



STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director 
DATE: September 29, 2020
SUBJECT: **2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 10-20-24**

AT A GLANCE - ACTION

The action requested is to adopt the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The recommended action was endorsed by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) at their monthly September meeting. The TIP was developed in accordance with federal requirements and the Transportation Programming Guidebook. The TIP programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$422 million, including approximately \$39.1 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 proposed 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program is provided on line within the October 2020 RTC Board materials. The 2021-2024 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 proposed 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and has recommended adoption by the RTC Board of Directors. The 2021-2024 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 2021.

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 requirements, local comprehensive plans, financially constrained, provide a reasonable timeline, and 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 31, 2020 through the RTC Board meeting on October 6, 2020. Notices of opportunity to comment on the TIP were distributed to the local media, neighborhoods, and through RTC's website. Public comments will be displayed on Page 117 of the TIP document.

2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adoption of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the following actions:

- The first two years (2021 & 2022) of projects programmed in the TIP are considered selected projects and can proceed towards implementation. However, the statewide management of obligation limits may require the use of Advanced Construction funding for projects programmed in 2022.
- Programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$422 million, including approximately \$154 million in federal transportation funding. This includes \$39.1 million in 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 do not exceed the proposed funding levels available within a program year.
 - The TIP development process meets federal public participation requirements and that a 30-day public comment period was provided.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The 2021-2024 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 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will program 69 regionally significant projects, representing approximately \$422 million in transportation investment over the next four years within the Clark County, Washington region.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 10-20-24, approving the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2020, by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott Hughes
Chair of the Board

Matt Ransom
Executive Director