



Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization

May 2025 Amendment to the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program 2025-2030

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Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Amendment Timeframe

The May 2025 amendment to the 2025-2030 Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) includes the years 2025 through 2028.

Projects Included

The May 2025 Amendment proposes the addition of a new project for the Oregon Department of Transportation. Additional project details are also shown in [Appendix A](#).

Oregon Department of Transportation

Project Name: 23859, Carbon Reduction Program; Walla Walla Area

Amendment: Updated record for 2025-2028 STIP.

Improvement: Develop a carbon reduction strategy based on the state’s greenhouse gas reduction goals that supports reduction in transportation emissions and identify projects appropriate to state population density.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$269

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 2025-2030 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 2025 through 2028.

STBG (WA)	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total 2025-2028
Urban	\$692,464	\$692,464	\$692,464	\$692,464	\$2,769,856
Rural	\$568,008	\$568,008	\$568,008	\$568,008	\$2,272,032

Any Area	\$226,460	\$226,460	\$226,460	\$226,460	\$905,340
Yearly Total	\$1,486,932	\$1,486,932	\$1,486,932	\$1,486,932	\$5,947,728
Funds Carry-Over to 2025	-\$1,186,426				-\$1,186,426
2024-2027 Projects carried		\$1,271,126	\$1,517,471	\$200,000	\$2,988,597
STBG Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$1,772,705

TA (WA)	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total 2025-2028
Urban	\$63,562	\$63,562	\$63,562	\$63,562	\$254,246
Rural	\$14,135	\$14,135	\$14,135	\$14,135	\$56,541
Any Area	\$40,491	\$40,491	\$40,491	\$40,491	\$161,965
Yearly Total	\$118,188	\$118,188	\$118,188	\$118,188	\$472,752
Funds Carry-Over to 2025	\$1,656				\$1,656
2024-2027 Projects carried		\$224,224			\$224,224
TA Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$250,184

CRP (WA)	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total 2025-2028
Urban	\$118,077	\$118,077	\$118,077	\$118,077	\$472,307
Rural	\$37,492	\$37,492	\$37,492	\$37,492	\$149,969
Any Area	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Yearly Total	\$155,569	\$155,569	\$155,569	\$155,569	\$622,276
Funds Carry-Over to 2025	\$88,870				\$88,870
2024-2027 Projects carried	\$107,627	\$123,250			\$230,877
CRP Available for Newly Programmed Projects					\$480,269

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 May 2025 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 May 2025 Amendment to the 2025-2030 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 IJIA Act.

The public review period for the May 2025 Amendment to the 2025-2030 M/RTIP will be held from April 1 through April 14, 2025. 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 May 2025 Amendment to the 2025-2030 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: 23859 **2024-2027 STIP**

Project Name: Carbon Reduction Program; Walla Walla Area **(PENDING AMENDMENT)**

Project Overview			
Total Current Estimate	\$269.00	Description	Develop a carbon reduction strategy based on the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals that supports reduction in transportation emissions and identify projects appropriate to state population density.
Responsible Region	5	Related Programs	
Project Status Date	3/13/2025	STIP Name	2024-2027 STIP
Project Status	UNAPPROVED	Administrator	WASHDOT
		Certified Agency	
Monitor	POOL	Applicant	WALLA WALLA MILTON-FREEWATER MPO
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	FHWA	Budget Authority	OTC
Air Quality Approval Date.		IGA #	
		Contract #	
Created On	3/13/2025	Created By	FLOWER SHOBE
Last Updated On	3/13/2025	Last Updated By	AMANDA SANDVIG
Comment	Funding to be transferred to WashDOT.		

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: **23859** **2024-2027 STIP**

Project Name: **Carbon Reduction Program; Walla Walla Area** **(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	269.00	0.00		0.00		269.00	2025	269.00	2025			APPROVED
Tot	269.00	0.00		0.00		269.00		269.00				

Budget Limitation					
Phase	Budget Limitation	Percent of Phase	Budget Limitation Amount	Opt Code	Option Desc
OT	OP-CARBON	100.00%	269.00	O	OTHER, NOT STATE, NOT LOCAL
	OT Totals	100.00%	269.00		
	Grand Totals		269.00		

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	CRP - Walla Walla	2024-2027 STIP	2025	269.00	269.00	0.00	0.00	3/2025: Add project split from 23098 for transfer to WashDOT.
	OT Totals			269.00	269.00	0.00	0.00	
	Grand Totals			269.00	269.00	0.00	0.00	

Fund Codes										
Phase	Fund Code	Description	Percent of Phase	Total Amount	Federal Percent	Federal Amount	State Percent	State Amount	Local Percent	Local Amount
OT	Y606	Carbon reduction 50,000-200,000 population IJA	100.00%	269.00	100.00%	269.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	OT Totals		100.00%	269.00		269.00		0.00		0.00
	Grand Totals			269.00		269.00		0.00		0.00



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Amendment Project Summary

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Key Number: **23859** **2024-2027 STIP**

Project Name: **Carbon Reduction Program; Walla Walla Area** **(PENDING AMENDMENT**

Amendments						
Status Date	Amendment Num.	Status	Project Change Type	S/C	Key Number	Change Reason
3/13/25	24-27-2490	PENDING	ADD PROJECT		23859	Add a new project. Funding to be transferred to WashDOT.

Selection Criteria:	STIP	2024-2027 STIP	Key Number	23859	Project ID	51600
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Appendix B – Public Comments

Public Comment Period – April 4 through April 14, 2025

The public comment period for the May 2025 Amendment to the WWVMPO/SRTPO 2025-2030 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) will be held from April 1 through April 14, 2025.

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.