



Walla Walla Valley
Metropolitan and Sub-Regional
Transportation Planning Organization

August 2017 Amendment to the
Metropolitan and Regional
Transportation Improvement Program
2017-2022

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Adopted by the Policy Board

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Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization (WWVMPO/SRTPO)
A Resolution Adopting the August 2017 Amendment to the
2017-2022 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2017

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization (WWVMPO/SRTPO) as the federal-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization, has the responsibility for developing and adopting a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for each organization; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) have submitted projects for inclusion in the 2017-2022 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP), which are based on reasonably available financial resources; and

WHEREAS, transportation improvement projects must be included in the M/RTIP to be eligible for federal assistance under Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funding programs; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period for review of the proposed August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP was held between July 3, 2017 and July 17, 2017, and appropriate notice was given to the public of such public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRTPO certifies that the requirements of 23 USC, Section 134 are met. Such certification is a joint MPO/WSDOT statement concerning the planning process and is updated annually; and

WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends adoption of the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP for the Walla Walla Valley MPO and SRTPO areas; and

WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board, in its review of the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP on August 2, 2017 finds:

1. The projects contained in the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to be a suitable and viable program of projects to be implemented by local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and the Oregon and Washington State Departments of Transportation;
2. The August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to be within appropriate financial constraints;
3. The development of the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to have involved public input;

4. The projects contained in the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to be consistent with regional goals, policies, and recommendations as set forth in the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation - **2040 Plan**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRTPO Policy Board that it hereby adopts the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 Walla Walla Valley M/RTIP; and that it:

1. Acknowledges and accepts it for the purposes of planning and information; and
2. Approves the projects listed in the August Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to receive federal funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Walla Walla Valley M/RTIP amendment be transmitted to the appropriate state and federal agencies to review and approve for inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) prior to the effective date of the August 2017 Amendment to the STIP.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd of August, 2017

Signed:


for Dick Fondahn, Chair
WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board

Attest:


Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Executive Director
WWVMPO/SRTPO

Approved as to form:


Jared Hawkins, WWVMPO/SRTPO Legal Counsel

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Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization Membership Roster

Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (WWVMPO) Member Agencies

City of College Place (WA) • City of Milton-Freewater (OR) • City of Walla Walla (WA) • Umatilla County (OR) • Walla Walla County (WA) • Port of Walla Walla (WA) • Valley Transit (WA) • Oregon Department of Transportation (OR) • Washington State Department of Transportation (WA)

Walla Walla Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SRTPO) Member Agencies

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WWVMPO/SRTPO Staff

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Amendment Timeframe

The Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) amendment for August 2017 includes the years 2017-2022.

Projects Included

The August 2017 Amendment programs additional funds for the 2017-2022 M/RTIP, including \$29,684 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities) funding and \$7,421 in Local funding.

City of Milton-Freewater

I. **Public Transportation Services – STIP ID 21102**

Add this project to the M/RTIP and STIP as Secured with \$29,684 in FTA Section 5310 funding and \$7,421 in Local funding. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has split previously pooled 5310 funds, which are to be utilized for operating expenses by jurisdictions with existing public transportation services.

Total Project Cost: \$37,105

Project Prioritization

In compliance with the region's adopted 2040 Plan, the secured projects in the M/RTIP were selected and prioritized using a process that considered project readiness, safety, system preservation, quality of life, and connectivity and efficiency impacts on the transportation system.

Financial Plan

The secured projects in the 2017-2022 M/RTIP require fiscal constraint analysis. Close coordination with ODOT ensures that the TIP is fiscally constrained. ODOT will review the August 2017 Amendment prior to inclusion into the STIP during this amendment cycle.

The FTA funds associated with this M/RTIP amendment represent additional funding over the FTA, as well as Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding already listed in the current 2017-2022 M/RTIP. STBG and TA funding is tied directly to the Estimated Allocation to WWVMPO/SRTPO through WSDOT. Close coordination between WSDOT and the WWVMPO/SRTPO allowed the estimation of STBG and TA funding from 2017 through 2020. The table below summarizes the associated funding assumptions.

Table 1. WWVMPO/SRTPO 2017-2020 STBG and TA Projected Allocations (for WA projects)

STBG (WA)	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total 2017-2020
Urban	\$586,880	\$586,880	\$586,880	\$586,880	\$2,347,520
Rural	\$125,746	\$125,746	\$125,746	\$125,746	\$502,984
Any Area	\$509,381	\$509,381	\$509,381	\$509,381	\$2,037,524
Yearly Total	\$1,222,007	\$1,222,007	\$1,222,007	\$1,222,007	\$4,888,028
<i>Funding Carry-Over to 2017</i>	<i>(\$1,622,566)</i>				<i>(1,622,566)</i>
<i>2016-2021 Carry-over Projects</i>		<i>(\$52,000)</i>	<i>(\$207,450)</i>		<i>(\$259,450)</i>
STBG Available for Obligation					\$3,006,012

TA (WA)	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total 2017-2020
Urban	\$35,244	\$35,244	\$35,244	\$35,244	\$140,976
Rural	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$30,208
Any Area	\$23,860	\$23,860	\$23,860	\$23,860	\$95,440
Yearly Total	\$66,656	\$66,656	\$66,656	\$66,656	\$266,624
<i>Funding Carry-Over to 2017</i>	<i>\$6,258</i>				<i>\$6,258</i>
<i>December 2016 De-obligation</i>	<i>\$112,299</i>				<i>\$112,299</i>
<i>2016-2021 Carry-over Projects</i>					
TA Available for Obligation					\$385,181

