



January 2026 Metropolitan & Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Project: Mill Creek Bridge No. 1 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 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). A common reason for an amendment needing board action is to add a new project with more than \$3 million in federal funding.

Cowlitz County has requested an amendment to add one project (see information below) to the M/RTIP. The CWCOG Board of Directors will consider action on this January 2026 M/RTIP Amendment during their December 18, 2025 regular meeting.

Cowlitz County - Mill Creek Bridge No. 1 Replacement

Project Description:

Replace Mill Creek Bridge No. 1

Secured Funding Sources:

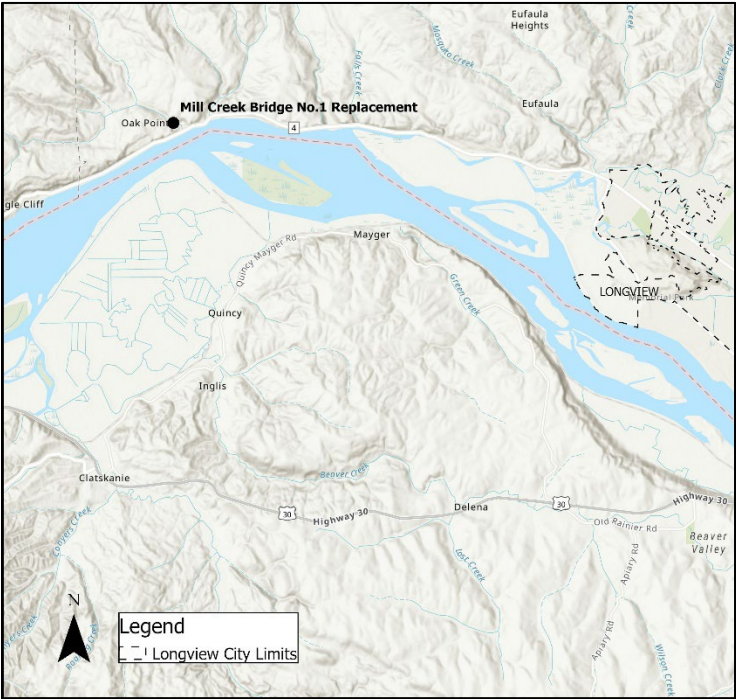
Local Agency Bridge Program [Federal Funds] and Cowlitz County [Local Funds]

Total Project Cost Estimate:

\$5,731,800

Reason Amendment Requires CWCOG Board Action:

Adding a project with more than \$3 million in federal funding. Project was awarded \$5,016,000 in federal funds by WSDOT Local Programs.



Please submit comments on this proposed amendment to CWCOC (Attention: Robert Stevens, Senior Transportation Planner) by regular mail – PO Box 128 Kelso, WA 98626, via email - cwcog@cwcog.org, or through the CWCOC website (www.cwcog.org) public comment tool. Close date for comments is December 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in this process, please call us at 360-577-3041 by 5:00 p.m. December 3, 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.