



# **Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

## **June 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 June 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 June 2024 Amendment proposes to add a new project with secured funding for the City of Walla Walla. Additional project detail is also shown in [Appendix A](#).

### City of Walla Walla

**Project Name:** WA-15788, Alder-Tausick-Airport Preservation

**Amendment:** Add this new project to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP and WSDOT 2024-2029 STIP as secured – \$3,125,000 in federal National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program funding.

**Improvement:** Roadway preservation applications, curb ramp upgrades, signage upgrades, and pedestrian safety improvements on the Alder Street corridor from Brock Street east to Highway 12.

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$3,125,000

## 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<br>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          |
| <b>Yearly Total</b> | <b>\$1,329,123</b> | <b>\$1,329,123</b> | <b>\$1,329,123</b> | <b>\$1,329,123</b> | <b>\$5,316,492</b> |

|   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                            |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <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                |
| <b>STBG Available for Newly Programmed Projects</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  | <b>\$3,476,639</b>         |
| <b>TA (WA)</b>                                      | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b>      | <b>Total<br/>2024-2027</b> |
| <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                  |
| <b>Yearly Total</b>                                 | <b>\$116,213</b> | <b>\$116,213</b> | <b>\$116,213</b> | <b>\$116,213</b> | <b>\$464,852</b>           |
| <i>Funds Carry-Over to 2024</i>                     | \$170,464        |                  |                  |                  | \$170,464                  |
| <i>2023-2026 Projects carried</i>                   | \$0              | \$257,943        | \$224,224        |                  | \$482,167                  |
| <b>TA Available for Newly Programmed Projects</b>   |                  |                  |                  |                  | <b>\$153,149</b>           |
| <b>CRP (WA)</b>                                     | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b>      | <b>Total<br/>2024-2027</b> |
| <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                        |
| <b>Yearly Total</b>                                 | <b>\$101,442</b> | <b>\$101,442</b> | <b>\$101,442</b> | <b>\$101,442</b> | <b>\$405,768</b>           |
| <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                  |
| <b>CRP Available for Newly Programmed Projects</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  | <b>\$126,803</b>           |

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 June 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 June 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 (PM<sub>10</sub>).

## 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 June 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP will be held from May 7 through May 20, 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 June 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

April 30, 2024

County: Walla Walla

Agency: Walla Walla

| 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       |                |     | WA-15788 | 05       | 2.200                | CE                 | Yes         | Brock Street  | Highway 12  | 3,125,000                  |                 |

Alder-Tausick-Airport Preservation

Preservation applications on Alder Street (Roosevelt St to Tausick Way), Tausick Way (Alder St to Isaacs Ave), and Airport Way (Isaacs Ave to US Highway 12), including curb ramp upgrades, restriping, signage, illumination, and pedestrian safety improvements.

### Funding

| Phase                 | Start Date | Federal Fund Code | Federal Funds    |  | State Fund Code | State Funds | Local Funds | Total            |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
|                       |            |                   |                  |  |                 |             |             |                  |
| PE                    | 2024       | NHPP              | 345,000          |  |                 | 0           | 0           | 345,000          |
| RW                    | 2025       | NHPP              | 120,000          |  |                 | 0           | 0           | 120,000          |
| CN                    | 2026       | NHPP              | 2,660,000        |  |                 | 0           | 0           | 2,660,000        |
| <b>Project Totals</b> |            |                   | <b>3,125,000</b> |  |                 | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>3,125,000</b> |

### Expenditure Schedule

| Phase         | 1st            | 2nd            | 3rd              | 4th      | 5th & 6th |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| PE            | 345,000        | 0              | 0                | 0        | 0         |
| RW            | 0              | 120,000        | 0                | 0        | 0         |
| CN            | 0              | 0              | 2,660,000        | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>345,000</b> | <b>120,000</b> | <b>2,660,000</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>  |

|                                      | Federal Funds    | State Funds | Local Funds | Total            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Agency Totals for Walla Walla</b> | <b>3,125,000</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>3,125,000</b> |

## Appendix B – Public Comments

### Public Comment Period - May 7 through May 20, 2024

The public comment period for the June 2024 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2024-2029 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) will be held from May 7 through May 20, 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.
- ◆ A copy, or summaries of substantive comments, will be provided to the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board for their evaluation.
- ◆ 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.