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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Policy Board

FROM: Theresa Julius, Transportation Modeler

DATE: January 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment 23-01

PURPOSE

Act on a proposed amendment to the 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Summary:

- The City of Olympia has requested an amendment to the 2023-2026 RTIP so funding for construction can be released:
 - *Olympia Westside Pavement Preservation* - Resurfacing project
- Adding this project to the RTIP will trigger a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment, which will allow the project to go forward.
- This routine project amendment is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

REQUESTED ACTION

ACTION: Amend the 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to include the following project: *Olympia Westside Pavement Preservation*.

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BACKGROUND

About the RTIP and STIP

The RTIP is a four-year programming document derived from the comprehensive six-year Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that each local agency develops and adopts annually. In turn, the RTIP is used by the state to prepare the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The RTIP serves these main purposes:

- 1) It identifies a list of transportation projects that will be forwarded to the state for inclusion in the STIP. For federally funded projects, even if project funding has been awarded, it is not available to jurisdictions and agencies until the project is included in the STIP. To be included in the STIP, projects must be programmed for funding (funding-secured) in local Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) in the four-year period for both urban and rural areas and meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. Have federal funding
 - b. Are WSDOT projects
 - c. Are regionally significant, regardless of funding source.
- 2) It demonstrates financial constraint for the projects referenced above.
- 3) It demonstrates consistency with RCW 36.70A, Section 70 of the Washington State Growth Management Act requiring transportation planning to be coordinated and consistent with local comprehensive plans.
- 4) It demonstrates that regionally significant projects programmed for funding during the time period will not cause or contribute to any new violation of the federal air quality standards for particulate matter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀), will not increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of the standards, nor delay timely attainment of the standards.
- 5) It identifies other programmed and planned transportation projects adopted in local six-year Transportation Improvement Programs.

RTIP and STIP Amendments

Federal requirements stipulate that changes to the RTIP require an amendment to the original document, which then triggers an amendment to the STIP. This is important because a jurisdiction cannot proceed with a project for which it has been awarded federal money until the STIP is formally amended and approved by the federal agencies.

Depending upon the kind of change required of the RTIP, this amendment may be a “formal amendment” process or a streamlined “administrative modification.” Thurston Regional Planning Council’s (TRPC) amendment and modifying processes for the RTIP incorporates guidance provided by WSDOT on amending and modifying the STIP. The project under consideration today requires an amendment to the RTIP, which in turn will trigger an amendment to the STIP.

In November 2017 TRPC approved a change to the RTIP amendment process such that the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is now the approving body for formal RTIP amendments.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

How has equity been considered in this agenda item?

The RTIP includes a wide range of transportation projects throughout Thurston County including transit, multi-modal (walk and bike), safety, efficiency, and maintenance, identifying improvements which benefit everyone. As federally funded transportation projects receive funding and go to construction, environmental justice review will be conducted on a project-by-project basis.

City of Olympia has requested an amendment to the 2023-2026 RTIP, requiring TPB action.

Amendments requested by City of Olympia	
Project Title	Olympia Westside Pavement Preservation
STIP ID #	Oly22171
Project Description	Resurface by chip sealing and fog sealing.
Reason for Amendment	The RTIP is being amended, so funding for construction can be released.
Amount	Federal funds: \$1,041,000
(Secured)	Local funds: \$400,000
	Total Est. Cost of Project: \$1,441,000
Action	Amend the RTIP to include the project.

TRPC is soliciting public comment through its website (www.trpc.org). As of the writing of this report, none has been received. Additionally, TRPC will receive a copy of this staff report as an informational item in their packet. Due to the New Year holiday, the TPB meets before TRPC for their January meeting. Therefore, TRPC will not have the opportunity to comment on the project prior to TPB action. However, due to the routine nature of this project and amendment, TPB can make an informed decision without comment from TRPC. If public comment is received, it will be provided at the TPB meeting.