



whatcom council of governments

2023 Annual List of Project Obligations

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The Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) annual list of project obligations for 2023 demonstrates the implementation of federally funded projects that were programmed in the [2023 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 \$36 million dollars in 2023. The following table illustrates the federal funding obligations by jurisdiction.

Agency	Total Obligations
Bellingham	\$18,135,722
Whatcom	16,677,976
WSDOT	4,677,505
Everson	477,158
WCOG	277,152
Lynden	240,108

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. Seven projects filed for project closure in 2023.

Agency	Project
Whatcom	Lummi Island Breakwater Replacement
Bellingham	Orchard Drive Extension (Birchwood Ave)
Bellingham	James / Bakerview Intersection
Lynden	Main St Corridor Completion
Lynden	Riverview Road Gap Elimination
WSDOT	SR 542/Hedrick Creek- Fish Barrier
WSDOT	Mt Baker Area BST 2018

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 wcoog.org/tip/.

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	James / Bakerview Intersection Reconstruction	Install multimodal roundabout. This project has removed federal funds, but is moving forward with local funding.	James St	Bakerview Rd	0.02	0		-363,982	0	12/27/2023	PE	STBG Regional
Bellingham	James Street/Whatcom Creek Bridge	Replace bridge including creek restoration.	Meador Ave	Ohio St	0.01	6,059,531	6,059,531		0	9/13/2023	CN	Bridge
Bellingham	Meador Ave/Whatcom Creek Bridge	Replace bridge including creek restoration.	N State St	Humboldt St	0.01	5,233,402	5,233,402		0	9/13/2023	CN	Bridge
Bellingham	Parkview Elementary SRTS	Pedestrian improvements including sidewalk, ADA ramps, crosswalks, bike improvements and channelization.	Sunset Dr.	Peabody St	0.41	1,620,000	1,620,000		0	6/12/2023	CN	Safe Routes to School
Bellingham	Telegraph Rd Multimodal Safety	Reconstruct road to add sidewalks, bike lanes, center turn lane, and pedestrian crossing for transit stop access.	Deemer Rd	James St	0.67	6,041,294	6,041,294		0	7/6/2023	CN	STBG Regional, Carbon Reduction
Bellingham	Orchard Drive Extension (Birchwood Ave)	Construction multimodal arterial connection under I-5.	Squalicum Pkwy	James St	1.6	0		-454,524	0	5/1/2023	PE, RW	STBG Regional
Everson	Blair Drive Improvements	Reconstruct roadway to include sidewalks and bike lane, and on-street parking.	Reed's Lane	SR 544	0.26	1,570,000	50,567		1,470,181	9/15/2023	PE	STBG Regional
Everson	SR 544 S. Everson Sidewalk	Fill missing segments of sidewalks and install pedestrian-actuated crossing.	Robinson St	Everson Rd	0.69	426,591	426,591		0	6/2/2023	RW	TAP
Lynden	Benson Rd, Sunrise Dr to Badger Rd	Reconstruct roadway to include sidewalks and bike facilities.	Sunrise Dr	Badger Rd	0.5	3,437,603	517,000		2,920,603	5/3/2023	PE	STBG Regional
Lynden	Riverview Road Gap Elimination	Construction of multimodal roadway.	6th St	Hannegan Rd	1.3	0		-19,122	0	4/4/2023	PE, RW, CN	STBG Regional
Lynden	Main St Corridor Completion	Reconstruct Main St. This project has removed federal funds, but will move forward with local funds.	Berthusen Rd	0.5 Mi E of Berthusen	0.5	0		-257,770	0	12/27/2023	PE	STBG Regional
WCOG	WSDOT - WCOG 2024-2025 UPWP	Planning and programming responsibilities.	n/a	n/a	n/a	277,152	277,152		0	7/13/2023	PL	STBG Regional
Whatcom County	North Lake Samish Bridge Replacement	Replace bridge.	MP 0.00	MP 0.20	1.2	10,972,210	10,972,210		0	1/4/2023	CN	Bridge
Whatcom County	Jackson Road Bridge Replacement	Replace bridge.	MP 0.0	MP 0.10	0.1	4,115,700	150,000		3,965,700	9/22/2023	PE	Bridge

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Whatcom County	E Smith & Hannegan Roads Intersection	Install roundabout and improve multimodal access.	E Smith Rd	Hannegan Rd	0.1	3,952,642	3,952,642		0	9/22/2023	CN	STBG Regional, Carbon Reduction, HSIP
Whatcom County	Birch Bay Lynden Road/California Creek Culvert Replacement	Replace culvert.	MP 2.6	MP 2.7	1.1	1,655,810	1,655,810		0	2/24/2023	PE, CN	Emergency Relief (ER)
Whatcom County	Lake Whatcom Blvd - 2021 Flood Damage Repairs	Repair from flood damage.	MP 5.27	MP 5.29	0.2	13,388	13,388		0	2/24/2023	CN	Emergency Relief (ER)
Whatcom County	Lummi Island Breakwater Replacement	Replace existing support structures.	Lummi Ferry Dock	n/a	n/a	0		-66,074	0	6/5/2023	PE, CN	Ferry Boat
WSDOT	I-5/SB Nooksack River to Blaine - Paving	Asphalt and/or chip seal roadway preservation	263	274	11	430,017	430,017		0	12/11/2023	PE	NHPP
WSDOT	SR 539/Duffner Ditch - Fish Passage	Remove fish passage barrier and replace with fish passable structure	11	11.2	0.2	3,305,794	3,305,794		0	1/17/2023	CN	NHPP
WSDOT	SR 542/HEDRICK CREEK - FISH BARRIER	Remove fish passage barrier and replace with fish passable structure	32	32.2	0.2	116,332		-116,332	0	1/9/2023	PE, RW, CN	STBG-F
WSDOT	SR 542/Bagley Creek Bridge - Bridge Scour	Repair bridge and stream	49.16	49.17	0.1	226,153	116,909		109,244	8/30/2023	PE	STBG-F, HIP
WSDOT	Whatcom Council of Governments IMTC 23-25	Transportation planning	n/a	n/a	n/a	200,000	200,000		0	8/11/2023	PE	STBG-F
WSDOT	MT BAKER AREA BST 2018	Bituminous surface treatments at select locations	n/a	n/a	n/a	21,291		-21,291	0	1/3/2023	PE, CN	STBG-F, NHPP
WSDOT	NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 21-23	Replac guardrail terminals meeting current standards reducing the risk of injury collisions at select locations.	n/a	n/a	n/a	762,408	762,408		0	1/5/2023	PE, CN	HSIP, RAIL
Sum of Obligations							36,969,587					
Sum of De-obligations							-1,161,471					
Total Obligations							35,808,116					

List of acronyms applied:

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