



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: April 23, 2020
Subject: WCOG 2020 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Amendment #2 (20-03) of the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Amend Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) project *Replace Fixed Route Diesel Buses* that reduces the replacement of buses from 14 to 8 buses for a total updated cost of \$4.8 million.
2. Remove Bellingham project *West Horton Road, Phase 1* construction that was obligated in 2019.
3. Remove Whatcom County's *Lummi Island Breakwater Replacement and Lummi Island Terminal Preservation Project*. Projects obligated in 2019.
4. Add Bellingham project *James Street/Whatcom Creek Bridge* that has been awarded through federal Bridge program. The total cost is \$4.52 million and anticipates obligation in early 2022.
5. Add Bellingham project *Meador Avenue/Whatcom Creek Bridge* that has been awarded through federal Bridge program. The total cost is \$4.52 million and anticipates obligation in early 2022.
6. Add Whatcom County project *North Lake Samish Drive Bridge No. 107 Replacement* that has been awarded through the federal Bridge program. The total cost is \$8.99 million and construction will begin in 2021.
7. Add Whatcom County project *Goshen Road / Anderson Creek Bridge No. 248 Replacement* project that has also been awarded through the federal Bridge program. The total cost is \$4.07 million and construction will begin in 2022.

The following four projects pending Policy Board STBG allocation approval

1. Add past projects; Everson *Lincoln St Improvements Phase 1 & 2* to program additional \$100 thousand of regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.
2. Add past project; Lynden *Riverview Rd Gap Elimination* to program additional \$92 thousand of regional STBG funds.
3. Add past project; Blaine *Hughes Ave Reconstruction* to program additional \$279 thousand of regional STBG funds.
4. Add past project; Whatcom *Birch Bay Dr & Pedestrian Facility* to program additional \$279 thousand of regional STBG funds.

From January 22nd WTPB Amendment #1 (20-01). The following projects did not receive public notice through the Bellingham Herald.

1. Add Whatcom County project *Horizontal Alignment Advisory Speed Review* that will utilize recently awarded federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to evaluate curve advisory speeds throughout Whatcom County. The project cost is \$110,800 and will begin 2020.
2. Add Blaine project *ADA Transition Plan Development* that will determine how and where to create ADA compliant pedestrian access throughout Blaine. This project is funded through federal Transportation Alternatives program with a cost of \$100,000 and will begin in 2020.
3. Add Blaine project *Peace Portal Community Trail Phase 3* to continue the multi-modal path connection along Peace Portal Dr from Hughes Ave to the Bell Rd intersection. This project is funded through federal Transportation Alternatives program with a cost of \$356,351 and will begin in 2020.
4. Remove Port of Bellingham *Harris Ave Crossing*. Project funds obligated and is underway.
5. Remove WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement – Non-Interstate 17-19 (phase 2)*. The breakaway cable terminals have been reprioritized with the interstates receiving top priority. The non-interstate, Whatcom County locations, will be addressed at a future date currently unspecified.
6. Remove WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19 (Phase 2)*. This project will be replaced by project (7.) that will complete the phase 2 construction with new locations and contract.
7. Add WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19 (Phase 2)* that includes phase 2 construction. Construction is funded through Highway Safety Improvement Program funds with a cost of \$18,207 and will begin 2020.

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 2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

Whatcom Council of Governments
2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment #2 (20-03) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	WTA	<i>Replace Fixed Route Diesel Buses</i>	Reduce funding	-3,320,000	4,800,000	FTA 5307
2	Bellingham	<i>West Horton Road, Phase 1</i>	Remove Project	-4,333,000	5,412,000	STBG(US)
3	Whatcom	<i>Lummi Island Breakwater Replacement and Lummi Island Terminal Preservation Project</i>	Remove projects	-920,000	920,000	Bridge
4	Bellingham	<i>James Street/Whatcom Creek Bridge</i>	Add new project	4,522,152	4,522,152	Bridge
5	Bellingham	<i>Meador Avenue/Whatcom Creek Bridge</i>	Add new project	4,522,152	4,522,152	Bridge
6	Whatcom	<i>North Lake Samish Drive Bridge No. 107 Replacement</i>	Add new project	8,997,310	8,997,310	Bridge
7	Whatcom	<i>Goshen Road / Anderson Creek Bridge No. 248 Replacement</i>	Add new project	4,069,960	4,069,960	Bridge

Pending Policy Board STBG allocation approval

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	Everson	<i>Lincoln St Improvements Ph 1 & 2</i>	Add Project	115,607	3,849,746	STBG (R)
2	Lynden	<i>Riverview Rd Gap Elimination</i>	Add Project	106,000	3,001,577	STBG (US)
3	Blaine	<i>Hughes Ave Reconstruction</i>	Add Project	322,543	2,119,337	STBG (US)
4	Whatcom	<i>Birch Bay Dr & Pedestrian Facility</i>	Add Project	322,543	8,243,000	STBG (US)

From January 22nd WTPB Amendment:

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds \$	Total Costs \$	Fed Source
1	Whatcom	<i>Horizontal Alignment Advisory Speed Review</i>	Add new project	110,800	110,800	HSIP
2	Blaine	<i>ADA Transition Plan Development</i>	Add project	100,000	100,000	TA

3	Blaine	<i>Peace Portal Community Trail Phase 3</i>	Add project	356,351	356,351	TA
4	Port of Bellingham	<i>Harris Ave Crossing</i>	Remove project	-614,946	762,029	HSIP
5	WSDOT	<i>NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19 (Phase 2)</i>	Remove project	-13,356	13,356	HSIP
6	WSDOT	<i>NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19 (Phase 2)</i>	Remove project	-28,478	28,478	HSIP
7	WSDOT	<i>NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 17-19 (Phase 2)</i>	Add new project	18,207	18,207	HSIP

No Policy Board Action Required for Administrative Modifications

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

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source
WTA	<i>Replace Full-size Diesel Buses</i>	Funds and buses replaced reduced	5,761,000	5307
WTA	<i>Replace Paratransit Mini Buses</i>	Funds and buses replaced reduced	1,194,000	5307