



Walla Walla Valley  
Metropolitan and Sub-Regional  
Transportation Planning Organization

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

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**FINAL – October 4, 2017**  
**Adopted by the Policy Board**

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## Assistance received from:

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Highways and Local Programs Division  
WSDOT Strategic Programming and Planning Division  
WSDOT South Central Region

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2017

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 October Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP was held between September 5, 2017 and September 18, 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 October 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 October Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP on October 4, 2017 finds:

1. The projects contained in the October 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 Washington State Department of Transportation;
2. The October Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to be within appropriate financial constraints;
3. The development of the October Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP to have involved public input; and

4. The projects contained in the October 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 October 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 October 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 October 2017 Amendment to the STIP.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th of October, 2017

Signed:



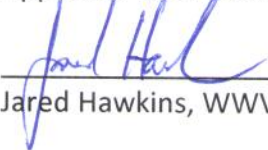
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Dick Fondahn, Chair  
WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board

Attest:



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Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Executive Director  
WWVMPO/SRTPO

Approved as to form:



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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 Prescott (WA) • City of Waitsburg (WA) • 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

City of College Place (WA) • City of Prescott (WA) • City of Waitsburg (WA) • City of Walla Walla (WA) • Port of Walla Walla (WA) • Valley Transit (WA) • Walla Walla County (WA) • Washington State Department of Transportation (WA)

### WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board (PB)

Harvey Crowder, Mayor, City of College Place  
Linda Hall, City Manager, City of Milton-Freewater  
Steve Heimbigner, Mayor, City of Prescott  
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Ron Dunning, Commissioner, Port of Walla Walla  
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Paul Hartwig, Public Works Director, City of College Place  
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### WWVMPO/SRTPO Staff

Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Executive Director  
Elaine Dawson, Planning Assistant

## Amendment Timeframe

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

## Projects Included

The October 2017 Amendment programs additional funds for the 2017-2022 M/RTIP, including \$41,626 in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding, and \$1,024 in Local funding.

### WSDOT South Central Region (SCR)

**I. SCR 17-19 Region Wide Curve Warning Signs-Chevron Updates – STIP ID 500008G36**

Add this project to the M/RTIP and STIP as Secured with \$41,626 in HSIP funding, and \$1,024 in Local funding. The project represents the Walla Walla County portion of the South Central region maintained by the WA State DOT for upgrading road signage.

**Total Project Cost: \$42,650**

## 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 the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Highways and Local Programs Division ensures that the TIP is fiscally constrained. WSDOT will review the October 2017 Amendment prior to inclusion into the STIP during this amendment cycle.

The financial constraint for STBG and TA funding are 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)**

<b>STBG (WA)</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total 2017-2020</b>
Urban	\$586,880	\$586,880	\$586,880	\$586,880	<b>\$2,347,520</b>
Rural	\$125,746	\$125,746	\$125,746	\$125,746	<b>\$502,984</b>
Any Area	\$509,381	\$509,381	\$509,381	\$509,381	<b>\$2,037,524</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>\$1,222,007</b>	<b>\$1,222,007</b>	<b>\$1,222,007</b>	<b>\$1,222,007</b>	<b>\$4,888,028</b>
<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>
<b>STBG Available for Obligation</b>					<b>\$3,006,012</b>

<b>TA (WA)</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total 2017-2020</b>
Urban	\$35,244	\$35,244	\$35,244	\$35,244	<b>\$140,976</b>
Rural	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552	<b>\$30,208</b>
Any Area	\$23,860	\$23,860	\$23,860	\$23,860	<b>\$95,440</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>\$66,656</b>	<b>\$66,656</b>	<b>\$66,656</b>	<b>\$66,656</b>	<b>\$266,624</b>
<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>					
<b>TA Available for Obligation</b>					<b>\$385,181</b>

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 October 2017 Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP was held from September 5, 2017 through September 18, 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 Walla Walla County: the Walla Walla 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 project included in the October 2017 Amendment are consistent with the goals and objectives in local GMA comprehensive plans, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation - 2040 Plan, and the Washington State 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 October 2017, and as set forth in the above findings, WWVMPO/SRTPO finds the October 2017 Amendment to the 2017-2022 M/RTIP in compliance with the requirements of Sec. 134, Title 23 USC.



