



# **Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

## **April 2024 Amendment to the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program 2024-2029**

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**For Public Review**

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## Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

### Amendment Timeframe

The April 2024 amendment to the 2024-2029 Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) includes the years 2024 through 2027.

### Projects Included

The April 2024 Amendment proposes adding STBG(BR) funding to the Walla Walla County and City of Walla Walla projects and reduced STBG/ FTA 5310 funding to the Oregon Department of Transportation project. Additional project details also shown in [Appendix A](#).

### Oregon Department of Transportation

**Project Name:** 23605 - OR CTUIR Funds Transfer FFY21

**Amendment:** Add a new transit project in the 2024-2027 M/RTIP as secured in the amount of \$229,764 in federal funds and \$229,764 in local funds for a total project cost of \$459,528.

**Improvement:** Walla Walla Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation 5307 allocation transferred to 5311 for federal fiscal year 2021. Projects will be administered by ODOT as the direct recipient.

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$459,528

### Oregon Department of Transportation

**Project Name:** 21974 - Enhanced Mobility Program - Umatilla Co FFY22

**Amendment:** Increase project estimate by \$7,879 to match FTA grant/allocation amount.

**Improvement:** Enhanced mobility small urban program funding to improve transportation services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations in rural areas.

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$30,831

### Washington Department of Transportation

**Project Name:** 512502R36 - SR 125/Plaza Way - Railroad Crossing Improvements

**Amendment:** The amendment indicates that the funding for the PIN total and construction (CN) phase has increased, i.e., PIN total by \$864,805 and CN by \$710,310.

**Improvement:** The existing railroad crossing surface on SR 125 at Plaza Way in Walla Walla has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. Funding is for the reconstruction of the railroad crossing, add appropriate railroad safety devices, and construct sidewalk improvements to improve crossing safety and remove a gap in the active transportation network at this location.

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$3,045,30

**Project Name:** 573001G36 - US 730/3.0 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

**Amendment:** The funding has increased for the RW by \$1,400 and construction phases by \$28,553. Additionally, the PIN total has increased by \$30,317. The partial construction phase has already been obligated and will be removed from the second WIN during the closure process. PE has already been obligated. The project length has changed from 0.21 to 0.25. Ending Termini changed from 3.11 to 3.15.

**Improvement:** WSDOT's geotechnical division has identified this unstable slope as a potential hazard to the traveling public based on recorded vehicle/ rock collisions and repeated call-outs to remove rocks from the roadway. This project will remove loose rocks, install rock bolts, wire mesh, concrete barrier, and flexible rockfall fence. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by minimizing the risk of rocks reaching the roadway.

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$1,345,818

Project Prioritization

The projects programmed for implementation in the Walla Walla Valley region (see map in [Appendix B](#)), were selected and prioritized using a performance-based and data-driven process that considered project readiness, safety, system preservation, quality of life, connectivity, and efficiency impacts.

Important Findings

Funding Availability

The secured projects in the 2024-2029 M/RTIP must have committed sources of funding. Close coordination with the Oregon and Washington State Department of Transportations (ODOT and WSDOT), as well as other federal or state granting agencies, ensures that the M/RTIP is fiscally constrained.

In general, availability for Walla Walla Valley-specific Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds is tied to allocation provided through WSDOT. The following tables summarize the funding assumptions for the STBG, TA, and CRP programs from 2024 through 2027.

STBG (WA)	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 2024-2027
Urban	\$624,688	\$624,688	\$624,688	\$624,688	\$2,498,752
Rural	\$505,067	\$505,067	\$505,067	\$505,067	\$2,020,268
Any Area	\$199,368	\$199,368	\$199,368	\$199,368	\$797,472
Yearly Total	\$1,329,123	\$1,329,123	\$1,329,123	\$1,329,123	\$5,316,492
Funds Carry-Over to 2024	\$863,268				\$863,268
2023-2026 Projects carried	\$651,201	\$2,051,920			\$2,703,121
STBG Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$3,476,639
TA (WA)	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 2024-2027
Urban	\$61,593	\$61,593	\$61,593	\$61,593	\$246,372
Rural	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$12,783	\$51,132
Any Area	\$41,837	\$41,837	\$41,837	\$41,837	\$167,348

