



Memorandum

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Principal Planner
Date: March 14, 2024
Subject: WCOG 2024 TIP Amendment

Amendment #2 (24-03) of the WCOG 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Amend WSDOT project *SR 539/Baker Creek – Fish Passage* to edit begin and end mileposts, add right-of-way (RW) phase, and add federal National Highway Performance Program funds to the construction (CN) phase. Construction is planned to begin in 2024.
2. Amend WSDOT project *I-5/Baker Creek & Spring Creek – Fish Passage* project to update begin and end mileposts, add right-of-way phase, and add federal National Highway Performance Program funds to the construction phase. Construction is planned to begin in 2024.
3. Amend WTA program (#136) for the replacement of fixed route buses. WTA was awarded federal 5339 funds through the "Low-No Program" for 2023. The 5339 funds will replace a portion of the 5307 funds. The hybrid bus replacements cost increased from \$11.3 million to \$14.6 million.
4. [pending WSDOT review] Amend City of Bellingham project *Meridian-Birchwood Roundabout Phase 1* to move regional Surface Transportation Block Grant funds from the construction phase that is currently outside of the four-year fiscal constrained program, to the preliminary engineering phase up to \$900,000. The total amount of funds for preliminary engineering is \$1.05 million.

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

Suggested Policy Board Action:

Approve Amendment #2 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

WCOG TIP Amendment #2 (24-03) Table

| # | Agency | Project Title | Amended TIP Action | Added Funds | Total Cost | Source |
|---|------------|--|--|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | WSDOT | <i>SR 539/Baker Creek - Fish Passage</i> | Add federal funds and modify CN phase cost, add RW phase, adjust termini | -1,701,535 | 20,431,485 | NHPP, MVA, MAW |
| 2 | WSDOT | <i>I-5/Baker Creek & Spring Creek - Fish Passage</i> | Add federal funds and modify CN phase cost, add RW phase, adjust termini | -3,020,929 | 34,371,018 | NHPP, MVA, MAW |
| 3 | WTA | <i>Replace Fixed Route Buses</i> | Add 5339 funds to replace portion of 5307 funds and increase cost | 3,241,566 | 14,588,466 | 5307, 5339 |
| 4 | Bellingham | <i>Meridian-Birchwood Roundabout Phase 1</i> | Add STBG funds to PE phase. | 1,050,000 | 7,000,000 | STBG, CRP |
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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 |
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