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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager

DATE: November 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Contingency List

PURPOSE

Council will be asked to approve adding TRPC's Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project to the agency's contingency list.

Summary:

- Projects on Thurston Regional Planning Council's (TRPC) Contingency List are eligible to receive funding from the four grant programs TRPC awards: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).
- Most projects on the Contingency List are added through the Call for Projects process.
- In 2023, Council adopted updates to its Obligation Policy that created an alternate route to allow Appendix A projects in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to be added to the Contingency List.
- TRPC's Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project is not applying for funding through the Call for Projects process but is in Appendix A of the 2025-2028 RTIP and could use federal funding in the next two federal fiscal years. This project is therefore eligible to be added to the contingency list through this process.
- Projects added to the Contingency list from Appendix A through this process have a lesser priority than projects added to the Contingency list through the Call for Projects process.
- At their September 19, 2024, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed and scored TRPC's Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project, recommending it be added to the Contingency List.
- On November 13th, the Transportation Policy Board recommended Council add TRPC's Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project to the agency's contingency list.

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve adding TRPC's Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project to the agency's contingency list.

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EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

The Obligation Authority (OA) Policy describes what happens after the Call for Projects process is complete – it describes the behind-the-scenes process for making sure federal dollars make it to local projects. During the last Call for Projects process, equity was added as one of four Regional Evaluation Criteria to assess, score, and rank proposals for how strongly they support the region’s transportation goals and policies. Policymakers considered this when awarding grant funding to priority projects.

PROPOSED PROJECT

Projects on TRPC’s Contingency List are eligible to receive funding from the four grant programs TRPC awards: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Most projects on the Contingency List are added through the Call for Projects process. In 2023, Council adopted updates to its Obligation Policy that created an alternate route to allow Appendix A projects in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to be added to the Contingency List.

In September, staff asked TAC members to identify projects from RTIP Appendix A they would like to see added to the Contingency List. Projects must be able to use federal funding within the next two federal fiscal years. Only the following project was identified as appropriate to add to the contingency list through this alternate method:

Project:	Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2
Funding Request:	\$300,000
Description:	This project consists of two parts. Phase 1 identifies feasible options for measuring multimodal level of service and integrating such a tool into the region’s approach to transportation planning. Phase 2 will support the adoption and implementation of a regional MMLoS. See TRPC UPWP. Project is fully funded with federal funds using Toll Credits as local match.
Project Score	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Active Transportation</i> – 1 point. Project expands active transportation as an active transportation planning project or study.• <i>Efficient Use of Federal Funds</i> – 2 points. Best use of federal funds as a planning/feasibility study.• <i>Equity</i> – 1 point. Project with demonstrated benefit to underserved populations• <i>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction</i> – 0 points. Neutral as a study/plan without a land use element.• <i>Safety</i> – 0 points. Minimal safety benefits (project is a study only)• <i>Sustainable Thurston Urban Corridors and Centers</i> – 0 points. Project applies countywide – not applicable.

If approved for inclusion in the contingency list, this project will have a lesser priority than projects added to the Contingency list through the Call for Projects process.

At their September 19, 2024, meeting, the TAC reviewed and validated the score staff gave TRPC’s Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project and recommended it be added to the Contingency List.

TPB & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

At their November 13, 2024 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board recommended Council add TRPC’s Multimodal Level of Service Phase 2 project to the agency’s contingency list.