<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>\$116,213</b>	<b>\$116,213</b>	<b>\$116,213</b>	<b>\$116,213</b>	<b>\$464,852</b>
<i>Funds Carry-Over to 2024</i>	\$170,464				\$170,464
<i>2023-2026 Projects carried</i>	\$0	\$257,943	\$224,224		\$482,167
<b>TA Available for Newly Programmed Projects</b>					<b>\$153,149</b>
<b>CRP (WA)</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>Total 2024-2027</b>
<i>Urban</i>	\$75,067	\$75,067	\$75,067	\$75,067	\$300,268
<i>Rural</i>	\$26,375	\$26,375	\$26,375	\$26,375	\$105,500
<i>Any Area</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>\$101,442</b>	<b>\$101,442</b>	<b>\$101,442</b>	<b>\$101,442</b>	<b>\$405,768</b>
<i>Funds Carry-Over to 2024</i>	\$243,515				\$243,515
<i>2023-2026 Projects carried</i>	\$248,725	\$150,505	\$123,250		\$522,480
<b>CRP Available for Newly Programmed Projects</b>					<b>\$126,803</b>

Source: WSDOT financial data

Funding availability for other sources of funds are tied to each project sponsor's demonstration of specific funding awards, which are routinely verified by WWVMPO/SRTPO staff.

Lastly, the DOTs will also review the amendment and the associated fiscal constraint prior to inclusion into their respective STIP during this amendment cycle.

## Consistency with Local, Regional, and State Plans

The projects included in the April 2024 Amendment are consistent with the goals and objectives of local comprehensive plans, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation - [2045 Plan](#), and the Oregon and Washington State Transportation Plans.

## Air Quality Conformity

As a part of its compliance with [40 CFR 93](#), which governs air quality conformity, the WWVMPO/SRTPO certifies that these amended projects will resurface and/or rehabilitate pavement, update pavement markings, and add guardrails. According to [40 CFR 93.126](#), these projects are therefore exempted from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.

The agency thus finds that the projects included in this April 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP will not cause air quality to degrade to levels that would be in violation of the allowed standards for particulate matter with a diameter less than or equal to ten micrometers (PM<sub>10</sub>).



## Public Involvement

Citizens and interested parties are provided with the opportunity to comment on any M/RTIP amendment, as required under the IJA Act.

The public review period for the April 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP will be held from March 5 through March 18, 2024. Public notices announcing the availability of the draft will be published in the newspapers of record. An electronic copy will be posted on the WWVMPO website at <https://wwwvmpo.org/public-participation.html>.

Public comments received are included in [Appendix C](#).

## Conclusion

After review and analysis of the proposed changes and additions, and as called out in the previously mentioned findings, WWVMPO/SRTPO concludes that the April 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP is in compliance with the requirements of RCW 47.80.023 which governs regional transportation planning, 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 which govern the metropolitan transportation planning process, as well as 42 USC 7401 (et seq.) and 40 CFR 93 which govern air quality and associated conformity determination.

## Appendices

### Appendix A – STIP Report

Key Number: **23605**

2024-2027 STIP

Project Name: **CTUIR Funds Transfer FFY21**

(PENDING AMENDMENT)

Project Overview			
Total Current Estimate	\$459,528.00	Description	Walla Walla Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation 5307 allocation transferred to 5311 for federal fiscal year 2021. Projects will be administered by ODOT as the direct recipient.
Responsible Region	5	Related Programs	
Project Status Date	2/2/2024	STIP Name	2024-2027 STIP
Project Status	UNAPPROVED	Administrator	TRANSIT
		Certified Agency	
Monitor	NONCON	Applicant	ODOT TRANSIT SECTION
Bid Let Date		MPO	Walla Walla Valley MPO
Target Date		Constructor	
Award Date		Functional Class	NO FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
Air Quality Approval Req.		Work Class	UNIQUE
Regulatory Agency	FTA	Budget Authority	OTC
Air Quality Approval Date.		IGA #	
		Contract #	
Created On	2/2/2024	Created By	Alex Fendall
Last Updated On	2/2/2024	Last Updated By	Alex Fendall
Comment	5307 transfer to 5311.		

