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MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: March 15, 2018
Subject: WCOG 2018 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Amendment 2 (1803) of the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Add new Bellingham project *F Street Crossing*. This rail crossing project will improve gates, pedestrian, bicycle, and travel lane channelization. Funded through federal Highway Crossing Program (Section 130), construction will begin 2019.
2. Add new Port of Bellingham project *Harris Ave Crossing*. This rail crossing will improve pedestrian, bicycle, and travel lane channelization. The project will also relocate the Marine Park entrance to allow installation of center medians. Funded through federal Highway Crossing Program (Section 130), construction will begin 2019.
3. Add new WCOG project *IMTC Passenger Vehicle Survey*. This project will sample-survey interview approximately 10,000 drivers crossing through the five Cascade border crossings over the summer and winter seasons (April 2018 – April 2019). Conducted by WCOG staff, Western Washington University's (WWU) Border Policy Research Institute (BPRI) staff, and student field interviewers hired by BPRI, this project will be funded by FHWA (\$66,116), British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BPRI, and WCOG.
4. Amend WTA project *REPLACE (APPROX. 6) PARATRANSIT MINI BUSES*. The project will increase mini bus replacement from six to eight buses.
5. Amend WSDOT project *I-5/Squalicum Creek to SR 539 – Bridge Deck Overlays* to add construction phase. The project is funded through National Highway Performance Program and construction will begin in 2019.
6. Remove WSDOT project *Regionwide Shoulder Rumble Strip Installation (17-19)* funded through HSIP. Project will remain funded for SR-20 in Skagit County.

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

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Amendment 2 for the Whatcom Council of Governments 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

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2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment 2 (1803) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	Bellingham	<i>F Street Crossing</i>	Add new project	730,000	730,000	Highway Crossing Program
2	Port of Bellingham	<i>Harris Ave Crossing</i>	Add new project	388,889	388,889	Highway Crossing Program
3	WCOG	<i>IMTC Passenger Vehicle Survey</i>	Add new project	132,232	132,232	FHWA Discretionary
4	WTA	<i>REPLACE (APPROX. 6) PARATRANSIT MINI BUSES.</i>	Increase mini bus purchase from six to eight	250,000	1,000,000	5307
5	WSDOT	<i>I-5/Squalicum Creek to SR 539 – Bridge Deck Overlays</i>	Add CN phase	748,156	840,135	NHPP
6	WSDOT	<i>Regionwide Shoulder Rumble Strip Installation (17-19)</i>	Delete project	106,116	106,116	HSIP

Recent Non-Amendment TIP Activities - administrative modifications are less substantial project changes that do not require Policy Board action and are administered by WCOG staff.

Administrative Modifications – 1802 and 1803

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source
Bellingham	<i>State-Ellis Bridge Replacement</i>	Add funds to equal awarded amount	3,961,104	STP(BR)
WSDOT	SR 20/Newhalem to Lillian Creek – Rumblestrip Installation	Remove obligated PE phase	1,881,702	STP
WSDOT	SR 20/Cascade Rd Vic to Goodell Creek Campground – Rumblestrip	Remove PE phase update CN phase	192,088	HSIP