

Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and  
Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization (WWVMPO/SRTPO)  
A Resolution Adopting the October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization (WWVMPO/SRTPO) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization as well as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization and as such has both the federal and state responsibility for developing and adopting a short-term Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program have been integrated into a single document titled the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (hereafter referred to as M/RTIP); and

WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO certifies that the federal requirements of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are met, such certification being an annual, joint WWVMPO/SRTPO - State Departments of Transportation statement concerning the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO certifies that the Washington State requirements of RCW 47.80 are met; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and the Oregon and Washington State Departments of Transportation (ODOT and WSDOT) submitted projects for inclusion in the 2024-2029 M/RTIP, which are based on reasonably available financial resources; and

WHEREAS, 2024-2029 M/RTIP projects were selected through a performance-driven, outcome-based approach that focuses on progress towards identified regional goals and national performance targets; and

WHEREAS, projects must be included in the 2024-2029 M/RTIP to be eligible for federal assistance under Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding programs; and

WHEREAS, all regionally significant transportation improvement projects must be included in the M/RTIP, regardless of their funding source; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period for review of the proposed October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP was held between September 3 and September 16, 2024, and appropriate notice was given to the public; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (42 USC 7401 et seq.) require local and state compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for air quality pollutants, including particulate matter with a diameter of ten microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>); and

WHEREAS, the Rule on Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans outlined in 40 CFR 93 prescribes that federally funded transportation plans, programs, and projects are subject to air quality conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO must certify that the 2024-2029 M/RTIP, and the 2045 Plan on which

the M/RTIP is based, comply with federal and state air quality conformity determination requirements and will not cause or contribute to any new violation of the federal air quality standards for PM<sub>10</sub>; and WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends adoption of the October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP for the Walla Walla Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board in its review of the October 2024 Amendment finds:

- ◆ The projects contained in the October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP to be consistent with regional goals, policies, and recommendations set forth in the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan and Regional Transportation – 2045 Plan, adopted on February 3, 2021; and
- ◆ The amended projects to be within appropriate financial constraint and to present a viable program of projects to be implemented by local jurisdictions, transit agencies, Oregon Department of Transportation and the Washington State Departments of Transportation; and
- ◆ The amendment includes changes to the project names, decrease and increase funding and the addition of two new projects; and
- ◆ The amended projects to represent project types specifically exempted from air quality conformity determination, as described in 40 CFR 93.126; and
- ◆ The development of the October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP to have provided an opportunity for public input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WWVMPO/SRTPO POLICY BOARD,

THAT the October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP is adopted; and

THAT the amended 2024-2029 M/RTIP is found to remain in conformity with the federal and state Clean Air Acts and the Wallula Site PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan; and

THAT the amended projects are approved to receive federal and state funds; and

THAT the October 2024 Amendment to the 2024-2029 M/RTIP be submitted to the Washington State Departments of Transportation, as needed, for inclusion into the statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs), which are then forwarded to FHWA and FTA for final approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024.

Signed:

Attested:

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Ron Dunning, Chair  
WWVMPO/SRTPO Policy Board

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Andres Gomez, Executive Director  
WWVMPO/SRTPO

Approved as to Form:

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Jared Hawkins, WWVMPO/SRTPO Legal Counsel