



Memorandum

To: Whatcom MPO/RTPO Transportation Policy Board (WTPB)
Date: March 3, 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 #2 (26-03)** of the WCOG 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Amend City of Bellingham project - *Electric Avenue Bridge Reconstruction* – to replace the multimodal bridge over Lake Whatcom. This project was awarded federal Bridge funds of \$10,460,000. The preliminary engineering is scheduled to begin later this year and construction phase in 2028.
2. Amend Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project – *SR 20/Tributary to Thornton Creek - Culvert Replacement* – to increase construction phase funding by \$819,213 and remove the preliminary engineering phase. The project is federally funded through Western Federal Lands, Surface Transportation Block Grant, and state funded through Motor Vehicle Account.

Suggested Policy Board Action

“Approve Amendment #2 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.”

WCOG TIP Amendment #2 Table

#	Agency	Project Title	TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source(s)
1	Bellingham	<i>Electric Avenue Bridge Reconstruction</i>	Add Federal funds and increase CN	4,145,600	11,845,600	Bridge
2	WSDOT	<i>SR 20/Tributary to Thornton Creek - Culvert Replacement</i>	Amend to increase CN and remove PE	665,169	2,047,493	STBG, WFL, MVA

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
Lynden	<i>Liberty Street Sidewalk Gap Removal</i>	Adjust the PE and CN phases	543,360	TA
Whatcom	<i>Birch Bay Lynden Rd/Kickerville Rd Intersection Safety Improvements</i>	Change project description to a roundabout	1,325,000	HSIP