

**March 2024 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

Project: Owl Creek Bridge Replacement

Agency Requesting Amendment: Cowlitz County

The Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) is a short-range investment plan with a primary purpose of identifying transportation projects ready to move forward. Projects in the M/RTIP must:

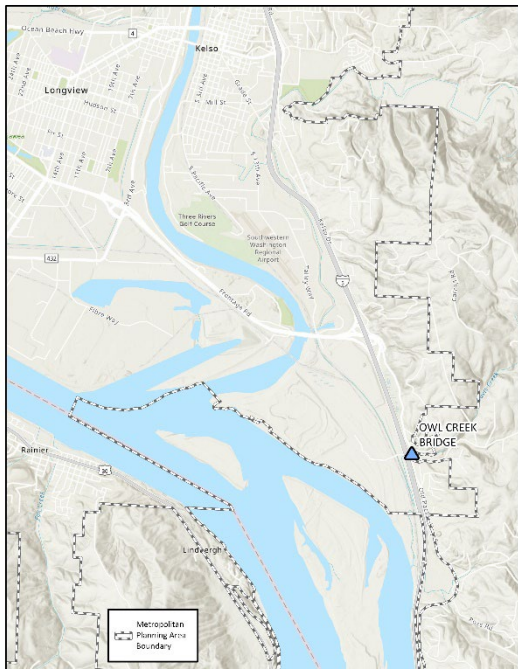
1. Be regionally significant, or have funding from Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration programs; and
2. Have secured funding; and
3. Be consistent with the adopted long-range transportation plan (Moving Forward 2050: A Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Plan).

Projects approved for inclusion in the M/RTIP are forwarded to WSDOT to be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The CWCOG Board of Directors adopts a new version of the M/RTIP annually in September that is applicable to the Longview-Kelso, WA and Rainier, OR urban area. After adoption sometimes new projects are funded, or existing projects have budget or scope changes, and the new information needs to be included on the M/RTIP. Changes to the M/RTIP are called an amendment. Most amendments are processed administratively by CWCOG staff, but occasionally a change to a project within the metropolitan planning area exceeds the threshold for staff review and requires action by the CWCOG Board of Directors (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Common reasons an amendment needs board action include: 1) Adding a new project with more than \$3 million of federal funding; and 2) Significant changes (increases or decreases) to the project budget.

One agency, Cowlitz County, has requested an amendment to add the Owl Creek Bridge Replacement project (see information below). The CWCOG Board of Directors will consider action on this March 2024 Amendment during their February 22, 2024 meeting.

Cowlitz County – Owl Creek Bridge Replacement Project	
Project Location:	Old Pacific Highway MP 1.0 (North of Intersection with Rose Valley Road)
Secured Funding Sources:	Bridge Program [Federal Funds]; County Funds
Total Project Cost Estimate:	\$7,208,000
Reason Amendment Requires CWCOG Board Action:	Addition of a new project with more than \$3 million of federal funding. The total amount of federal funding will be \$7.158 million.



Please submit comments on this proposed amendment to CWCOG (Attention: Robert Stevens) by regular mail, via email to [cwcog@cwcog.org](mailto:cwcog@cwcog.org), or the [www.cwcog.org](http://www.cwcog.org) public comment tool. Comments are due by February 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

If you need special accommodations to participate in this process, please call us at 360-577-3041 by 5:00 pm on February 8, 2024. Ask for the ADA Coordinator. For TDD users, please use the state's toll-free relay service, (800) 833-6388, and ask the operator to dial 360-956-7575.