



STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director
DATE: May 26, 2020 
SUBJECT: 2020-2023 TIP Amendment, Resolution 06-20-14

AT A GLANCE - ACTION

The action requested is the amendment of the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to delay the SE 1st Street project and switch \$1,500,000 in federal funds from the NE 99th Street project to the NE 10th Avenue project. This amendment is necessary to help ensure that the region meets our federal obligation target.

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). RTC’s policies require that changes with regionally allocated federal funding be approved by both the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the RTC Board. The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) reviewed the proposed TIP amendment at their May 15, 2020 meeting and recommended RTC Board adoption.

In 2020, the City of Vancouver was awarded a one-time bonus of \$1,000,000 in STBG funds for construction on SE 1st Street. These funds were conditional on the City submitting their construction supplemental Local Agency Agreement to WSDOT by August 1, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor’s Stay at Home order has created obstacles for completing right of way acquisition (see attached letter). Rather than waiting to see if Vancouver can make their obligation target, RTC staff is proposing that the region move funding for the SE 1st Street back to a later year and bring funds forward to a project that will be obligated in 2020.

RTC staff is requesting this STIP amendment to reduce the risk of the region not meeting our 2020 federal obligation target. If the SE 1st Street project is not obligated by September 30th the region could be sanctioned and lose federal dollars.

This TIP amendment will make the following three-way moving of federal dollars to help the region meet obligation targets:

- SE 1st Street funding (approximately \$2.87 million in federal funds) is moved back to years 2021 and 2022 in the TIP, and all federal dollars become STBG urban dollars.
- Add \$1.5 million in federal funds (\$362,393 HIP and \$1,137,607 STBG Urban) to the NE 10th Avenue project.
- Remove \$1.5 million in STBG urban funding from the NE 99th Street project. This change is necessary to meet financial feasibility constraints. The County will be eligible to

request \$1.5 million in future grant cycles for the NE 99th Street project to replace federal dollars lost to the project.

The amendment is found to be consistent with all state and federal requirements. The attached STIP project record report provides additional information on these projects. These amended reports will be incorporated into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program following Board action.

POLICY IMPLICATION

This amendment is consistent with the Congestion Management Process, air quality requirements, and is financially constrained. This amendment delays the SE 1st Street project in the TIP to reduce risk of the region not meeting our federal obligation target. The amendment then exchanges local and federal funds between NE 99th Street and NE 10th Avenue projects to ensure obligation of \$1,500,000 in federal funds in 2020.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Action on this amendment will create no impact on regional grant funding awards. The Action will promote RTC’s compliance with the state’s 2020 Federal Obligation Authority Target.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 06-20-14 “2020-2023 TIP Amendment.”

ADOPTED this 2nd day of June 2020, by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott Hughes
Chair of the Board

Matt Ransom
Executive Director

Attachments: City of Vancouver Letter
STIP Project Records



April 28, 2020

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Regional Transportation Council

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Subject: SE 1st Street Capital Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Ransom:

As you know, the City is advancing the design and right-of-way phases for the SE 1st Street project (164th Avenue to 177th Avenue). Our goal is to complete the ROW phase and have the construction funding obligated by September 30, 2020, the deadline imposed by the Federal government which trickles down to WSDOT, RTC and the local agencies. In order to meet this deadline, WSDOT is asking that we initiate the process to certify the ROW phase and obligate construction funding no later than July 1, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Jay Inslee's "Stay Home Stay Healthy" order has created obstacles in our path to secure the ROW for this project. City staff and our consultants continue to coordinate ROW acquisition through remote working efforts and as such, we have extended offers to all of the property owners impacted by the project. We've also completed settlement negotiations with approximately 20% of the impacted parcels. However, the inability to hold in-person conversations with impacted property owners as well as the added time it's taking to process final ROW documents due to closures of City Hall and the County Assessor's Office is threatening to delay completion of the ROW phase beyond the July 1st deadline. Furthermore, WSDOT staff that would normally review our documents are also working remotely, which is likely to add time to the right-of-way certification process and the construction obligation process.

