



Memorandum

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
Date: July 1, 2026
From: Lethal Coe, Principal Planner
Subject: Review and consideration to approve WCOG 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible. **Amendment #4 (26-07)** of the WCOG 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Amend City of Ferndale project – Main Street, Barrett Road to Old Settler Drive – to remove federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Carbon Reduction Program funds. The project received \$1 million in additional Transportation Investment Board (TIB) funds to advance the construction phase. The project is planning to begin construction in 2027.
2. Add new Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project *SR 542 Fossil Creek Bridge – Special Bridge Repair* to replace girders and sills to extend the service life of the bridge. The project is funded through federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and state Motor Vehicle Account (MVA). The estimated cost of the project is \$2.66 million and scheduled for construction in 2028.
3. Add new WSDOT project *SR 542 Chain Up Creek – Bridge Deck Overlay* to remove replace bridge overlay deck. The project is funded through federal STBG and state MVA. The estimated cost of the project is \$662,072 and scheduled for construction in 2028.
4. Add new WSDOT project *SR 548 Dakota Creek Bridge – Painting* to clean and paint steel surfaces and repair and/or replace damaged steel to preserve the bridge. The project is funded through federal STBG, state MVA and Moving Ahead Washington (MAW). The estimated cost of the project is \$2.65 million and scheduled for construction in 2028.
5. Add new WSDOT project *I-5 NB Lakeway Drive Over I-5 Deck Replacement* to repair and resurface bridge deck to extend the life of the bridge. The project is funded through federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), and state MVA and MAW. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.57 mil and preliminary engineering is scheduled for 2029.
6. Amend City of Bellingham *Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements* to add federal STBG and CRP (Carbon Reduction Program) funds to the right-of-way phase. The right-of-way phase has also increased by \$1,117,176. The overall estimated cost of the project has also increased from \$15.2 mil to \$17.8 mil. Right-of-way phase is preparing for obligation in 2026 with construction as early as 2027.

WCOG TIP Amendment #4 Table

#	Agency	Project Title	TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source(s)
1	Ferndale	Main Street, Barrett Road to Old Settler Drive	Remove STBG and CRP funds. Add TIB funds.	n/a	\$11,608,544	TIB
2	WSDOT	<i>SR 542 Fossil Creek Bridge – Special Bridge Repair</i>	Add new project	\$2,660,320	\$2,660,320	STBG, MVA
3	WSDOT	<i>SR 542 Chain Up Creek – Bridge Deck Overlay</i>	Add new project	\$662,072	\$662,072	STBG, MVA
4	WSDOT	<i>SR 548 Dakota Creek Bridge – Painting</i>	Add new project	\$2,652,658	\$2,652,658	STBG, MVA, MAW
5	WSDOT	<i>I-5 NB Lakeway Drive Over I-5 Deck Replacement</i>	Add new project, PL and PE phases	\$774,547	\$2,652,658	NHPP, MVA, MAW
6	Bellingham	<i>Meridian-Birchwood Transportation Improvements</i>	Amend RW phase	\$1,117,176	\$17,835,600	STBG, CRP

Suggested Motion

“Approve Amendment #4 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.”

Recent Administrative Modifications (no Policy Board action required)

Administrative modifications are less substantial project changes and are administered by WCOG staff.

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Source
Lummi Nation	<i>Elevate Slater Road</i>	Adjust funding for PE phase to add MAW	50 mil	STBG, TTP, MAW
WTA	<i>Replace Paratransit Mini Buses</i>	Swap 5307 funds to 5339 and local	1.8 mil	FTA 5339