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2023 CALENDAR YEAR PROJECT OBLIGATION REPORT



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TITLE VI AND AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) NOTICES (ENGLISH)

Title VI Assurance Notice

The Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCOG) hereby gives public notice that it is the agency's policy to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Title VI requires that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any Federal Highway Aid (FHWA) program or other activity for which BFCOG receives federal financial assistance. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with BFCOG. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with the BFCOG's Title VI Coordinator within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, call BFCOG's Title VI Coordinator at (509) 943-9185 or visit BFCOG's website at <https://www.bfcog.us/title-vi-ada-ej-information>.

American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodations by contacting BFCOG at (509) 943-9185 with two weeks' advance notice.



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AVISOS DE TITULO VI Y LA LEY PARA ESTADOUNIDENSES CON DISCAPACIDADES

Aviso de Aseguro del Título VI

El Consejo de Gobiernos de Benton-Franklin (BFCOG) notifica públicamente que es la política de la agencia asegurar el cumplimiento total del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, La Ley de Restauración de Derechos Civiles de 1987, la Orden Ejecutiva 12898 sobre Justicia Ambiental, y estatutos y regulaciones relacionadas en todos los programas y actividades. El Título VI requiere que ninguna persona en los Estados Unidos de América sea excluida de la participación, se le nieguen los beneficios, o sea sometida a discriminación por motivos de raza, color, u origen nacional en cualquier programa o actividad para el cual BFCOG reciba asistencia financiera federal. Cualquier persona que crea haber sido perjudicada por una práctica discriminatoria ilegal bajo el Título VI tiene derecho a presentar una queja formal ante el Coordinador del Título VI de BFCOG. Dicha queja debe presentarse por escrito y enviarse al Coordinador del Titulo VI de BFCOG dentro de los ciento ochenta (180) dias siguientes a la fecha de la supuesta ocurrencia discriminatoria. Para obtener mas información o para obtener un Formulario de Queja por Discriminación del Titulo VI, llame al Coordinador del Titulo VI de BFCOG al (509) 943-9185 o visite el sitio web de BFCOG en <https://www.bfcog.us/title-vi-ada-ej-information>.

Aviso de la Ley para Estadounidenses con Discapacidades

Individuos que requieran adaptaciones razonables pueden solicitar materiales escritos en formatos alternativos, intérpretes de lenguaje de señas, adaptaciones de accesibilidad física, u otras adaptaciones razonables pueden ponerse en contacto con BFCOG a (509) 943-9185 con un aviso de dos semanas de anticipación.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Project Obligation Report is developed by the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCOG) to provide detail on projects that obligated federal transportation funds in the Benton-Franklin region during the 2023 calendar year. The report is utilized as a practical evaluation tool to monitor the region's overall success at constructing or completing projects each year and to demonstrate regional coordination with local jurisdictions and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

In 2023, approximately \$60.5 million in federal funds obligated and \$14.5 million deobligated, leaving a total of \$46 million utilized for projects in the BFCOG region. Additionally, in 2023, four projects were deemed complete, which totaled \$310,309.65.



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INTRODUCTION

Requirements

As an MPO, BFCOG is required to comply with federal regulations set for facilitating and publishing a list of all project obligations that occurred in the preceding calendar year¹. BFCOG's list of projects must include the amount of federal funds that were programmed in the TIP, the amount of funds that obligated in the preceding year, and any remaining funds planned to obligate in future years. The list of obligations must be published no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the programmed year and once completed, BFCOG then submits the report to WSDOT.

The BFCOG Region

The Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCOG) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Benton and Franklin Counties. The BFCOG region is also considered a Transportation Management Area (TMA) as the Tri-Cities Urbanized Area (UZA) exceeds a total population of 200,000. The jurisdictions located in the Tri-Cities UZA include the cities of Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, and West Richland. Jurisdictions located outside of the Tri-Cities UZA, but within the BFCOG region, include the cities of Benton City, Prosser, and Connell, along with the towns of Kahlotus and Mesa. The BFCOG region covers an area of over 3,000 square miles and as of 2023, the total population was over 316,00 people, with nearly 274,000 living in the Tri-Cities UZA².

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING

Long-Range Planning

At least once every five years, BFCOG develops a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is utilized as a guidebook to identify and set long-range goals for project implementation in the BFCOG region. Additionally, the MTP identifies and recommends highway, transit, non-motorized, and other transportation related improvements that will help to meet future demand. The current MTP, *Transition 2045*, was approved by the BFCOG Board in May 2022.

