



STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director
DATE: July 30, 2019 
SUBJECT: **2019-2022 TIP and 2020 UPWP Amendment: Columbia Connects Bi-State Study, Resolution 08-19-20**

AT A GLANCE - ACTION

The action requested is to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to program \$50,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for the Columbia Connects Bi-State Study. This study will analyze how regional investment can improve bi-state economic development.

INTRODUCTION

All regionally significant projects must be listed in the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which in turn becomes a part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). All regional transportation planning activities must be listed in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) reviewed this proposed TIP and UPWP amendment at their July 19, 2019, meeting and recommended RTC Board adoption.

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT

The region has set-aside \$100,000 a year in federal STBG funds for strategic Regional Partnership planning. This was conceived as a multi-agency initiative to provide regional funding to carry out regional transportation planning studies. Over the last year, RTC has been coordinating with Metro and other local agencies to define the Columbia Connects Bi-State Study and is now ready to move forward with the study.

RTC's policies require that any change in regional federal funds must be approved by both RTAC and the RTC Board. The following project is proposed to be added into the STIP using regional funds set-aside for regional partnership planning:

Columbia Connects Bi-State Study: RTC is requesting to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add the Columbia Connects Bi-State Study. The purpose of this study is to develop policies and strategies for bi-state regional investment to improve economic development. This amendment would program \$50,000 in federal STBG funds, with \$25,000 in local match for the Study that will be managed by Metro. This represents the Washington share of a \$500,000 regional study effort.

The attached STIP project record report provides additional information on this project.

POLICY IMPLICATION

This amendment is consistent with federal requirements and is financially constrained. This Study is intended to identify policies and strategies for bi-state regional investment to support economic development.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

RTC’s 2019 Work Program and Budget identified the Columbia Connects study as a work program activity and the planned \$50,000 STBG commitment was included in the approved Budget. Action on this amendment will officially program \$50,000 of regional STBG funds, allowing for formal obligation of these grant funds later this year. The STBG grant funds will be matched with \$25,000 from the City of Vancouver to provide the Washington share of a \$500,000 bi-state regional planning study.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 08-19-20 “2019-2022 TIP and 2020 UPWP Amendment: Columbia Connects Bi-State Study.”

ADOPTED this 6th day of August 2019, by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Anne McEnery-Ogle
Chair of the Board

Matt Ransom
Executive Director

Attachments

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2019 to 2022

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: RTC

Y Inside

N Outside

July 11, 2019

County: Clark

Agency: RTC

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
00			WA-12320	18	0.000	CE	No	Region Wide	Region Wide	75,000	19-08

Columbia Connects Bi-State Study

Undertake a bi-state transportation and land use planning study for the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area. The purpose of the study is to develop policies and strategy for regional investment to improve economic development. This includes RTC's portion of the total, which is shared with Metro.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Funds	Local Funds	Total
			Federal Funds	State Fund Code			
PE	2019	STP(UL)	50,000		0	25,000	75,000
Project Totals			50,000		0	25,000	75,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
PE	10,000	50,000	15,000	0	0
Totals	10,000	50,000	15,000	0	0

Agency Totals for RTC	Federal Funds		State Funds	Local Funds	Total
	Federal Funds	State Funds			
Agency Totals for RTC	50,000		0	25,000	75,000

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
FY 2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM - SUMMARY OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE**

Work Element		N O T E S	1. FY 2020 Federal FHWA PL	1. FY 2020 Federal FTA	1. Federal STBG	State RTPO	Other Local Funds	RTC Local Funds	RTC TOTAL
I REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM									
A	Regional Transportation Plan	2.	125,200	39,400	120,000	30,344	37,803	30,234	382,981
B	Transportation Improvement Program		50,080	15,760	28,000	12,138		12,093	118,071
C	Congestion Management Process		50,080	15,760	28,000	12,138		12,093	118,071
D	Vancouver Area Smart Trek Program				236,000			36,832	272,832
E	Skamania and Klickitat RTPO					45,310			45,310
F	Urban Freeway Corridors Operations Study	3.			215,000		33,555		248,555
G	Regional Active Transportation Plan	4.			100,000		15,607		115,607
	Sub-Total		225,360	70,920	727,000	99,929	86,965	91,253	1,301,427
II DATA MANAGEMENT, TRAVEL FORECASTING, AIR QUALITY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES									
A	Reg. Transp. Data, Forecast, AQ & Tech. Services		269,180	84,710	150,500	65,239	26,660	65,002	661,291
B	Household Travel Survey	5.			500,000		78,035		578,035
	Sub-Total		269,180	84,710	650,500	65,239	104,695	65,002	1,239,326
III TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT									
A	Reg. Transp. Program Coord. & Management		131,460	41,370	73,500	31,861		31,745	309,936
B	Columbia Connects Bi-State Study	6.			50,000		25,000		75,000
	Sub-Total		131,460	41,370	123,500	31,861	25,000	31,745	384,936
TOTALS			626,000	197,000	1,501,000	197,029	216,660	188,000	2,925,689

08/06/2019

NOTES:

1. Minimum local match for federal PL, FTA and STBG funds is provided from state RTPO, MPO and local funds. Local match for FHWA, FTA and STBG funds is assumed at 13.5%.
2. \$120,000 in STBG funds includes \$50,000 to fund an HCT Study update. Work Scope to be developed.
3. The UFCOS Study is a 2-year study, FY 2018-FY2019. Amounts are for the full 2-year study.
4. The Regional Active Transportation Plan is a 2-year study, FY 2019 to FY 2020.
5. The Household Travel Survey is a 2-year study, FY 2020 to FY 2021.
6. This represents the Washington portion of a \$500K bi-state study