



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom Transportation Policy Board
From: Lethal Coe, Senior Planner
Date: March 2, 2022
Subject: WCOG 2022 TIP Amendment

Amendment #2 (22-03) of the WCOG 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following:

1. Remove Blaine project *Peace Portal Community Trail Phase III* from the 2022 TIP. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) notified Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) with a request to review or cancel this project and de-obligate Transportation Alternative funds due to inactivity (23 CFR 630). After consultation with WSDOT and WCOG, Blaine decided to remove the project and pursue it at a future date. The result will be a de-obligation of \$25,000 in preliminary engineering funds and a return of the remaining \$150,000 of construction funds, for a total of \$175,000 back into the regional Transportation Alternatives (TA) program funding allocation.

Additionally, for information purposes - Blaine's *ADA Transition Plan* will also de-obligating \$80,000 of TA for the same reasons above, and the project may also be re-pursued at a future date. This project is currently not programmed in the 2022 TIP.

2. Remove Blaine project *Bell Rd and Peace Portal Lane Improvements*. This project is being consolidated with legislative awarded funding to create a single project that will be managed under WSDOT contract. The result will be a de-obligation of \$30,578 and the return of the remaining \$354,422, for a total of \$385,000 back into the regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding allocation.
3. Add new WSDOT project at Bell Rd and Peace Portal Lane intersection to include STBG funds with legislative funds. This project will change the lead agency from Blaine and the original *Bell Rd and Peace Portal Lane Improvements* project. The updated project under WSDOT will add the Legislative 2021-23 Biennium funding and increase the project scope to improve the traffic operations of the intersection by installing a traffic signal with corresponding channelization. The project will be funding with \$385,000 of awarded STBG funding and \$2,200,000 million in legislative funding for a total estimated cost of \$2,585,000 million. The \$385,000 of STBG funds will apply to preliminary engineering and is planned to obligate funds before July 31st.

WCOG TIP Amendment #2 (22-03) Table

#	Agency	Project Title	Amended TIP Action	Added Funds	Total Cost	Source
1	Blaine	<i>Peace Portal Community Trail Phase III</i>	Remove Project	-286,351	356,351	TA
2	Blaine	<i>Bell Rd and Peace Portal Lane Improvements</i>	Remove Project	-440,000	475,350	STBG
3	WSDOT	Bell Rd and Peace Portal Lane Improvements – (from Blaine, project title to be determined)	Add New Project	2,585,000	2,585,000	STBG / WA (21-23)

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

Suggested motion:

“Approve Amendment #2 for the Whatcom Council of Governments 2022 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.

Agency	Project	Modification Administered	Total Costs	Federal Source
Whatcom	<i>Goshen Road/Anderson Creek Bridge No. 248 Replacement</i>	Modify federal funding to include required local match	4,509,960	Bridge
Whatcom	<i>Birch Bay Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection Improvements</i>	Add awarded Highway Safety funds to replace local funds	5,050,000	STBG, HSIP