# Appendices

## Appendix A – STIP Report



### Six Year Transportation Improvement Program From 2017 to 2022

Agency: WSDOT - SC

County:

MPO/RTPO: WWV

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N Outside

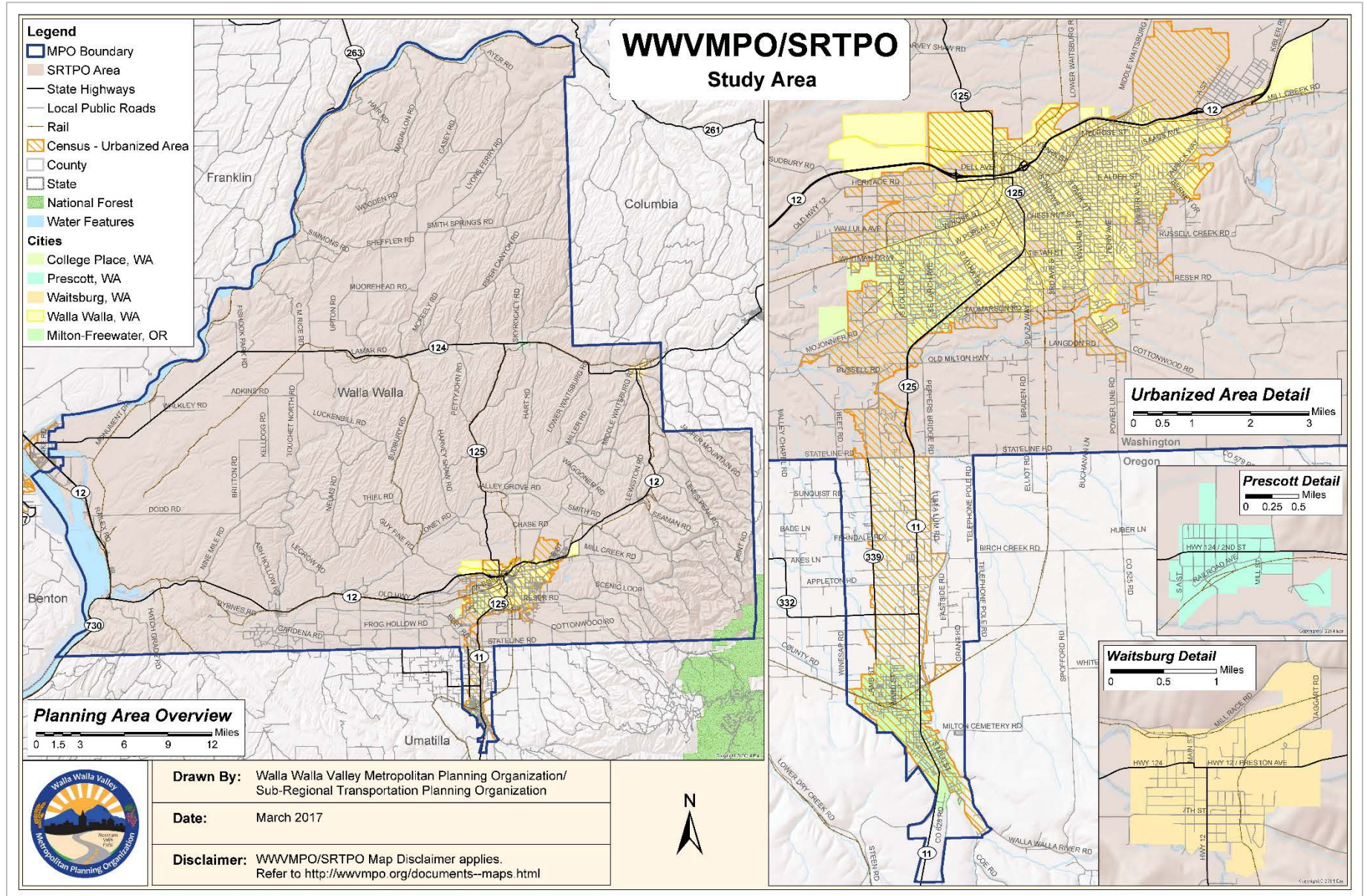
Functional Class	Priority Number	A. PIN/Project No. C. Project Title D. Road Name or Number E. Begin & End Termini F. Project Description	B. STIP ID	Hearing	Adopted	Amendment	Resolution No.	Improvement Type	Utility Codes	Total Length	Environmental Type	RW Required
			G. Structure ID									
00		500008G SCR 17-19 Region Wide Curve Warning Signs - Chevron Updates Multiple Varies to Varies Existing curve warning signs do not comply with the 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines. This project will update curve signing to comply with current MUTCD guidelines to help reduce risk and severity of collisions. This record is for the Walla Walla county portion of a region wide project.	500008G36					21			CE	No

Funding								
Status	Phase	Phase Start Year (YYYY)	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
S	PE	2017	HSIP	8,189		0	341	8,530
S	CN	2018	HSIP	33,437		0	683	34,120
Totals				41,626		0	1,024	42,650

Expenditure Schedule					
Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
ALL	8,000	34,650	0	0	0
Totals	8,000	34,650	0	0	0

	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
Grand Totals for WSDOT - SC	41,626	0	1,024	42,650

Appendix B – Map of WWVMP/SRTPO Study Area



## **Appendix C - Public Comments**

### **Public Comments Received September 5, 2017 through September 18, 2017**

The public comment period for the October 2017 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2017-2022 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) was provided from September 5, 2017 through September 18, 2017. No public comments were received.