



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

**August 2026 Amendment to the
Metropolitan and Regional
Transportation Improvement Program
2026-2031**

Public Review – July 7, 2026

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Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Amendment Timeframe

The August 2026 amendment to the 2026-2031 Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) includes the years 2026 through 2029.

Projects Included

The August 2026 Amendment overall proposes are addition of new projects to the WSDOT projects. Additional project details are also shown in [Appendix A](#).

Oregon Department of Transportation

Project Name: 24496, CTUIR 5307 transfer to 5311 FFY22-26

Amendment: Adding new project to STIP.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,017,247

Project Prioritization

The projects programmed for implementation in the Walla Walla Valley region, 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 2026-2031 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 are tied to allocation provided through WSDOT. The following tables summarize the funding assumptions for the STBG, TA, and CRP programs from 2026 through 2029.

STBG (WA)	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total 2026-2029
Urban	\$681,125	\$681,125	\$681,125	\$681,125	\$2,724,500
Rural	\$589,398	\$589,398	\$589,398	\$589,398	\$2,357,592
Any Area	\$319,335	\$319,335	\$319,335	\$319,335	\$1,277,340
Yearly Total	\$1,589,858	\$1,589,858	\$1,589,858	\$1,589,858	\$6,359,432

Funds Carry-Over to 2026	\$1,280,294	-	-	-	\$1,280,294
2024-2027 Projects carried	\$375,060	\$1,646,066	\$200,000	-	\$2,221,126
STBG Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$5,418,600

TA (WA)	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total 2026-2029
Urban	\$66,851	\$66,851	\$66,851	\$66,851	\$267,404
Rural	\$16,978	\$16,978	\$16,978	\$16,978	\$67,912
Any Area	\$46,474	\$46,474	\$46,474	\$46,474	\$185,896
Yearly Total	\$130,303	\$130,303	\$130,303	\$130,303	\$521,212
Funds Carry-Over to 2026	(\$79,332)	-	-	-	(\$79,332)
2024-2027 Projects carried	-	-	-	-	\$0
TA Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$441,880

CRP (WA)	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total 2026-2029
Urban	\$80,827	\$80,827	\$80,827	\$80,827	\$323,308
Rural	\$32,830	\$32,830	\$32,830	\$32,830	\$131,320
Any Area	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Yearly Total	\$113,657	\$113,657	\$113,657	\$113,657	\$454,628
Funds Carry-Over to 2026	\$202,527	-	-	-	\$202,527
2024-2027 Projects carried	\$230,877	-	-	-	\$230,877
CRP Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$426,278

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 August 2026 Amendment are consistent with the goals and objectives of local comprehensive plans, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation - 2045 Plan Second Update, 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 August 2026 Amendment to the 2026-2031 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 (PM₁₀).

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 August 2026 Amendment to the 2026-2031 M/RTIP will be held from July 7 through July 20, 2026. 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://wwwmpo.org/public-participation.html>.

Public comments received are included in Appendix B.

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 August 2026 Amendment to the 2026-2031 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



Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Project Summary

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Key Number: 24496 2024-2027 STIP

Project Name: CTUIR 5307 transfer to 5311 FFY22-26 (PENDING AMENDMENT)

Project Overview			
Total Current Estimate	\$1,017,247.00	Description	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) 5307 allocation transferred to 5311 for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2026. Projects will be administered by ODOT as the direct recipient.
Responsible Region	6	Related Programs	
Project Status Date	6/15/2026	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	6/15/2026	Created By	AMANDA SANDVIG
Last Updated On	6/15/2026	Last Updated By	AMANDA SANDVIG
Comment	Vehicles: \$410k federal + \$46,926 local match, Operations: \$317,758 federal + \$242,563 local match.		

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



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Key Number: **24496** **2024-2027 STIP**

Project Name: **CTUIR 5307 transfer to 5311 FFY22-26** **(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	1,017,247.00	0.00		0.00		1,017,247.00	2026	1,017,247.00	2026			APPROVED
Tot	1,017,247.00	0.00		0.00		1,017,247.00		1,017,247.00				

Budget Limitation					
Phase	Budget Limitation	Percent of Phase	Budget Limitation Amount	Opt Code	Option Desc
OT	TRANST	100.00%	1,017,247.00	T	TRANSIT PROJECT
	OT Totals	100.00%	1,017,247.00		
	Grand Totals		1,017,247.00		

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	FTA ODOT recipient	2024-2027 STIP	2026	1,017,247.00	727,758.00	0.00	289,489.00	
	OT Totals			1,017,247.00	727,758.00	0.00	289,489.00	
	Grand Totals			1,017,247.00	727,758.00	0.00	289,489.00	



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Key Number: **24496** **2024-2027 STIP**

Project Name: **CTUIR 5307 transfer to 5311 FFY22-26** **(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	5307	Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program operating 50/50 planning & capital 80/20 vehicle ADA equip 90/10 bicycle access projects 90/10	100.00%	1,017,247.00	71.54%	727,758.00	0.00%	0.00	28.46%	289,489.00
	OT Totals		100.00%	1,017,247.00		727,758.00		0.00		289,489.00
Grand Totals				1,017,247.00		727,758.00		0.00		289,489.00

Amendments						
Status Date	Amendment Num.	Status	Project Change Type	S/C	Key Number	Change Reason
6/18/26	24-27-3787	PENDING	ADD PROJECT		24496	Add new project.

Selection Criteria:	STIP	2024-2027 STIP	Key Number	24496	Project ID	53969
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Appendix B – Public Comments

Public Comment Period – July 7 through July 20, 2026

The public comment period for the August 2026 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2026-2031 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) will be held from July 7 through July 20, 2026.

No comments received.

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.