	MVA	4,181	0	209,067
Project Totals			204,886		4,181	0	209,067

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
CN	0	0	18,220	190,847	0
Totals	0	0	18,220	190,847	0

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2024 to 2027

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWV

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March 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
04	0730(005)	5730011	573001136	21	0.350	DCE	No	4.27	4.62	2,005,498	

US 730/4.4 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Scale slopes, install permanent ground anchors and netting; Slope 548 WSDOT's Geotechnical Division has prioritized this unstable slope as a potential hazard to the traveling public based on recorded vehicle/rock collisions and repeated call-outs to remove rocks from the roadway. This project will remove loose rocks and install permanent ground anchors and slope protection netting. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by reducing the risk of falling rocks reaching the roadway.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
CN	2027	STBG	1,639,298	MVA	33,455	0	1,672,753
Project Totals			1,639,298		33,455	0	1,672,753

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
CN	0	0	51,898	1,620,855	0
Totals	0	0	51,898	1,620,855	0

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Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
04	0730(005)	573001J	573001J36	21	0.220	DCE	No	5.05	5.27	314,486	

US 730/5.2 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Scale slope, install anchors and slope protection netting; Slope 546. WSDOT's geotechnical division has identified this unstable slope as a potential hazard to the traveling public based on recorded vehicle/rock collisions and repeated call-outs to remove rocks from the roadway. This project will remove loose rocks and install permanent ground anchors and slope protection netting. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by minimizing the risk of falling rocks reaching the roadway.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
CN	2027	STBG	178,060	MVA	3,634	0	181,694
Project Totals			178,060		3,634	0	181,694

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th	
CN	0	0	5,638	176,056	0	
Totals		0	0	5,638	176,056	0

	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Agency Totals for WSDOT - SC	4,902,900	16,488,144	0	21,391,044

Appendix B – Public Comments

Public Comment Period - April 2 through April 15, 2024

The public comment period for the May 2024 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2024-2029 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) will be held from April 2 through April 15, 2024.

Comments received on this M/RTIP from the public, committee members, or any local organization, whether positive or negative, are handled in the following manner:

- ◆ All comments are requested in writing.
- ◆ Comments concerning specific projects are forwarded to the sponsoring agency or jurisdiction.
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- ◆ A written response is provided to the individual or organization concerning recommendations or decisions arising from the Policy Board meeting or the sponsoring entity, as appropriate.
- ◆ Copies of all comments received on the M/RTIP amendment are included in the final document.