

The Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) annual list of project obligations for 2025 demonstrates the implementation of federally funded projects that were programmed in the [2025 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).

Project obligation refers to the authorization of the use federal program funds to finance a specific project, or project’s phase. Conversely, de-obligation cancels the authorization and funding returns to the federal program source.

Projects in this listing reflect the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning efforts performed by WCOG and members of the region. Regionally facilitated federal surface transportation funds are awarded through a selection process that implements the goals of the region’s long-range transportation plan: [Way to Go, Whatcom](#).

**OBLIGATIONS SUMMARY**

The Whatcom region obligated nearly \$20 million dollars in 2025. The following table illustrates the federal funding obligations by jurisdiction.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Total Obligations</b>
WSDOT	\$11,800,628
Everson	\$5,715,687
Bellingham	\$1,735,290
WCOG	\$282,708
Whatcom County	\$58,549

**PROJECT CLOSURES**

The final step to complete a project is the close-out process. A project’s closure typically results in either final reimbursements from obligated funds or de-obligation of obligated funds that have not been expended. The following project closed in 2025.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project</b>
Bellingham	F Street RR Crossing

**LIST OF FEDERAL FUND OBLIGATIONS**

The WCOG annual listing of obligations was developed in accordance with federal regulations (23 CFR 450.334). The project listing details include the lead agency, official name of the project, type of work, federal fund program, project length, and the federal funds obligated with the transaction date.

For further details regarding federal transportation program projects in the Whatcom region, please refer to the WCOG TIP webpage located at [wcog.org/tip/](http://wcog.org/tip/).

**Acronyms applied:**

- WSDOT (Washington State Department of Transportation)
- STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant)
- CRP (Carbon Reduction Program)
- HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program)
- NHPP (National Highway Performance Program)
- TA (Transportation Alternatives)
- PE (preliminary engineering)
- RW (Right-of-way)
- CN (Construction)

Agency	Project Name	Type of Work	Begin Termini	End Termini	Length	Federal Funds Available	Federal Funds Obligated	Federal Funds De-obligated	Federal Funds Remain	Obligation Date	Phase	Program
Bellingham	Squalicum Creek Estuary Restoration	Replace fish passage barrier culverts	Squalicum Way	Roeder Ave	0.1	1,840,000	1,840,000		0	3/24/2025	PL	Culvert AOP
Bellingham	F Street RR Crossing	Railroad crossing and intersection improvements	Holly St.	Roeder Ave.	0.03			-104,710	0	5/16/2025	PE, RW, CN	Railroad
Everson	Blair Drive Improvements	Road reconstruction	Reed's Lane	SR 544	0.26	2,444,436	2,444,436		0	8/27/2025	RW, CN	STBG-R, Additional OA
Everson	SR 544 S. Everson Sidewalk	Install sidewalks and crossing	Robinson St	Everson Rd.	0.69	3,271,251	3,271,251		0	9/11/2025	CN	TA, STBG-R, CRP
Whatcom Co.	Anderson Cr/Martin Rd Bridge	Bridge replacement	MP 0.1	MP 0.24	0.14	4,778,000	512,000		4,266,000	6/26/2025	PE	Bridge
Whatcom Co.	Lake Samish Bridge	Bridge replacement	MP 0.00	MP 0.20	0.2			-453,451	0	1/10/2025	CN	Bridge
WSDOT	Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) IMTC	Planning	n/a	n/a		200,000	200,000		0	9/4/2025	PE	STBG-F
WSDOT	I-5/SB Nooksack River to Blaine - Paving	Asphalt/chip seal preservation	various	various		9,547,602	9,547,602		0	1/24/2025	CN	NHPP
WSDOT	SR 20 Tributary to Thornton Creek – Culvert Replacement	Culvert replacement	118.05	118.15	0.1	1,987,962	357,262		1,630,700	9/10/2025	PE	STBG-F
WSDOT	SR 539 Bay Lyn Dr to SR 546 - Paving & ADA	Asphalt/chip seal preservation	various	various		400,000	400,000		0	9/19/2025	PE	NHPP
WSDOT	SR 542/Glacier Creek Bridge CED - Replace Bridge	Bridge replacement	33.31	33.67	0.36	190,000	190,000		0	9/19/2025	PE	BR / HIP
WSDOT	SR 546/Benson Road - Intersection Improvements	Install roundabout	0.96	1.04	0.08	1,046,636	1,014,829	-31,807	0	7/10/2025	PE, CN	HSIP
WSDOT	SR 546/SR 539 to Fishtrap Creek - Paving	Asphalt/chip seal preservation	various	various		376,560	376,560		0	9/22/2025	PE	NHPP
WSDOT	SR 548/Alderson Road Vicinity - Culvert Replacement	Culvert replacement	7.65	7.66	0.01	2,104,548	0	-253,818	1,850,730	4/11/2025	PE	STBG-F
WCOG (WSDOT)	UPWP - SFY 2026	Regional planning and programs.	MPO-wide	MPO-wide		282,708	282,708		0	7/22/2025	PL	STBG-UM

<b>Sum of Obligations</b>	<b>20,436,648</b>
<b>Sum of De-obligations</b>	<b>-843,787</b>
<b>Total Obligations</b>	<b>19,592,862</b>