

Memo

To: Whatcom MPO/RTPO Transportation Policy Board (WTPB)
Date: Oct 1, 2025
From: Lethal Coe, Principal Planner
Subject: Review and consideration for approval - WCOG 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible. **Amendment #4 (25-10)** of the WCOG 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Add Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project – *Whatcom Council of Governments IMTC 25-27* – to fulfill the agreement between WSDOT and WCOG to conduct transportation planning work. The biennium funds will be programmed at \$200,001 with primarily state Surface Transportation Block Grant funds.
2. Amend Lummi Nation project – *Elevate Slater Road* – to remove state Moving Ahead Washington funds and replace with Bureau of Indian Affairs funding that will finance both the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases. The Surface Transportation Block Grant funds also remain. The estimated cost of the preliminary engineering and right-of-way is \$8,350,000.
3. Add Lummi Nation project – *Slater/Ferndale Road Roundabout* – that will be utilizing Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funding to install a single lane roundabout. The BIA funds provide 100% funding for the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases currently estimated at \$948,075.
4. Add City of Bellingham project – *Samish Way & Maple Street Overlay* – that was awarded National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds. The project focuses on resurfacing and street lighting. The total cost of the project is \$2,315,000 covered 100% by NHPP and the preliminary engineering is set to begin later this year.
5. Amend WSDOT project – *SR 20/Tributary to Thornton Creek - Culvert Replacement* – to adjust termini and increase funding for preliminary engineering and construction. The construction is planned to begin in 2027.
6. Add WSDOT project - *SR 9 Park Road Vic and SR 547 Saar Creek to Sumas – Paving with Exceptions*. The project will mill and fill segments of both SR 9 and SR 547. The project is funded through federal Surface Transportation Block Grant program, along with state Motor Vehicle Account and Moving Ahead WA, and will begin in 2026.

WCOG TIP Amendment #4 (25-10) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source(s)
1	WSDOT	<i>Whatcom Council of Governments IMTC 25-27</i>	Add new project	\$200,001	\$472,210	STBG, MVA
2	Lummi Nation	<i>Elevate Slater Road</i>	Amend to replace funds and add RW phase	\$3,650,000	50,000,000	STBG, TTP (BIA)
3	Lummi Nation	<i>Slater/Ferndale Road Roundabout</i>	Add new project - PE and RW phases	\$948,075	\$4,000,000	TTP (BIA)
4	Bellingham	<i>Samish Way & Maple Street Overlay</i>	Add new project – PE and CN phases	\$2,315,000	\$2,315,000	NHPP
5	WSDOT	<i>SR 20/Tributary to Thornton Creek - Culvert Replacement</i>	Increase PE and CN funds	\$1,022,431	\$2,047,493	STBG, MVA, WFL
6	WSDOT	<i>SR 9 Park Road Vic and SR 547 Saar Creek to Sumas</i>	Add new project	11,821,672	11,821,672	STBG, MAW, MVA

Suggested Policy Board Action

“Approve Amendment #4 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2025 Transportation Improvement Program.”

Recent or Upcoming Administrative Modifications - Administrative modifications are less substantial project changes and are administered by WCOG staff. No Policy Board Actions are required.

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Source
WSDOT	<i>SR 542/Glacier Creek Bridge CED - Replace Bridge</i>	Adjust termini	11,371,504	STBG, MVA