Source: WSDOT

Public Involvement

Citizens and interested parties are provided early and reasonable opportunity to comment on the draft M/RTIP Amendment as required under the FAST Act. The public review period for the draft August 2017 Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP was held from July 3, 2017 through July 17, 2017. Public notices announcing the availability of the draft were published in the newspaper of record. A copy of the draft amendment was also available for public viewing at physical locations in Umatilla County and Walla Walla County: the Milton-Freewater Library and the WWVMPO/SRTPO office. An electronic copy was posted on the WWVMPO website at <http://wwvmpo.org/public-participation.html>. Public comments received are included in Appendix C.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Consistency

The projects included in the August 2017 Amendment are consistent with the goals and objectives in local comprehensive plans, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation - 2040 Plan, and the Oregon Transportation Plan.

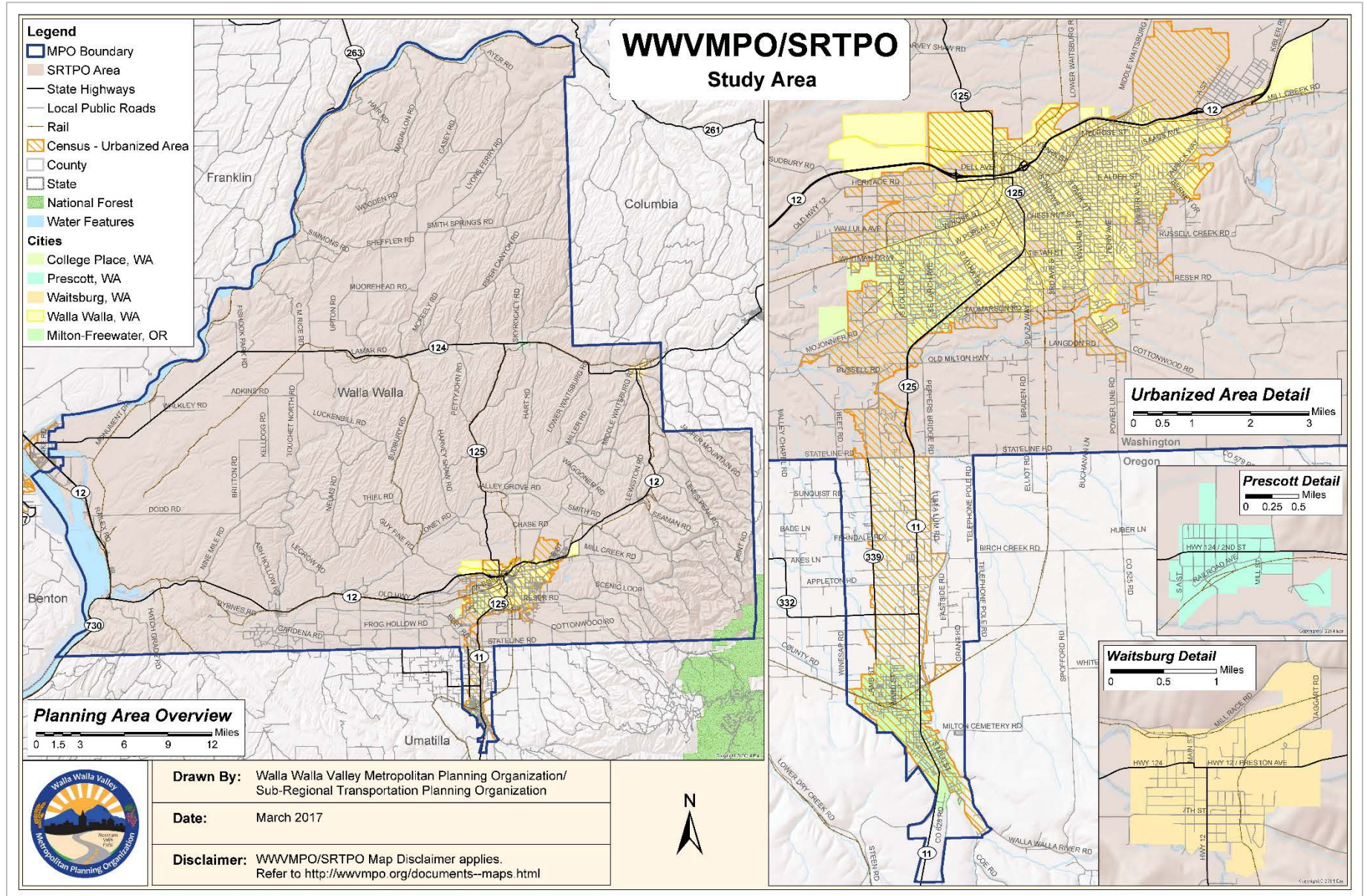
Intermodal/Multimodal Provisions

Projects listed in the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2017-2022 M/RTIP provide consideration for pedestrian and bicycle transportation modes to the extent possible in order to address multimodal needs.

Conclusion

After review and analysis of the Walla Walla Valley M/RTIP Amendment for August 2017, and as set forth in the above findings, WWVMPO/SRTPO finds the August 2017 Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP in compliance with the requirements of Sec. 134, Title 23 USC.

Appendix B – Map of WWVMP/SRTPO Study Area



Appendix C - Public Comments

Public Comments Received July 3, 2017 through July 17, 2017

The public comment period for the August 2017 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2017-2022 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) was provided from July 3 through July 17, 2017. No public comments were received.