



**STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION**

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*  
**DATE:** December 30, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** **10-Year Transportation Project Priorities Report - Update,  
Resolution 01-15-01**

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**AT A GLANCE - ACTION**

*The purpose of this Resolution is to seek RTC Board adoption of the 10-Year Transportation Project Priorities Report for the Clark County region. The Report has been updated for consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan for Clark County (December 2014).*

**BACKGROUND**

The 10-Year Transportation Project Priorities Report was first adopted by the RTC Board in November 2012 with an update in March 2014 to add three emergent priority projects. The fundamental goal of the 10-year prioritization process is to consider what regional transportation projects are most needed to promote community success and economic opportunity.

The attached 10-Year Transportation Project Priorities Report documents the 10-year transportation priorities development process. The Report includes transportation investment goals, a revenue outlook and identifies both regional and local priority projects with listings of the projects and accompanying location maps. Priority Projects were identified by local agencies in concert with RTC staff as shorter-term needs in the Clark County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and were recommended for prioritization analysis. The projects were analyzed based on a short-term horizon (year 2022) regional travel forecast model. Projects were evaluated based on the following transportation performance criteria: safety, mobility, multi-modal and support for economic development. The 10-year transportation priorities were developed with technical review and input provided by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and policy review provided by the RTC Board of Directors.

The project priorities have now been screened against the 2014 updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Consistency review included assessment of project titles and cost estimates and overall status in relation to the current RTP.

The attached Report includes proposed updates to the projects that are part of the regional transportation system as listed on pages 10 and 11 and proposed updates to local projects as listed on page 14 of the report. The proposed updates were reviewed by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) members at the December 19 RTAC meeting. RTAC members concurred with the updated project priorities.

## **POLICY IMPLICATION**

The 10-year transportation priorities planning process considered transportation policies and investment goals relating to project priorities. The project priority evaluation process required that projects should meet the following investment goals:

- Protect investment in current network by system preservation and maintenance
- Improve safety by reducing crashes and maintaining emergency response
- Support economic development/jobs
- Improve reliability through operational improvements
- Improve mobility (reliability) through system completion, upgrading to urban standards, grade separation and/or adding lanes
- Improve accessibility
- Increase proportionate use of alternative modes

All regional projects considered and evaluated as part of the 10-year transportation project priorities process are from existing state and local plans and are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Also, all projects are supportive of the land uses and forecast population and employment levels included in the adopted Clark County Comprehensive Plan.

The RTC Board undertook the process to prioritize transportation projects in order to highlight the most-needed projects in preparation for a possible new transportation funding package. The project list included as part of the Clark County Transportation Alliance's Washington State Legislative Policy Statement is consistent with and considered a sub-set of the projects listed in the 10-Year Transportation Project Priorities Report. The Clark County Transportation Alliance (CCTA) is an alliance of public and private organizations which was formed as a transportation focus unit of the volunteer Clark County Governmental Affairs Roundtable.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

In 2012, when the 10-Year transportation Project Priorities Report was first published, the RTC Board determined that the region's strategy should be to mutually support the identified regional and local priority transportation projects and to aggressively pursue funding opportunities so they can be implemented or constructed to help this region's economic recovery and future development. The identified projects will not necessarily be competing against each other for funding as there is a range of different transportation funding programs available. As presented, the regional and local capital project priorities identified in the 10-year process amount to an estimated cost of almost \$1.1 billion.

In addition, the RTC Board has previously agreed a regional priority is to preserve and maintain the existing transportation system. With limited revenues available to transportation, preservation and maintenance will consume much of the revenues available in the years ahead, but there remains a need for regional and local capital projects to improve the safety and mobility of Clark County residents and to support the region's development.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adoption of Resolution 01-15-01, “10-Year Transportation Project Priorities Report Update.”

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015,  
by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Melissa Smith  
Chair of the Board

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Matt Ransom  
Executive Director

Attachment