Given our current circumstances, it is uncertain as to whether the City will be able to certify right-of-way or submit obligation paperwork by July 1, 2020. It is difficult to give a realistic timeframe due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. However, I am confident we can get the construction funds obligated by the end of 2020. As such, the City requests that the deadline for construction obligation be extended to December 31, 2020. The City is committed to completing this project within the parameters set forth under the funding agreements. We simply need additional time due to this unique situation that we all find ourselves in. We realize these timeframes are handed down from the federal government to the state government. We are ready and willing to work with RTC and our state and federal lobbyists as needed to change the federal and state timeframes to accommodate this request. These are unprecedented times and we are hopeful that a one-time extension can be granted.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Streets & Transportation Manager

Cc: Dan Swensen, P.E. – Interim Public Works Director
Brian Carlson, P.E. – Deputy City Manager
Michael Williams, P.E. – WSDOT Highways & Local Programs

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2020 to 2023

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: RTC

Y Inside

N Outside

May 6, 2020

County: Clark

Agency: Clark Co.

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.
05			WA-12437	21	0.340	CE	Yes	NE 149th Street	NE 154th Street	14,227,000	20-05

NE 10th Avenue

Construct a 2-lane collector with center turn lane, bike lanes, and sidewalks.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Funds	Local Funds	Total
				Fund Code	Funds			
CN	2020		HIP(UL)		1,362,393	0	8,325,000	9,687,393
CN	2020		STP(UL)		1,637,607	0	0	1,637,607
Project Totals					3,000,000	0	8,325,000	11,325,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
CN	100,000	7,500,000	3,700,000	25,000	0
Totals	100,000	7,500,000	3,700,000	25,000	0

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04	4410(004)		WA-10684	04	1.100	CE	Yes	NE 94th Avenue	Vicinity of NE 117th Avenue	24,919,000	20-05

NE 99th Street

Reconstruct existing roadway with bike lanes and sidewalk. Construct a new section of roadway segment across the landfill to complete the corridor gap. Intersection improvements may include roundabout(s), signal(s) and/or stop control. Environmental/storm water, and utilities will be installed and/or improved.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Funds	Local Funds	Total
				State Fund Code	State Funds			
RW	2020		STP(UL)		0	0	2,020,000	2,020,000
CN	2021		STP(UL)		2,350,000	0	17,993,000	20,343,000
Project Totals					2,350,000	0	20,013,000	22,363,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
RW	1,990,000	30,000	0	0	0
CN	0	30,000	17,813,000	2,500,000	0
Totals	1,990,000	60,000	17,813,000	2,500,000	0

	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Agency Totals for Clark Co.	5,350,000	0	28,338,000	33,688,000

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2020 to 2023

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: RTC

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May 6, 2020

County: Clark

Agency: Vancouver

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.
04	4266(002)		WA-02750	03	1.400	CE	Yes	164th Ave	192nd Ave	24,000,000	20-05

SE 1st Street 164th Av. to 192nd Av.

Widen to 2-5 lanes with sidewalk and bicycle lanes. Phase 1 is funded from 164th Avenue to 177th Avenue. Phase 1 will be a 2-3 lane section with sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

Phase 2 construction is unfunded from 177th Avenue to 192nd Avenue. Phase 2 will be a 2-5 lane section with sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
			Federal	Fund Code				
CN	2021	STP(UL)	2,200,000		TIB	3,000,000	5,142,400	10,342,400
CN	2022	STP(UL)	657,600			0	0	657,600
Project Totals			2,857,600			3,000,000	5,142,400	11,000,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
CN	10,342,400	657,600	0	0	0
Totals	10,342,400	657,600	0	0	0

Agency Totals for Vancouver	Federal Funds		State Funds	Local Funds	Total
	Federal	Fund Code			
	2,857,600		3,000,000	5,142,400	11,000,000