



STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*
DATE: July 29, 2014
SUBJECT: **2014-2017 TIP Amendment: C-TRAN Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit, Resolution 08-14-15**

AT A GLANCE - ACTION

RTC Board action will amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the right of way and construction phases of the C-TRAN Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit project. With the C-TRAN Board authorizing local funds for the project, C-TRAN is prepared to program and secure their FTA Small Starts Grant for the Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit project.

The C-TRAN Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit project is an existing project in the current TIP. Action on this amendment programs the additional funds in the 2014-2017 TIP and finds that the project is: consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), is financially constrained, meets congestion management and air quality requirements, and public involvement was provided.

INTRODUCTION

All regionally significant projects must be listed in the metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which in turn become a part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

C-TRAN is requesting a TIP amendment to add the right of way and construction phases to the Fourth Plain BRT project. The C-TRAN Board authorized matching local funds for the Fourth Plain BRT project at their July 8, 2014 meeting, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has recommended Small Starts funding. With local match, C-TRAN is prepared to secure the FTA Small Starts Grant. Prior to release of federal funding, the project must be programmed in the STIP.

Action on this amendment will program an additional \$38.3 million in federal Small Starts funds (Section 5309), \$2.7 million in State dollars, and \$6.9 million in C-TRAN local match funds for the right of way and construction phases of the Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) has reviewed this amendment proposal and recommended RTC Board adoption. This amendment is found to be consistent with all state and federal TIP programming requirements. The C-TRAN correspondence requesting this change and the STIP Record Report are attached.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit project is currently programmed in the 2014-2017 TIP (PE phase) and is an identified project in the currently adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2011). This TIP amendment will program the right of way and construction phases of the Fourth Plain BRT Project, which will allow C-TRAN to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and secure federal Small Starts funding. This project will provide important transit improvements along the Fourth Plain corridor between Westfield Vancouver Mall and downtown Vancouver.

Action on this amendment confirms that the project is: consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), is financially constrained, and meets other federal programming requirements. Public involvement, consistent with the adopted public participation process, was provided.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

All regionally significant or federally funded projects must be programmed in the TIP and STIP prior to obligating federal funds. Action on this amendment will program approximately \$47.9 million additional funds for the right of way and construction of the Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit project.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 08-14-15, "2014-2017 TIP Amendment: C-TRAN Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit."

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2014,
by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Jack Burkman
Chair of the Board

Matt Ransom
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Attachment



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Mr. Dale Robins
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RE: Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Robins:

C-TRAN would like to request an amendment to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. This follows action by the C-TRAN Board on July 8, 2014, to amend the budget to the full local match for the project, as well as Small Starts funding, recommended by the Federal Transit Administration and contained in the United States Senate and House Transportation funding bills for Federal Fiscal Year 2015.

The Fourth Plain BRT Project is already included in the Design/Project Development phase with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program. This requested amendment would show the full funding plan for the project.

A funding summary of the requested amendment is shown below. We will be transmitting the requisite Statewide Transportation Improvement Program tables separately.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Scott Patterson
Director of Planning and Development

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Chuck Green, PE
BRT Project Manager

Washington State S. T. I. P.

2014 to 2017

(Project Funds to Nearest Dollar)

MPO/RTPO: RTC

Y Inside

N Outside

July 21, 2014

County: Clark

Agency: C-TRAN

Func Cls	Project Number	PIN	STIP ID	Imp Type	Total Project Length	Environmental Type	RW Required	Begin Termini	End Termini	Total Est. Cost of Project	STIP Amend. No.
01			WA-04816	23	6.000	CE	Yes	Downtown Vancouver	Westfield Vancouver Mall	52,928,000	14-08

Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit

Construct Bus Rapid Transit primarily in mixed traffic, between downtown Vancouver and Westfield Vancouver Mall along Fourth Plain, Fort Vancouver, and downtown Vancouver Streets.

Funding

Phase	Start Date	Federal	Fund Code	Federal Funds		State Fund Code	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
PE	2016		CMAQ	2,000,000		WSDOT	300,000	200,000	2,500,000
RW	2015		5309(NS)	510,400		WSDOT	50,000	77,600	638,000
CN	2015		5309(NS)	37,832,000		WSDOT	2,650,000	6,808,000	47,290,000
Project Totals				40,342,400			3,000,000	7,085,600	50,428,000

Expenditure Schedule

Phase	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th
PE	2,500,000	0	0	0	0
RW	338,000	300,000	0	0	0
CN	0	20,500,000	26,790,000	0	0
Totals	2,838,000	20,800,000	26,790,000	0	0

				Federal Funds			State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Agency Totals for C-TRAN				40,342,400			3,000,000	7,085,600	50,428,000