¹ Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR 450.332)

² Washington State Office of Financial Management



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Short-Range Planning

Each year, BFCOG develops a short-range document called the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP serves as a programming document to provide information on projects that are planned and have programmed funds over the next four years. Additionally, the TIP is used to ensure those programmed projects maintain consistency with the projects and strategies identified in the MTP (Transition 2045). BFCOG's 2024-2027 TIP was approved by the BFCOG Board in October 2023 and went into effect in January 2024.

ANNUAL LISTING OF OBLIGATIONS

Once a project is programmed into an approved TIP, the project sponsor(s) are eligible to spend their funds and begin work. This process, called "obligation", occurs when the federal government authorizes the start of the Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (RW), or Construction (CN) phases. Once the phase of a project is complete, regardless of if all authorized funds are used, it is removed from the next updated TIP.

De-Obligations of Federal Funds

A de-obligation consists of removing federal funds from a specific project that was previously available. De-obligations of federal funds occurs when a jurisdiction decides to withdraw from proceeding on with the project, if the jurisdiction has completed the project without utilizing all programmed funds, or if funds are moved between phases within the specific project. Additionally, funds may be de-obligated when a project shifts from one funding source to another. Depending on the source of funding, de-obligated funds are either returned to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), WSDOT, or BFCOG. Funds returned to the FTA, FHWA, and WSDOT are less likely to be redistributed within the BFCOG region. Funds returned to BFCOG are redistributed through the current Call for Projects Contingency List. Appendix 2 provides detail on projects that de-obligated federal funds in the BFCOG region in 2023.

In 2023, approximately \$60.5 million in federal funds obligated and \$14.5 million deobligated, leaving a total of \$46 million utilized for projects in the BFCOG region. Table 1 lists the total funds used by each jurisdiction for projects and Appendix 1 provides detail on each project.



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Table 1: Funds Totals by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of Projects	Total Amount
BFCOG	1	\$279,757
Franklin County	7	\$1,130,797
Kennewick	2	\$517,193
Pasco	4	\$6,272,541
Prosser	1	\$1,490,395
Richland	9	\$762,309
WSDOT – South Central	8	\$35,908,391
Total	32	\$46,051,973.93

Obligation by Fund Source

Jurisdictions utilize a variety of federal programs to fund projects for implementation in the BFCOG region. Table 2 lists obligation totals by fund source and demonstrates the regionwide success of programs used in 2023.

Table 2: Obligations by Fund Source

Fund Source	Federal Funds Obligated	% of Programmed Funds
Bridge	\$521,676	1.1%
CRRSAA	\$172,449	0.4%
HIP	\$22,565,220	49%
HSIP	\$782,193	1.7%
NHFP	\$883,000	1.9%
NHPP	\$11,014,801	23.9%
STP – Regional	\$4,223,982	9.2%
TAP	\$284,841	0.6%
STBG – Flexible	\$5,603,810	12.2%
Total	\$51,350,613	100%



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BFCOG's TIP Obligation Managed Funds

To maintain consistency with BFCOG's long- and short-range plans, BFCOG is responsible for focusing on the performance of regionally managed funds, which include:

- Carbon Reduction (CRP)
- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- STBG Set-Aside (TAP)

Approximately every three years BFCOG conducts a Call for Projects that results in a selection of projects to program all regionally managed available funds (listed above). Projects not selected are placed on a contingency list and the highest ranked on that list are selected if additional funds become available. The contingency list is prioritized based on partially funded projects and the scoring criteria from the Call for Projects. BFCOG ensures that STBG, TAP, CRP, and HIP projects are competitively selected to receive funding based on their ability to address priorities identified in the BFCOG's MTP. In 2022, BFCOG conducted a Call for Projects to distribute STBG and TAP funds to local jurisdictions projects. In late 2023, BFCOG also conducted a Call for Projects to distribute CRP funds for eligible projects. A formal project selection process has been developed to provide clarity on how projects will be regionally prioritized for funding.

As stated in the BFCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policies and Procedures, BFCOG must track the status of projects receiving regionally managed funds. The purpose of tracking the status of projects is to ensure that regional allocations of federal funds are being obligated efficiently and that projects are making continuous progress towards construction or implementation. Annually, WSDOT sets an overall Obligation Authority (OA) target for MPO's and RTPO's in each region. The OA target is the combined total amount of STBG, TAP, and CRP funds that the region must obligate for transportation projects by the end of every Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). In 2023 FFY, the region met BFCOG's overall OA target of \$5.55 million by obligating a total of nine projects in the amount of \$7.89 million. Table 3 provides further information on each regionally managed project that obligated in 2023 FFY.



