



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*  
**DATE:** February 27, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** **2017 Annual Listing of Federal Project Obligation**

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***AT A GLANCE – INFORMATION***

*The purpose of this memorandum is to present the 2017 Annual Listing of Federal Obligation and RTC Project Database. The annual listing is a federal requirement of each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The 2017 Annual Listing of Federal Obligation meets the federal requirements by presenting and analyzing federal obligation in calendar year 2017.*

**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 2017 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. Annual obligation reports can be viewed from RTC’s web site at: <http://www.rtc.wa.gov/programs/tip/projects/>.

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 obligation and can often take years.

**2017 Obligation**

A total of \$35 million in federal transportation funds were obligated in Clark County during calendar year 2017. The 2017 obligation will result in the construction of many regionally significant road, bridge, bike and pedestrian, transit, and preservation projects.

**RTC Managed Obligation**

WSDOT has placed responsibility on RTC to manage the obligation of regional STBG, CMAQ, and TA funds. The region receives approximately \$9 million per year, and projects are selected for these programs through a competitive process administered by the RTC Board. Due to statewide management of funds, projects are allowed to proceed when ready. In 2017, the region obligated \$8.5 million in RTC managed funds among 14 projects. Even though obligated funds were lower than the allocation, the region continues to be approximately one year ahead in the obligation of funds. As of November 2017, the region had obligated all of our estimated 2018 allocation of federal funds.

### **RTC Project Database**

RTC staff has created a regional project database, which includes a list of projects that have been awarded federal transportation funds by the RTC Board since 2010. This data base shows the current status of projects, with a location map and pictures of the project. The project database can be viewed at <http://www.rtc.wa.gov/programs/projects/>.

Attachment