



## MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board  
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner  
Date: April 1, 2022  
Subject: WCOG 2022 TIP Amendment

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**Amendment #3 (22-04)** of the WCOG 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Add WCOG International Mobility Trade Corridor (IMTC) project *2022 IMTC Cross-border Truck Study* that will collect data at cross-border trucks at three U.S.-Canada border crossings for at least three days in each direction in June and July. Data to be collected includes trip origin and destination, commodity, vehicle type, arrival times, processing times, and various other data relevant to improving regional cross-border freight forecasting and multi-agency approaches to improved cross-border freight operations. This project is funding through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) discretionary funds for \$50,000 and a total project cost of \$97,000.
2. Amend Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project *SR 539/Duffner Ditch – Fish Passage* to remove the preliminary phase (obligated in 2021) and reduce the construction phase funding to \$2,698,196. This fish passage project is funded through Connecting Washington Account (CWA) and federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP).
3. Add Whatcom County project *Birch Bay Drive & Pedestrian Facility* that has constructed a soft shore roadway protection berm and drainage upgrades from Lora Lane to Cedar Avenue and includes American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian path between Lora Lane and Cottonwood Drive. The construction phase is funded through regionally allocated federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program for \$1,250,000 and will be programmed for \$5,000,000 remaining to move to project closure later this year.
4. Amend the current WCOG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include an additional 3% of regionally allocated federal STBG funding, equal to \$89,424 to support increased programs and data requirements of the WCOG UPWP. The WCOG *UPWP -SFY 2023* total programmed is \$408,854.

**WCOG TIP Amendment #3 (22-04) Table**

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source
1	WCOG - IMTC	<i>2022 IMTC Cross-border Truck Study</i>	Add newly awarded project	97,000	97,000	Discretionary
2	WSDOT	<i>SR 539/Duffner Ditch - Fish Passage</i>	Remove PE and reduce CN	-3,467,418	3,455,846	NHPP, CWA
3	Whatcom County	<i>Birch Bay Drive &amp; Pedestrian Facility</i>	Add newly awarded project	5,000,000	11,715,801	STBG (US)
4	WCOG	UPWP SFY 2023	Add newly awarded funding	103,380	408,854	STBG (US)

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 #3 of the Whatcom Council of Governments 2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

No Policy Board Action Required for the following Administrative Modifications

**Recent or Upcoming Administrative Modifications** - Administrative modifications are less substantial project changes and are administered by WCOG staff.

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source
Ferndale	<i>Thornton St Project, Vista Dr to Malloy Ave</i>	Change portion of local funds to regional STBG funds	4,025,000	STBG (US)
WSDOT	SR 539/Telegraph Road to Westerly Road – ADA Compliance	Change termini and adjust construction phase amount	979,018	NHPP