Locations													
Route	Highway	MP Begin	MP End	Length	Street	City	County	ACT	Bridge	Reg	State Repr Dist	State Sen Dist	US Cngr Dist
							UMATILLA	NEACT		5	57, 58	29	2

Key Number:

23605

2024-2027 STIP

Project Name:

CTUIR Funds Transfer FFY21

(PENDING AMENDMENT)

Phases												
Ph	Phase Total Est. Cost	Original Auth Amount	Original Auth Date	Current Auth Amount	Current Auth Date	Current STIP Amount	Curr STIP Year	Initial STIP Amount	Init STIP Year	EA	Fed Aid ID	Status
OT	459,528.00	0.00		0.00		459,528.00	2024	459,528.00	2024			APPROVED
Tot	459,528.00	0.00		0.00		459,528.00		459,528.00				

Budget Limitation					
Phase	Budget Limitation	Percent of Phase	Budget Limitation Amount	Opt Code	Option Desc
OT	TRANST	100.00%	459,528.00	T	TRANSIT PROJECT
	OT Totals	100.00%	459,528.00		
	Grand Totals		459,528.00		

Financial Plan -- Estimate / Actual Amounts								
Phase	Funding Resp	STIP	Year	Total Est/Act Amt	Fed Est/Act Amt	State Est/Act Amt	Local Est/Act Amt	Comment
OT	SW TRANSIT	2024-2027 STIP	2024	459,528.00	229,764.00	0.00	229,764.00	2/2/24: Create new project per 24-27-0804.
	OT Totals			459,528.00	229,764.00	0.00	229,764.00	
	Grand Totals			459,528.00	229,764.00	0.00	229,764.00	

Key Number: 23605

2024-2027 STIP

Project Name: CTUIR Funds Transfer FFY21

(PENDING AMENDMENT)

Fund Codes										
Phase	Fund Code	Description	Percent of Phase	Total Amount	Federal Percent	Federal Amount	State Percent	State Amount	Local Percent	Local Amount
OT	5311	Rural Area Grant Program (formula) Capital Project - 86.5/13.5 Operating Assistance - 54.06/45.94 State Administration - 100 Vehicle-Related Equip for ADA/CAA - 90/10 Bicycle access projects - 90/10	100.00%	459,528.00	50.00%	229,764.00	0.00%	0.00	50.00%	229,764.00
	OT Totals		100.00%	459,528.00		229,764.00		0.00		229,764.00
Grand Totals				459,528.00		229,764.00		0.00		229,764.00

Amendments						
Status Date	Amendment Num.	Status	Project Change Type	S/C	Key Number	Change Reason
2/2/24	24-27-0804	PENDING	ADD PROJECT		23605	Create new project.

Selection Criteria:	STIP	2024-2027 STIP	Key Number	23605	Project ID	49507
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**Key Number: 21974**
**2024-2027 STIP**
**Project Name: Enhanced Mobility Program - Umatilla Co FFY22 (PENDING AMENDMENT)**

Project Overview			
Total Current Estimate	\$30,831.00	Description	Enhanced mobility small urban program funding to improve transportation services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations in rural areas.
Responsible Region	5	Related Programs	
Project Status Date	10/27/2023	STIP Name	2024-2027 STIP
Project Status	UNAPPROVED	Administrator	TRANSIT
		Certified Agency	
Monitor	NONCON	Applicant	ODOT TRANSIT SECTION
Bid Let Date		MPO	Walla Walla Valley MPO
Target Date		Constructor	
Award Date		Functional Class	NO FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
Air Quality Approval Req.		Work Class	UNIQUE
Regulatory Agency	FTA	Budget Authority	OTC
Air Quality Approval Date.		IGA #	
		Contract #	
Created On	11/6/2019	Created By	Hope Derrickson
Last Updated On	2/26/2024	Last Updated By	Alex Fendall
Comment	FTA program 5310		

