



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*  
**DATE:** February 28, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** 2016 Federal Obligation Report

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***AT A GLANCE – INFORMATION***

*The purpose of this memorandum is to present the 2016 Annual Listing of Federal Obligation. The annual listing is a federal requirement of each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The 2016 Annual Listing of Federal Obligation meets the federal requirements by presenting and analyzing federal obligation in calendar year 2016.*

**BACKGROUND**

Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required by the end of March to publish a list of projects for which federal transportation funds were obligated in the previous year. The attached 2016 Annual Listing of Federal Obligation is developed in response to this directive. In addition to providing the list of obligated projects, the attached report provides a brief analysis of the annual obligation.

Obligation occurs when the Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration enters into an agreement to reimburse a local agency for the federal share of a project. The actual expenditure on a project occurs after a project has been obligated, and can often take years after a project has been obligated.

**2016 Obligation**

A total of \$20.9 million in federal transportation funds were obligated in Clark County during calendar year 2016. The 2016 obligation will result in the construction of many regionally significant road, bridge, transit, trails, and preservation projects.

**RTC Managed Obligation**

WSDOT has placed responsibility on RTC to manage the obligation of regional STP, CMAQ, and TAP funds. The region receives approximately \$8.6 million per year, and projects are selected for these programs through a competitive process by the RTC Board. Due to statewide management of funds, projects are allowed to proceed when ready. In 2016, the region obligated \$10.9 million in RTC managed funds among 11 projects.

Attachment