



STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director 
DATE: September 26, 2017
SUBJECT: **2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 10-17-18**

AT A GLANCE - ACTION

The purpose of this resolution is to seek RTC Board adoption of the 2018-2021 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 \$215.8 million, including approximately \$26.4 million in RTC Board selected regional federal grants.

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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is provided on line within the October 2017 RTC Board materials and printed copies will be available at the October RTC Board meeting.

The 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and has recommended adoption by the RTC Board of Directors. The 2018-2021 regional TIP will become part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and projects can proceed starting in January 2018.

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.

TIP AMENDMENTS

RTAC is recommending the following Transportation Improvement Program amendments:

- Approval for the City of La Center to delay the obligation of STBG construction funds on the 4th Street and Pacific Highway Roundabout one additional year. Delay is due to additional time needed to certify right of way.
- Approval to move \$1.3 million in STBG Urban funds for the NE 119th Street East project from 2020 to 2019. Due to statewide modification of federal allocation formulas, the region has the capacity to move the 2020 highest rank project up one year. This will allow the NE 119th Street East project to begin construction one year earlier.

2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adoption of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will include the following actions:

- Program approximately \$9.4 million in RTC Board selected 2021 regional federal grant awards.
- Programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$215.8 million, including approximately \$128.1 million in federal transportation funding. Of the federal transportation funding, approximately \$26.4 million is RTC Board selected regional federal grants.
- 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 amounts 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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year program of regionally significant transportation projects for 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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will program 85 regionally significant projects, representing approximately \$215.8 million in transportation investment over the next four years within the Clark County, Washington region.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 10-17-18 “2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.”

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2017,
by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Jeanne E. Stewart
Chair of the Board

Matt Ransom
Executive Director