



STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director 
DATE: September 29, 2015
SUBJECT: **2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 10-15-17**

AT A GLANCE - ACTION

The purpose of this resolution is to seek RTC Board adoption of the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The recommended action was endorsed by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). The TIP was developed in accordance with federal surface transportation requirements. The TIP programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$194.5 million, including approximately \$72.1 million in federal transportation funding.

INTRODUCTION

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Clark County region, RTC is required to develop a financially constrained regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The requirements for the TIP are established in federal surface transportation legislation.

The 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is a four-year program of regionally significant transportation projects and indicates commitment for funding on these projects. Projects programmed in the TIP are drawn either directly from specific project recommendations made in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or are developed from a more general series of recommendations (e.g. preservation, maintenance, safety, etc.).

Attached to this Resolution is a map that displays the general location of projects, by project type, from the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Full Draft of the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is provided on line within the October 2015 RTC Board materials and copies will be available at the October RTC Board meeting.

In September, the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) reviewed the draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and has recommended adoption by the RTC Board of Directors. Adoption of the 2016-2019 TIP in October will allow all of the projects contained in this document to move forward beginning in January 2016, delay of adoption will result in funds not being available until March of 2016.

Following adoption of the region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the regional TIP will become part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Once projects are approved in the STIP, beginning in January 2016, agencies may request project authorization for federal funds.

PROJECT REVIEW

While some of the projects programmed in the TIP are selected for funding by the RTC Board, many of the projects programmed in the TIP are selected for funding through other processes. No matter the source of funding, RTC staff reviews all projects to ensure that each projects is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), air quality requirement, local comprehensive plans, financially constrained, provide a reasonable timeline, and with other state and federal requirements. All projects contained in the TIP are found to be consistent with state and federal requirements.

2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADOPTION

Adoption of the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will include the following actions:

- Certification that the RTC planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements.
- The TIP development process meets federal public participation requirements and that a 30-day public comment period was provided.
- All projects proposed for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding have been identified within the TIP and do not exceed the proposed funding levels available within a program year.
- All four years of projects programmed in the TIP are considered selected projects and can proceed towards implementation, within statewide management of obligation limits.
- TIP consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Process, Clean Air Act as amended, the Air Quality State Implementation Plan, and Conformity Guidelines.
- Programs regionally significant projects totaling approximately \$194.5 million, including approximately \$72.1 million in federal transportation funding.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year program of regionally significant transportation projects in the Clark County region. Projects programmed in the TIP are consistent with state and federal requirements, and assist the region in implementing the overall long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Approval of the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will program 62 regionally significant projects, representing approximately \$194.5 million in transportation investment over the next four years within the Clark County, Washington region.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 10-15-17 “2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.”

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2015,
by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Melissa Smith
Chair of the Board

Matt Ransom
Executive Director

Attachment

2016-2019 TIP Projects

Project Type

-  Bicycle & Pedestrian
-  Bridge
-  Preservation
-  Road Improvement
-  Safety
-  TSMO

