



Memorandum

To: Whatcom MPO/RTPO Transportation Policy Board (WTPB)
From: Lethal Coe, Principal Planner
Date: October 5, 2026
Subject: Consideration of amendment to the WCOG 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible. **Amendment #5 (26-10)** of the WCOG 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Add new Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project *I-5 MP 244.64 to MP 248.91 – Unstable Slopes*. The project will stabilize slopes along I-5 to address chronic instability and ongoing maintenance needs. The project is funded through the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and state Motor Vehicle Account (MVA). The estimated cost of the project is \$7.24 million and is scheduled to begin construction in 2028.
2. Add new Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project *SR 542 Cornell Creek – Bridge Deck Overlay* to repair and resurface the existing bridge deck. The project is funded through federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and state Motor Vehicle Account (MVA). The estimated cost of the project is \$2.162 million and scheduled for construction in 2028.

Suggested Motion

“... to approve Amendment #5 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.”
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WCOG TIP Amendment #5 Table

	Agency	Project Title	TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source(s)
1	WSDOT	<i>I-5 MP 244.64 to MP 248.91 – Unstable Slopes</i>	Add new project	\$7,241,283	\$7,241,283	NHPP, MVA
2	WSDOT	<i>SR 542 Cornell Creek – Bridge Deck Overlay</i>	Add new project	\$2,162,200	\$2,162,200	STBG, MVA

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