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Table 3: Obligated Projects Managed by BFCOG

Jurisdiction	Project Title	STIP ID	Phase	Fund Source	Obligation Amount
BFCOG	2023-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	PD24006	PL	STBG	\$279,757
Franklin County	Basin City Alternative Transportation Route Improvements II	WA-07940	CN	STBG	\$145,101
			CN	TAP	\$126,670
Franklin County	North Railroad Ave	WA-13791	PL	STBG	\$129,750
Franklin County	Taylor Flats All-Weather Improvement I	WA-09037	PE	STBG	\$207,600
Pasco	Argent Road Widening – Phase 3	WA-12648	CN	STBG	\$3,130,758
Prosser	Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements	PROSSER7	CN	STBG	\$513,898
			CN	TAP	\$93,497
Richland	Vantage Highway Path – Phase 2	R018	CN	STBG	\$204,302
			CN	TAP	\$295,459
Total					\$7,894,792

Missed Obligation Deadline

The BFCOG TIP Policies and Procedures, Policy 4.4 states if a project phase does not meet its targeted obligation date; BFCOG may administratively grant the project sponsor a one-time extension of one year. The project sponsor then has 30 calendar days from being notified to submit a revised project delivery schedule for the project to BFCOG. If the project sponsor fails to submit a revised schedule within that time timeframe, the project will be presented to the BFCOG Board for direction and possible removal from the TIP. Table 4 provides further information on projects that missed the obligation deadline and submitted a one-year extension request.

Jurisdiction	Project Title	STIP ID	Phase	Fund Source	Obligation Amount
Benton City	Pedestrian Crossings	WA-14839	PE	TAP	\$48,158
Benton City	Riverfront Park Trail	WA-14840	PE	TAP	\$23,470
Pasco	Court St & Road 68 Intersection Improvements	WA-12647	CN	STBG	\$1,535,731
Total					\$1,607,359



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2023 Project Closures

The final stage of project delivery is the project close out process. This process is utilized to review any final reimbursements and officially deem the project as completed. If a project closes out under budget, de-obligation of federal funds may occur. In 2023, three projects closed out with a total de-obligation amount of \$310,309. Table provides detail on each closed project and the amount of funds that were de-obligated.

Jurisdiction	Project Title	STIP ID	Fund Source	De-obligation Amount	Closed
Ben Franklin Transit	Columbia Center Mall/Blvd Ped Crossing	WA-14325	TAP	-\$70,000.00	8/16/23
Benton County	Plymouth Road Overlay	WA-12638	STP-R	-\$239,409.65	6/8/23
Franklin County	2017 Safety – Countywide Intersections	WA-10372	HSIP	-\$900.00	3/17/23
Total				-\$310,309.65	



