



## **July 2026 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

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### **Agencies:**

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Southwest Region

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

### **Projects:**

I-5/Cowlitz County Line Vicinity to 1 Mile South of Todd Road – Paving

US30: Wonderly Road – Rockcrest Street (Rainier)

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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 or ODOT 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) Adjusting the total project budget by more than \$3 million or 30%.

Two projects have been submitted requesting to amend the 2026-2029 M/RTIP. WSDOT Southwest Region has submitted a request to add the I-5/Cowlitz County Line Vicinity to 1 Mile South of Todd Road – Paving project. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested to amend the US30: Wonderly Road – Rockcrest Street (Rainier) project to decrease the total project cost by 52% (\$6,305,532). More information on the proposed changes are included below. The CWCOG Board of Directors will consider action on this July 2026 M/RTIP Amendment during their regular meeting on June 25th.

### **Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region – I-5/Cowlitz County Line Vicinity to 1 Mile South of Todd Road - Paving**

Project Description: Pavement condition rating is projected to drop below the adopted standards. Inlay the existing roadway with hot mix asphalt, increasing the existing pavement condition rating to be within adopted standards.

Secured Funding Sources: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) [Federal Funds]; State Matching Funds

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$12,512,579

Reason Amendment Requires CWCOG Board Action: This amendment requests to add a federal-aid project to the 2026-2029 M/RTIP funded with \$12,255,125 of federal funding. The CWCOG Board of Directors must approve new projects that include more than \$3 million in federal funds.

## **Oregon Department of Transportation – US30: Wonderly Road – Rockcrest Street (Rainier)**

Project Description: Design and construct project to repave the highway. This repair will repair deterioration and reduce maintenance costs.

Secured Funding Sources: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) [Federal Funds]; State Matching Funds

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$5,924,476

Reason Amendment Requires CWCOG Board Action: This amendment requests to decrease total project costs from \$12,230,008 to \$5,924,476; a 52% decrease or \$6,305,532. Board action is required whenever total project costs are increased or decreased by \$3 million or more.

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@cwcog.org](mailto:cwcog@cwcog.org), or through the [www.cwcog.org](http://www.cwcog.org) public comment tool. Close date for comments is June 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

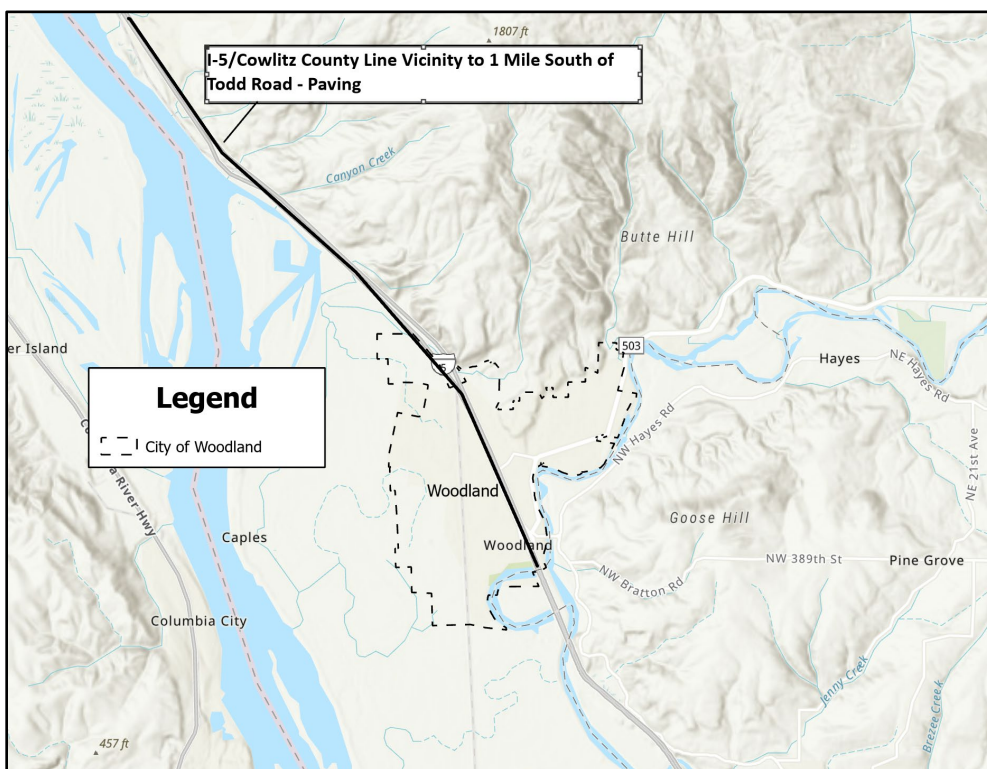


Figure 1: I-5/Cowlitz County Line Vicinity to 1 Mile South of Todd Road - Paving

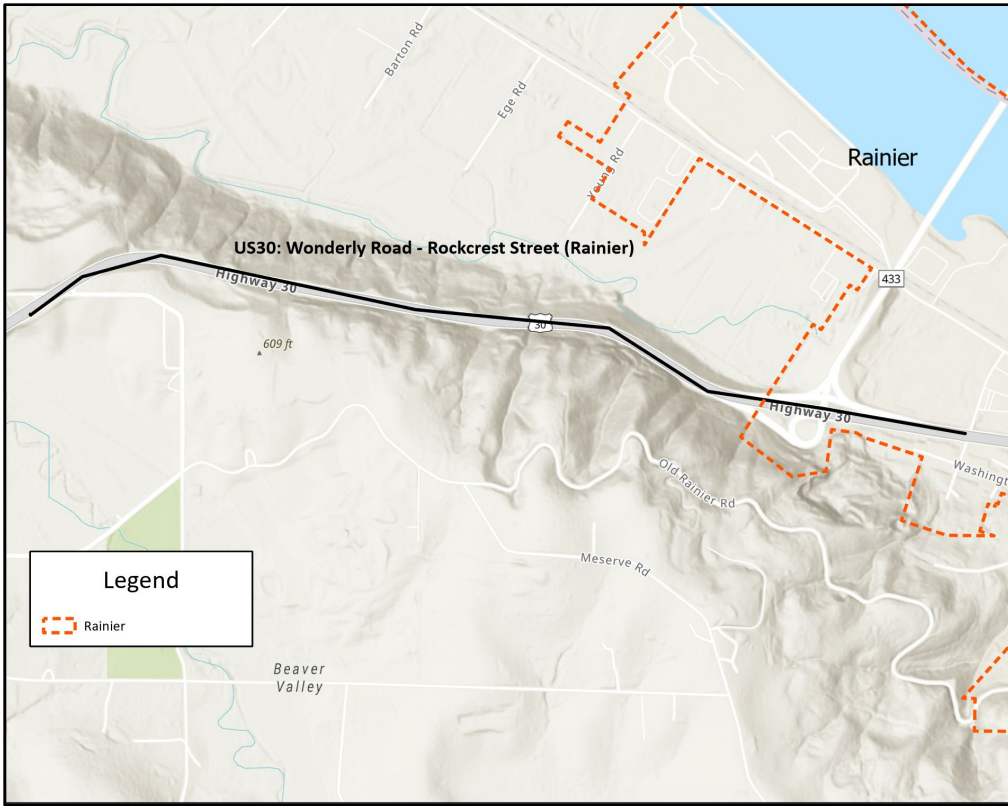


Figure 2: US30: Wonderly Road – Rockcrest Street (Rainier)