

APPENDIX C: Public Comments

Introduction

Citizens and appropriate parties were provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through a public involvement process. This process includes a minimum of a 30 day public comment period that was held from August 30, 2019 until October 1, 2019. Public comment period concluded with testimony at the October 1, 2019 RTC Board meeting. The draft TIP document and project information was made available during the public comment period. The attached table includes all comments received along with RTC staff responses:

Table 11: Public Comments

Project	Support Project	Comment	Staff Response
Mill Plain BRT	Yes	Need increased public transportation to reduce dependence on vehicles.	Project is programmed for construction in 2022.
I-5/Mill Plain Interchange Rebuild	Yes	Need to better move freight to/from the Port.	Project is fully funded through Connecting Washington Transportation Package and design is programmed in 2023.
SR-503/NE 299 th St.	Yes	Would like a northbound left turn added at this intersection to improve safety.	As this was not a project listed in the TIP, the message was forward to WSDOT's communication staff to address.
SR-14 Safety East of Washougal	Yes	Need to improve safety on SR-14 east of Washougal as an alternative to I-84.	This project is not listed in the TIP. With limited resources, the numbers of serious and fatal crashes are used to prioritize safety projects.
Setback left-turn lane stop	Yes	Left turn stops should be set back to improve turn movements.	This project is not listed in the TIP. There are many factors associated with design of intersections, and local jurisdictions follow engineering standards.
Transit and Active Transportation Projects	Yes	We need to focus on reducing use of the internal combustion engine.	The existing TIP programs approximately \$71 million for transit and active transportation projects.
All C-TRAN Projects	No	Does not support spending money for transit.	The vision for the region supports a balanced transportation system which includes transit.
I-5 Columbia River Interstate Bridge	No	I-5 Bridge exceeds capacity. The region needs to fix Columbia River Railroad bridge and build 3 rd Bridge.	The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies the I-5 Bridge replacement as a need. Neither local land use plans nor the RTP identifies additional Columbia River crossing.
I-5 Columbia River Interstate Bridge	Yes	Need a new I-5 bridge with dedicated right of way for public transportation.	Preliminary engineer work is programmed to begin in year 2020.
Preservation	Yes	East Vancouver is in need of significant pavement preservation.	The City of Vancouver is working to make progress on its goal of improving pavement conditions throughout the City.

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I-205 Sound Walls	Yes	Would like sound walls along I-205 in the vicinity of Green Meadows neighbourhood.	The existing TIP does not list an improvement project in this location. Sound mitigation will be considered if an improvement is made to I-205 in this area.
Transit and Complete Streets	Yes	More emphasis should be placed on public transit and complete streets.	The existing TIP programs approximately \$71 million for transit and active transportation projects.
Route 14 auxiliary lanes and SE 1st Avenue	Yes	Projects are much needed.	Both projects are fully funded and will be constructed over the next few years.
Citizen Feedback Link	N/A	The citizen feedback link is not working and adoption should be delayed.	The TIP News Release provides the correct public comment link to the public, newspapers, neighbourhoods, and others.
I-5 Columbia River Interstate Bridge	No	I-5 Bridge replacement, with high capacity transit, will not solve congestion.	The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies the I-5 Bridge replacement as a need. Neither local land use plans nor the RTP identifies additional Columbia River crossing.
I-5 Columbia River Interstate Bridge	No	The region needs a new safe transportation corridor over the Columbia River	The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies the I-5 Bridge replacement as a need. Neither local land use plans nor the RTP identifies additional Columbia River crossing.
I-5 Columbia River Interstate Bridge	No	More prudent to build additional bridges over Columbia River than reconstruct existing structure.	The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies the I-5 Bridge replacement as a need. Neither local land use plans nor the RTP identifies additional Columbia River crossing.
I-5 Columbia River Interstate Bridge	No	Do not replace I-5 Bridge. Need a 3 rd Bridge.	The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies the I-5 Bridge replacement as a need. Neither local land use plans nor the RTP identifies additional Columbia River crossing.
Regional Transportation Improvements	Yes	The region needs more than just an I-5 Bridge replacement.	The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies the I-5 Bridge replacement as a need. Neither local land use plans nor the RTP identifies additional Columbia River crossing.