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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council
 FROM: Holly Gilbert, Senior Planner *HG*
 DATE: March 31, 2017
 SUBJECT: RTIP Amendment 17-05

PURPOSE

Discuss a proposed amendment to the 2017-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Summary:

- An amendment has been requested to the 2017-2020 RTIP by the City of Tumwater for the I-5/Trosper Rd/Capitol Blvd Reconfiguration project, reflecting that two projects are being combined into one large project.
- Further details on the amendment are provided in the table on page 3 of this staff report.
- This project amendment is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Program Area	Mission Statement
X MPO/RTPO	A
Core Services	
Contract Services	
Grant Services	

REQUESTED ACTION

Discuss the proposed amendment in preparation for action in May.



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BACKGROUND

About the RTIP and STIP

The RTIP is a four-year programming document derived from the comprehensive six-year Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that each local agency develops and adopts annually. In turn, the RTIP is used by the state to prepare the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The RTIP serves these main purposes:

- 1) It identifies a list of transportation projects that will be forwarded to the state for inclusion in the STIP. For federally funded projects, even if project funding has been awarded, it is not available to jurisdictions and agencies until the project is included in the STIP. To be included in the STIP, projects must be programmed for funding (funding-secured) in local Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) in the four-year period for both urban and rural areas and meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. Have federal funding
 - b. Are WSDOT projects
 - c. Are regionally significant, regardless of funding source.
- 2) It demonstrates financial constraint for the projects referenced above.
- 3) It demonstrates consistency with RCW 36.70A, Section 70 of the Washington State Growth Management Act requiring transportation planning to be coordinated and consistent with local comprehensive plans.
- 4) It demonstrates that regionally significant projects programmed for funding during the time period will not cause or contribute to any new violation of the federal air quality standards for particulate matter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀), will not increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of the standards, nor delay timely attainment of the standards.
- 5) It identifies other programmed and planned transportation projects adopted in local six-year Transportation Improvement Programs.

RTIP and STIP Amendments

Federal requirements stipulate that changes to the RTIP require an amendment to the original document, which then triggers an amendment to the STIP. This is important because a jurisdiction cannot proceed with a project for which it has been awarded federal money until the STIP is formally amended and approved by the federal agencies.

Depending upon the kind of change required of the RTIP, this amendment may be a "formal amendment" process or a streamlined "administrative modification." TRPC's amendment and modifying processes for the RTIP incorporates guidance provided by WSDOT on amending and modifying the STIP. The project under consideration today requires an amendment to the RTIP, which in turn will trigger amendment to the STIP.

Amendment Request

The City of Tumwater has requested an amendment to the 2017-2020 RTIP, requiring TRPC action. At your April meeting, the Council will discuss the amendment in preparation for action in May.

Amendment requested by the City of Tumwater	
Project Title	New name of the combined project: <i>I-5/Trosper Rd/Capitol Blvd Reconfiguration</i> Previous names of the two projects which are being combined now: 1) <i>Trosper / I-5 Ramp Reconfigure: 6th Extension - Lee to Trosper</i> project, STIP ID # WA-07854 2) <i>Capitol Boulevard / Trosper Road Intersection (Roundabout)</i> project, STIP ID # WA-01368
STIP ID #	WA-07854
Project Description	Modify I-5 NB Off-Ramp and southerly NB On-Ramp, construct roundabout at I-5/6th Ave, construct new roadway between West Lee Street and Trosper Road, reconstruct Trosper from I-5 to Capitol Blvd, extend Trosper Rd east of Capitol Blvd, construct roundabout at Trosper Rd/Capitol Blvd, reconstruct Linda St from Capitol Blvd to a new local access road and construct new local access road from Ruby St to Trosper Rd extension.
Reason for Amendment	Combining two projects into one large project. This change has been initiated to facilitate obtaining NEPA as required for completion of the Intersection Justification Report. Through planning efforts and in relation to combining the two projects into one, the estimate for construction has decreased. However, the overall estimated cost has slightly increased due to an increased estimate for right of way related to relocation for planned alignment that was determined through planning efforts. Illustration of new combined project is provided below this table. Amendment includes the following changes to the RTIP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete STIP ID WA-01368 • Change title for STIP ID WA-07854 to I-5 / Trosper Rd / Capitol Blvd Reconfiguration • Adjust road name(s) to reflect combined project • Adjust termini to reflect combined project • Adjust project description • Adjust state fund code to TIB for RW phase • Adjust funds to reflect most recent estimate • Adjust expenditure schedule to reflect current schedule • Change to "Regionally Significant" • Change status in RW phase to secured to reflect the City has available local funds to start phase • Change functional classification from 16-Minor Arterial Urban to 14-Other Principal Arterials Urban
Amount	Former total costs as two separate projects: \$11,400,000 (\$0.7M PE, \$3.3M RW, \$7.5 CN) New total costs as one large project: \$12,000,000 (\$1.0M PE, \$5.0M RW, \$6.0M CN)
Action	Amend the project to reflect the above changes.

I-5/Trosper Rd/Capitol Blvd Reconfiguration Project



The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will consider the amendment request at their April meeting and forward a recommendation to TRPC to be included in your May staff report.

Public comment will be solicited and any received will also be included in your May staff report.