

# **Whatcom Transportation Plan 2013 Amendment**

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**Approved by the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board**

## **Introduction**

On occasion it is necessary to amend the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) Whatcom Transportation Plan (WTP), often because future projects must be included in the 20 year plan for compliance.

This year, seven projects have been recommended by the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board (WTPB) for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), and two projects have been recommended for funding out of the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP).

Additionally, a recent call for projects from the WA State Freight Rail Office was issued to identify priorities for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and regional transportation planning organizations (RTPO). Part of the criteria for submitting these projects for consideration is their inclusion in the WTP, so these eight projects have been added through this amendment.

The WTPB approved this amendment in November, 2013.

## 2013 Added fiscally constrained projects

Project Identification	Agency	Location	Description	Cost Estimate
<b>STP Program</b>				
Church Road Improvement	Ferndale	Main St to Heather Dr	Reconstruction and widening for 3,700 feet	\$4,000,000
Orchard Drive Extension	Bellingham	Birchwood extended under I-5 to James	Preliminary engineering, design, and right of way acquisition for new roadway multi-modal route under I-5	\$2,500,000
Lincoln Street Improvements	Everson	Lincoln St	Completion of parallel arterial through downtown with approx. 1,200 ft of new roadway	\$1,000,000
Hughes Avenue/Peace Portal Intersection	Blaine	Hughes Ave/Peace Portal	Re-align intersection for better accommodation of commercial vehicles	\$865,340
Riverview Rd Gap Elimination	Lynden	S. First St/Hannegan Rd to 7 <sup>th</sup> St	New connection between roads for east-west travel including commercial vehicle bypass of retail center	\$1,734,480
Mahogany – Arctic Avenue Arterials	Bellingham	Pacific Hwy to Northwest Ave	Preliminary engineering, design, and right of way acquisition, mitigation and permitting for 3,200 feet of new roadway	\$6,000,000
Birch Bay Drive & Pedestrian Facility	Whatcom	Alderson Rd to Cedar Dr	Removal of 1.5 miles of failing seawall and replace with soft shore protection barrier with pedestrian pathway atop	\$11,277,300
Gooseberry Point Pedestrian Project	Lummi	Mackenzie Rd to Balch Rd	Design for road, curb and walkway on north side of Haxton Way	\$2,285,323
<b>TAP Program</b>				
Jim Kaemingk Sr. – Glenning Street Trail Gap Elimination	Lynden	Fisher School to City Park/YMCA	Sidewalk section elimination gap in existing trail	\$314,000
Gooseberry Point Pedestrian Project	Lummi	Mackenzie Rd to Balch Rd	Design for road, curb and walkway on north side of Haxton Way	\$2,285,323

<b>Freight Projects</b>				
Main Street/La Bounty Drive Intersection	Ferndale	Main St & La Bounty intersection	Construction of roundabout	\$5,000,000
Slater Road/I-5	Ferndale	Slater Rd at I-5	Construction of roundabout	\$4,000,000
SR 543 Border Truck Route Improvements	Blaine	MP 0.13 to MP 0.55	Replace signal and add truck lane	\$2,500,000
I-5 Exit 274 Interchange PS&E Design	Blaine	MP 273.5 to 274.5	Design of full interchange	\$4,000,000
SR 546/Lynden	Lynden	Birch Bay – Lynden Road to SR 546	Construction of additional travel lanes	\$29,000,000
East Smith Road and Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements	Whatcom	E. Smith Rd and Hannegan Rd.	Intersection improvements	\$4,000,000
Slater Road and Northwest Drive Intersection Improvements	Whatcom	Slater Rd and Northwest Dr	Intersection improvements	\$5,000,000