



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Principal Planner
Date: February 5, 2024
Subject: WCOG 2024 TIP Amendment

Amendment #1 (24-01) of the WCOG 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Add City of Bellingham project *Eldridge Avenue - Squalicum Creek Bridge Replacement* to replace the bridge over Squalicum Creek and Squalicum Way, and include bike lanes and sidewalks. The project was awarded \$24.953 million through the federal Bridge program and construction is planned to begin in 2026.
2. Add City of Bellingham project *Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration* to replace fish passage barrier culverts at Roeder Ave and BNSF Railroad Spur, and to include bike/ped improvements on Roeder Ave. The project was awarded \$1.84 million of federal Discretionary funds for preliminary engineering that will begin in 2024.
3. Add Lummi Nation project *Elevate Slater Road* to address areas frequent flooding and access to the Lummi Nation Reservation. The project's preliminary engineering planned to begin in 2024 is funded with federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds (\$350k) and Moving Ahead Washington account funds (\$2 mil).
4. Add WSDOT project *SR 542/Unnamed Tributary to Toad Creek & North Fork Nooksack River - Fish Passage* to replace fish passage barriers with passable structures. This project is funded through federal National Highway Performance Program, and through state Motor Vehicle Account and Moving Ahead Washington. The total project cost is \$36.4 million and construction is planned for 2024.
5. Amend WSDOT project *SR 542/Unnamed Tributaries to High & Mitchell Creeks - Fish Passage* to add federal funds from National Highway Performance Program to the construction funding and adjust termini. This project will replace fish passage barriers with passable structures. The total project cost is \$19.1 million and construction is planned for 2024.

Formal TIP Amendments require review and resolution from the Policy Board to amend the current TIP and make federal funding accessible.

Suggested Policy Board Action:

Approve Amendment #1 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

WCOG TIP Amendment #1 (24-01) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source
1	Bellingham	<i>Eldridge Avenue – Squalicum Creek Bridge Replacement</i>	Add new project	\$24,953,000	\$24,953,000	BR
2	Bellingham	<i>Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration</i>	Add new project	2,300,000	17,000,000	Dis
3	Lummi Nation	<i>Elevate Slater Rd</i>	Add new project	2,350,000	50,000,000	STBG, MAW
4	WSDOT	<i>SR 542/Unnamed Tributary to Toad Creek & North Fork Nooksack River - Fish Passage</i>	Add new project	36,694,752	36,733,298	NHPP, MAW, MVA
5	WSDOT	<i>SR 542/Unnamed Tributaries to High & Mitchell Creeks - Fish Passage</i>	Amend project to add federal funds (swap for state funds)	113,809	19,179,562	STBG, NHPP, MVA, MAW

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 539/Baker Creek – Fish Passage</i>	Adjust CN funding and expenditure schedule	22,743,373	NHPP, MVA
WSDOT	<i>I-5 Baker Creek & Spring Creek – Fish Passage</i>	Adjust CN funding, source and expenditure schedule	38,038,311	NHPP, MVA
Whatcom	<i>Goshen Road/Anderson Creek Bridge No. 248 Replacement</i>	Adjust Bridge and local funds for CN	5,074,950	BR
WTA	<i>Replace Fixed Route Buses</i>	Adjust funding and add 5339	11,346,900	5307, 5339