



## STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director   
**DATE:** September 27, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 10-16-24

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### AT A GLANCE - ACTION

*The purpose of this resolution is to seek RTC Board adoption of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The recommended action was endorsed by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). The TIP was developed in accordance with federal requirements. The TIP programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$219.3 million, including approximately \$96.3 million in federal transportation funding.*

### INTRODUCTION

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Clark County region, RTC is required to develop a financially constrained regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The requirements for the TIP are established in federal surface transportation legislation.

The Full Draft of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program is provided on line within the October 2016 RTC Board materials and printed copies will be available at the October RTC Board meeting.

The 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program is a four-year program of regionally significant transportation projects and indicates commitment for funding on these projects. Projects programmed in the TIP are drawn either directly from specific project recommendations made in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or are developed from a more general series of recommendations (e.g. preservation, maintenance, safety, etc.).

In September, the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) reviewed the draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and has recommended adoption by the RTC Board of Directors. In January, the 2017-2020 regional TIP becomes part of the 2017-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Projects must be listed in the STIP to receive authorization for the use of federal transportation funds.

### PROJECT REVIEW

While some of the projects programmed in the TIP are selected for funding by the RTC Board, many of the projects programmed in the TIP are selected for funding through other processes. No matter the source of funding, RTC staff reviews all projects to ensure that each project is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), air quality requirement, local

comprehensive plans, financially constrained, provide a reasonable timeline, and with other state and federal requirements.

### **2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADOPTION**

Adoption of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will include the following actions:

- Programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$219.3 million, including approximately \$96.3 million in federal transportation funding.
- The first two years of projects programmed in the TIP are considered selected projects and can proceed towards implementation, within statewide management of obligation limits.
- Certification that the RTC planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements.
  - The TIP development process meets federal public participation requirements and that a 30-day public comment period was provided.
  - All projects proposed for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding do not exceed the proposed funding levels available within a program year.
  - TIP consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Process, Clean Air Act as amended, the Air Quality State Implementation Plan, and Conformity Guidelines.

### **POLICY IMPLICATION**

The 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year program of regionally significant transportation projects in the Clark County region. Projects programmed in the TIP are consistent with state and federal requirements, and assist the region in implementing the overall long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Approval of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will program 69 regionally significant projects, representing approximately \$219.3 million in transportation investment over the next four years within the Clark County, Washington region.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adoption of Resolution 10-16-24 “2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.”

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016,  
by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Jack Burkman  
Chair of the Board

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Matt Ransom  
Executive Director

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