



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: March 31, 2021
Subject: WCOG 2021 TIP Amendment

Amendment #2 (21-04) of the WCOG 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. From **January TIP Amendment** - Add Blaine project *Peace Portal Community Trail Phase 3* construction phase. This project obligated preliminary engineering in 2020 and is preparing to obligate for construction in 2022. This project is funded through regionally facilitated Transportation Alternatives program.
2. Add additional awarded funds of \$1,556,500 from the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) program to Bellingham's *F Street Crossing* project to improve signaling, channelization and multimodal safety conditions on all quadrants of the crossing.
3. Add new WSDOT project *NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 21-23* to remove and replace guardrails not meeting current standards. This project is funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program will begin replacements in 2022.
4. Remove City of Bellingham and Whatcom County joint project *West Horton Rd Extension, Phase 2*. Construction funds of an estimated \$15 million are no longer being pursued in the timeframe planned.
5. Pending WTPB approval – Add awarded \$607,571 into construction phase of Bellingham *West Horton Rd Phase 1* back into the STIP program. This project is currently active and funding will help complete construction phase and ensure regional funds are obligated.
6. Pending WTPB approval – Add awarded \$1.4 million construction phase of Whatcom *Birch Bay Dr and Pedestrian Facility* project. This project is currently active and funding will help complete construction phase and ensure regional funds are obligated. \$1.1 will obligate immediately and \$300,000 will be set to obligate if needed or be submitted to receive redistributed or reallocated funds. The remainder of unobligated \$300,000 will be removed in October.
7. Pending WTPB approval – Add \$125,000 STBG funds to WCOG project *UPWP – SFY 2022*. The remaining \$125,000 will be added to UPWP state fiscal year 2023.

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

TIP Amendment #2 (21-04) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Fed Source
1	Blaine	<i>Peace Portal Community Trail Phase 3</i>	Add construction phase	\$286,351	\$286,351	TA (US)
2	Bellingham	<i>F Street Crossing</i>	Add additional funds	1,556,500	2,986,500	HSIP
3	WSDOT	<i>NWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement 21-23</i>	Add new project	53,118	53,118	HSIP
4	Bellingham	<i>West Horton Rd Extension, Phase 2</i>	Remove project	-160,000	-160,000	STBG (US)
5	Bellingham	<i>West Horton Rd Phase 1</i>	Add CN phase back into program	702,395	5,412,000	STBG (US)
6	Whatcom	<i>Birch Bay Dr and Pedestrian Facility</i>	Add CN phase back into program	1,502,891	11,715,801	STBG (US)
7	WCOG	<i>UPWP – SFY 2022</i>	Increase funds	144,509	313,415	STBG (US)

Suggested motion:

“Approve Amendment #2 for the Whatcom Council of Governments 2021 Transportation Improvement Program.”

No Policy Board Action Required for the following Administrative Modifications

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

(All Pending Policy Board Action)

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source
Everson	<i>Blair Drive Project</i>	Replace regional STBG funds with HIP funds	\$1,100,551	STBG (R) HIP
Whatcom	<i>East Smith and Hannegan Rd Intersection</i>	Replace HIP funds with regional STBG funds	4,230,000	STBG (R) HSIP
Whatcom	<i>Marine Drive Reconstruction</i>	Add \$1 million of STBG funds to replace local funds	4,124,000	STP (US) TA (US)