



May 2025 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Projects: SR 503/N of Speelyia Creek to Dog Creek – Culvert Replacements

Agency Requesting Amendment: Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region

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 Metropolitan Planning Area covering all of Cowlitz County, WA and Rainier, OR. 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 for an amendment needing board action include: 1) Adding a new project with more than \$3 million in federal funding; or 2) Significant changes (increases or decreases) to the project budget of more than 30%.

The Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region has requested an amendment to add one project (see information below). The CWCOG Board of Directors will consider action on this May 2025 Amendment during their April 24, 2025 regular meeting.

**Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region -
SR 503/N of Speelyia Creek to Dog Creek – Culvert Replacements**

Project Description:

Remove Fish Barriers

Secured Funding Sources:

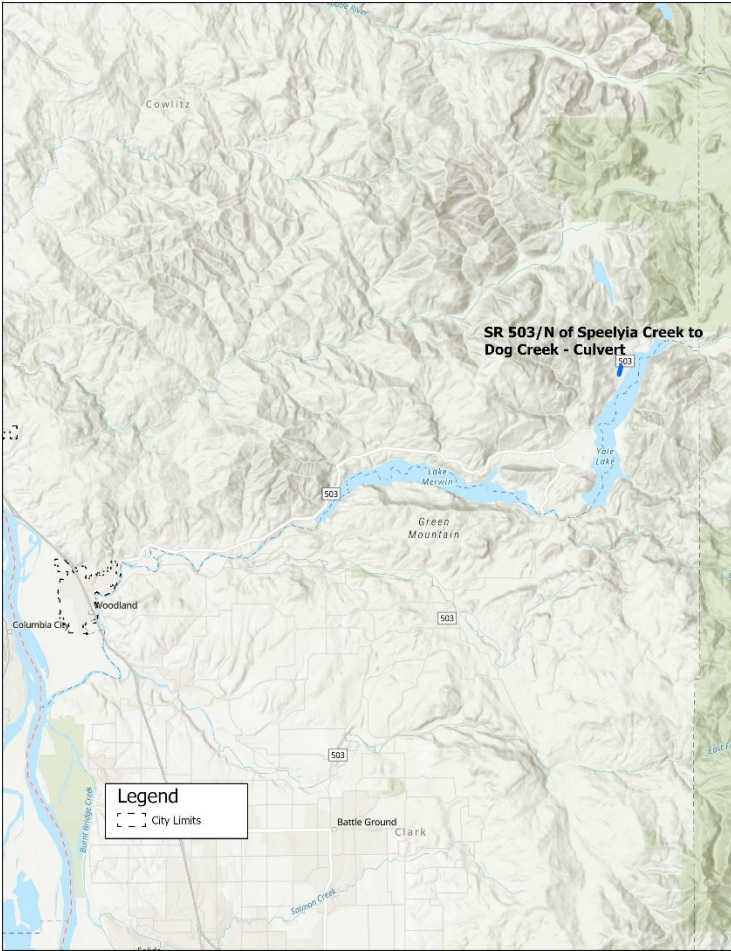
Surface Transportation Block Grant [Federal Funds]; State Funds

Total Project Cost Estimate:

\$11,552,000

Reason Amendment Requires CWCOG Board Action:

Add a project with more than \$3 million in federal funding. Project is funded with \$11,320,960 federal funds.



Please submit comments on this proposed amendment to CWCOG (Attention: Robert Stevens, Senior Transportation Planner) by regular mail – PO Box 128 Kelso, WA 98626, via email - cwcog@cwco.org, or through the www.cwcog.org public comment tool. Close date for comments is April 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in this process, please call us at 360-577-3041 by 5:00 p.m. April 14, 2025. 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.