



Memo

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Principal Planner
Date: July 10, 2024
Subject: WCOG 2024 TIP Amendment

Amendment #4 (24-07) of the WCOG 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Remove City of Bellingham project *Meridian-Birchwood Roundabout Phase 2* that is now combining with the phase 1 to create a single project to move forward with.
2. Amend City of Bellingham project *Meridian-Birchwood Roundabout Phase 1* to increase cost estimations and include the scope of work from phase 2. The preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction cost increased by \$8.2 million and the total project cost is \$15.2 million. The project is funded through regional surface transportation block grant, transportation alternatives, and carbon reduction program.
3. Add Whatcom Council of Governments International Trade and Mobility Corridor (IMTC) project *IMTC Passenger Vehicle Survey 2024-2025* to survey ports of entry over two-week periods during the summer and winter. The project is funded through federal Discretionary and the total cost is \$220,000.
4. Amend Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project *I-5/Baker Creek & Spring Creek – Fish Passage* to update construction cost, total cost and expenditure schedule. The right-of-way and construction costs increased by \$14,476,421 and the total project cost is \$48,921,274. The project is funded through federal National Highway Performance Program and our state’s Moving Ahead Washington and Motor Vehicle Account.
5. Amend WSDOT project *SR 539/Baker Creek - Fish Passage* to update construction cost, total cost and expenditure schedule. The right-of-way and construction costs increased by \$19,551,440 and the total project cost is \$39,386,069. The project is funded through federal National Highway Performance Program and our state’s Moving Ahead Washington and Motor Vehicle Account.

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 #4 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

WCOG TIP Amendment #3 (24-07) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source
	Bellingham	<i>Meridian-Birchwood Roundabout Phase 2</i>	Remove project	-\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	STBG, TA
	Bellingham	<i>Meridian-Birchwood Roundabout Phase 1</i>	Increase costs and update scope to include phase 2	8,200,000	15,200,000	STBG, TA, CRP
	WCOG - IMTC	International Trade and Mobility Corridor	Add new project	220,000	220,000	Disc.
	WSDOT	<i>I-5/Baker Creek & Spring Creek – Fish Passage</i>	Update program phase costs	14,476,421	48,921,274	NHPP, MVA, MAW
	WSDOT	<i>SR 539/Baker Creek - Fish Passage</i>	Update program phase costs	19,551,440	39,386,069	NHPP, MVA, MAW

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