Locations													
Route	Highway	MP Begin	MP End	Length	Street	City	County	ACT	Bridge	Reg	State Repr Dist	State Sen Dist	US Cngr Dist
							UMATILLA	NEACT		5	57	29	2

Phases												
Ph	Phase Total Est. Cost	Original Auth Amount	Original Auth Date	Current Auth Amount	Current Auth Date	Current STIP Amount	Curr STIP Year	Initial STIP Amount	Init STIP Year	EA	Fed Aid ID	Status
OT	30,831.00	0.00		0.00		30,831.00	2024	22,952.50	2022			APPROVED
Tot	30,831.00	0.00		0.00		30,831.00		22,952.50				

**Key Number:** **21974** **2024-2027 STIP**  
**Project Name:** **Enhanced Mobility Program - Umatilla Co FFY22** **(PENDING AMENDMENT**

Budget Limitation								
Phase	Budget Limitation		Percent of Phase	Budget Limitation Amount	Opt Code	Option Desc		
OT	TRANST		100.00%	30,831.00	T	TRANSIT PROJECT		
	OT Totals		100.00%	30,831.00				
	Grand Totals			30,831.00				
Financial Plan -- Estimate / Actual Amounts								
Phase	Funding Resp	STIP	Year	Total Est/Act Amt	Fed Est/Act Amt	State Est/Act Amt	Local Est/Act Amt	Comment
OT	SW TRANSIT	2021-2024 STIP	2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8/29/2022: Slip from 22 to 23 per 21-24-2496
	SW TRANSIT	2021-2024 STIP	2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8/29/2022: Slip from 22 to 23 per 21-24-2496 8/10/23: slip to 24 per 21-24-3735
	SW TRANSIT	2021-2024 STIP	2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10/10/2023: Add project from 21-24 to 24-27 STIP per 24-27-0185. 8/4/2023: Slip from 23 to 24 per 21-24-3735.
	SW TRANSIT	2024-2027 STIP	2024	30,831.00	24,665.00	0.00	6,166.00	2/26/2024: Increase OT by \$7,789 per 24-27-0872. 10/10/2023: Add project from 21-24 to 24-27 STIP per 24-27-0185.
	OT Totals			30,831.00	24,665.00	0.00	6,166.00	
	Grand Totals			30,831.00	24,665.00	0.00	6,166.00	

**Key Number:** **21974**

**2024-2027 STIP**

**Project Name:** **Enhanced Mobility Program - Umatilla Co FFY22** **(PENDING AMENDMENT**

Fund Codes										
Phase	Fund Code	Description	Percent of Phase	Total Amount	Federal Percent	Federal Amount	State Percent	State Amount	Local Percent	Local Amount
OT	5310	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program (formula) 80/20 Capital, 50/50 is operating, 100/00 Program Administration	100.00%	30,831.00	80.00%	24,665.00	0.00%	0.00	20.00%	6,166.00
	OT Totals		100.00%	30,831.00		24,665.00		0.00		6,166.00
	Grand Totals			30,831.00		24,665.00		0.00		6,166.00

Amendments						
Status Date	Amendment Num.	Status	Project Change Type	S/C	Key Number	Change Reason
2/26/24	24-27-0872	PENDING	SINGLE PROJECT ADJUSTMENT		21974	Increase project estimate by \$7,879 to match FTA grant/allocation amount.
10/27/23	24-27-0185	APPROVED	SLIP		21974	Add project to the current STIP.
8/10/23	21-24-3735	APPROVED	SLIP		21974	Slip the project to start in federal fiscal year 2024.
8/29/22	21-24-2496	APPROVED	SLIP		21974	Slip the project to start in federal fiscal year 2023.

<b>Selection Criteria:</b>	STIP	2024-2027 STIP	<b>Key Number</b>	21974	<b>Project ID</b>	49587
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Washington State S. T. I. P.

