



**STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION**

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*  
**DATE:** September 24, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** **2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 10-19-25**

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**AT A GLANCE - ACTION**

*The action requested is to adopt the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The recommended action was endorsed by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) at their monthly meeting on September 20, 2019. The TIP was developed in accordance with federal requirements and the Transportation Programming Guidebook. The TIP programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$343.8 million, including approximately \$37.2 million in RTC Board selected regional federal grants.*

**BACKGROUND**

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. In addition, the TIP is developed consistent with the policies and procedures found in the RTC Board adopted Transportation Programming Guidebook.

The Full Draft of the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program is provided on line within the October 2019 RTC Board materials and printed copies will be available at the October RTC Board meeting.

The 2020-2023 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 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and has recommended adoption by the RTC Board of Directors. The 2020-2023 regional TIP will become part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and projects programmed in the first two years of the TIP can proceed starting in January 2020.

**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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Citizens are provided an opportunity to comment on the TIP through a public involvement process, lasting from August 28, 2019 through the RTC Board meeting on October 1, 2019. Notices of opportunity to comment on the TIP were distributed to the local media, neighborhoods, and through RTC's website. Public comments are displayed starting on Page 127 of the TIP document.

### **2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Adoption of the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will include the following actions:

- 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.
- Programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$343.8 million, including approximately \$126.1 million in federal transportation funding. Of the federal transportation funding, approximately \$37.2 million is RTC Board selected regional federal grants.
- Certification that the RTC planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements.
  - TIP consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Process, Clean Air Act as amended, the Air Quality State Implementation Plan, and Conformity Guidelines.
  - 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 calendar year.
  - The TIP development process meets federal public participation requirements and that a 30-day public comment period was provided.

### **POLICY IMPLICATION**

The 2020-2023 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**

None to RTC as an agency. Region wide, approval of the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will program 79 regionally significant projects, representing approximately \$343.8 million in transportation investment over the next four years within the Clark County, Washington region.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adoption of Resolution 10-19-25, “2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.”

ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019, by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Anne McEnery-Ogle  
Chair of the Board

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Matt Ransom  
Executive Director

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