2024 to 2027

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWV

Y Inside

N Outside

February 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
03	0125(013)	512502R	512502R36	22	0.140	CE	Yes	4.40	4.55	3,045,303	

SR 125/Plaza Way - Railroad Crossing Improvements

Construct railroad crossing and sidewalk improvements - Xing 808942N. The existing railroad crossing surface on SR 125 at Plaza Way in Walla Walla is deteriorated and needs to be replaced. There are also no facilities for cyclists and pedestrians crossing the railroad. This project will reconstruct the railroad crossing, add appropriate railroad safety devices, and construct sidewalk improvements to improve crossing safety and remove a gap in the active transportation network at this location.

Funding									
Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
CN	2026		HSIP	2,755,760		MVA	56,240	0	2,812,000
Project Totals				2,755,760			56,240	0	2,812,000
Expenditure Schedule									
Phase	1st			2nd		3rd		4th	5th & 6th
CN	2,023,139			778,977		9,884		0	0
Totals	2,023,139			778,977		9,884		0	0



Washington State S. T. I. P.

2024 to 2027

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWVY InsideN OutsideFebruary 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
03	0125(013)	512502R	512502R36	22	0.140	CE	Yes	4.40	4.55	3,045,303	

SR 125/Plaza Way - Railroad Crossing Improvements

Construct railroad crossing and sidewalk improvements - Xing 808942N. The existing railroad crossing surface on SR 125 at Plaza Way in Walla Walla is deteriorated and needs to be replaced. There are also no facilities for cyclists and pedestrians crossing the railroad. This project will reconstruct the railroad crossing, add appropriate railroad safety devices, and construct sidewalk improvements to improve crossing safety and remove a gap in the active transportation network at this location.

Funding									
Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
CN	2026		HSIP	2,755,760		MVA	56,240	0	2,812,000
Project Totals				2,755,760			56,240	0	2,812,000
Expenditure Schedule									
Phase	1st			2nd		3rd		4th	5th & 6th
CN	2,023,139			778,977		9,884		0	0
Totals	2,023,139			778,977		9,884		0	0

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2024 to 2027

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: WWV

Y Inside

N Outside

February 15, 2024

County:

Agency: WSDOT - SC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
04	0730(006)	573001G	573001G36	21	0.250	DCE	Yes	2.90	3.15	1,345,818	

US 730/3.0 Miles N of Oregon Border - Rockfall Prevention

Scale slopes, install rockfall fence, netting, bolts, barrier; Slope 551. WSDOT's geotechnical division has identified this unstable slope as a potential hazard to the traveling public based on recorded vehicle/ rock collisions and repeated call-outs to remove rocks from the roadway. This project will remove loose rocks, install rock bolts, wire mesh, concrete barrier, and flexible rockfall fence. These measures will reduce the potential for collisions by minimizing the risk of rocks reaching the roadway.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds	State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
RW	2024		STBG	58,969	MVA	1,203	0	60,172
CN	2025		STBG	707,738	MVA	14,443	0	722,181
Project Totals				766,707		15,646	0	782,353

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
RW	0	4,200	17,600	19,000	19,372
CN	60,172	0	0	95,000	567,009
Totals	60,172	4,200	17,600	114,000	586,381

Federal Funds				State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Agency Totals for WSDOT - SC				71,886	0	3,594,353

## Appendix B – Public Comments

### Public Comment Period - March 5 through March 18, 2024

The public comment period for the April 2024 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2024-2029 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) will be held from March 5 through March 18, 2024.

Comments received on this M/RTIP from the public, committee members, or any local organization, whether positive or negative, are handled in the following manner:

- ◆ All comments are requested in writing.
- ◆ Comments concerning specific projects are forwarded to the sponsoring agency or jurisdiction.
- ◆ A copy, or summaries of substantive comments, will be provided to the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board for their evaluation.
- ◆ A written response is provided to the individual or organization concerning recommendations or decisions arising from the Policy Board meeting or the sponsoring entity, as appropriate.
- ◆ Copies of all comments received on the M/RTIP amendment are included in the final document.