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Agency	Prefix	Project #	Title	STIP ID	Phase	Program	Fed Obligated	Approved
Franklin Co.	BROS	2011(054)	Hollingsworth Road Bridge	WA-10399	CN	Bridge	\$0.00	9/21/2023
Franklin Co.	BROS	2011(055)	Vineyard Drive East Bridge	WA-14880	PE	Bridge	\$521,676.00	5/31/2023
Franklin Co.	HSIP	0005(497)	2017 Safety - Countywide Intersections	WA-10372	CN	HSIP	\$900.00	5/15/2023
Franklin Co.	STBGR	2011(052)	Basin City Alternative Transportation II	WA-07940	CN	STP Regional	\$145,101.00	6/20/2023
Franklin Co.	STBGR	E112(003)	Taylor Flats Road All Weather 1	WA-09037	PE	STP Regional	\$207,600.00	8/16/2023
Franklin Co.	STBGR	F113(001)	North Railroad Avenue	WA-13791	PE	STP Regional	\$129,750.00	5/24/2023
Franklin Co.	TAP	2011(052)	Basin City Alternative Transportation II	WA-07940	CN	TAP	\$126,870.00	6/20/2023
Kennewick	HSIP	0005(588)	Pedestrian Crossing Safety	kenn82	CN	HSIP	\$42,660.00	3/21/2023
Kennewick	HSIP	0005(651)	Safety Street Lighting	kenn100	PE	HSIP	\$20,000.00	1/20/2023
Kennewick	HSIP	0005(651)	Safety Street Lighting	kenn100	CN	HSIP	\$454,533.00	7/21/2023
Pasco	HIPUL	3522(002)	Argent Road Widening Phase 3	WA-12648	CN	HIP	\$111,783.00	3/3/2023
Pasco	HSIP	0005(650)	Citywide Injury Minimization and Speed Management Implementation	WA-14920	PE	HSIP	\$30,000.00	9/22/2023
Pasco	NHPP	0397(014)	Oregon Ave (SR 397) Overlay	WA-13906	CN	NHS Asset Management	\$3,000,000.00	5/16/2023
Pasco	STPUL_STBGUL	3522(002)	Argent Road Widening Phase 3	WA-12648	CN	STP Regional	\$3,130,756.00	3/3/2023
Prosser	NHPP	0030(UU1)	Old Inland Empire Highway	PROSSER 7	CN	NHPP	\$163,000.00	5/18/2023
Prosser	STPUS	0030(001)	Old Inland Empire Highway	PROSSER 7	CN	STP Regional	\$513,898.00	5/18/2023
Prosser	TAPUS	0030(001)	Old Inland Empire Highway	PROSSER 7	CN	TAP	\$93,497.00	5/18/2023
Richland	CRRSAA	9903(025)	Vantage Highway Pathway - Phase 2	R018	CN	CRRSAA	\$172,449.00	4/21/2023
Richland	HSIP	0005(652)	Systemic Pedestrian Safety	WA-14255	PE	HSIP	\$55,000.00	3/6/2023
Richland	HSIP	0005(653)	Systemic Stop-Controlled Intersections	WA-14254	PE	HSIP	\$180,000.00	3/6/2023
Richland	NHPP	3463(003)	Stevens Drive Preservation	WA-13898	CN	NHS Asset Management	\$163,658.00	5/12/2023
Richland	STPUS_STPD_STPUL	3440(001)	Duportail Street Bridge	R036	RW	STP Regional	\$1,833.64	9/19/2023
Richland	STPUS_STPD_STPUL	3440(001)	Duportail Street Bridge	R036	CN	STP Regional	\$3.94	9/19/2023
Richland	STBGUL	9903(025)	Vantage Highway Pathway - Phase 2	R018	CN	STP Regional	\$204,302.00	4/21/2023
Richland	TAP	3473(001)	Jadwin Pedestrian Crossing at Catskill	WA-14322	CN	TAP	\$20,600.00	3/3/2023
Richland	TAP	9903(025)	Vantage Highway Pathway - Phase 2	R018	CN	TAP	\$295,458.00	4/21/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0395(122)	US 395/Pioneer Memorial Bridge - Bridge Painting Stage 2	539506R	CN	HIP	30,762,087.11	4/19/2023
WSDOT	STBG-F	0395(122)	US 395/Pioneer Memorial Bridge - Bridge Painting Stage 2	539506R	CN	STBG-F	5,635,171.89	9/22/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211L	CN	HIP	2,000,897.00	2/3/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211L	CN	HIP	51,062.00	5/5/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211L	CN	HIP	47,850.00	7/14/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211M	CN	HIP	2,016,497.00	2/3/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211N	CN	HIP	571,670.00	2/3/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211L	CN	NHPP	3,850,915.14	8/30/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211L	PE	NHPP	49,350.00	2/3/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211L	PE	NHPP	58,706.00	7/14/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211M	CN	NHPP	3,602,298.39	8/30/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211M	PE	NHPP	37,420.00	2/3/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211M	PE	NHPP	39,890.00	7/14/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211N	CN	NHPP	919,196.07	8/30/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211N	PE	NHPP	23,903.00	2/3/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0822(140)	I-82/Yakima River Bridges & Chandler Canal Br WB - Deck Rehabilitation	508211N	PE	NHPP	16,967.00	7/14/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0823(072)	I-82/Columbia River Bridge at Umatilla EB - Bridge Painting	508210S	CN	HIP	62,424.18	7/19/2023
WSDOT (BF CG)	STBGUL_STBGUS_STBGR	FD24(006)	WSDOT: BFCG 2024-2025 UPVAP	WA-10725	PL	STP Regional	\$279,757.00	7/13/2023
TOTAL							\$60,521,161.37	



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Ben Franklin Transit	TAP	3409(007)	Columbia Center Mall/Blvd Ped Crossing	WA-14325	PE	TAP	-\$70,000.00	8/16/2023
Benton Co.	STPR	A039(004)	Plymouth Road Overlay	WA-12638	PE	STP Regional	-\$13,746.09	6/5/2023
Benton Co.	STPR	A039(004)	Plymouth Road Overlay	WA-12638	CN	STP Regional	-\$225,663.58	6/5/2023
Franklin Co.	HSIP	000S(497)	2017 Safety - Countywide Intersections	WA-10372	PE	HSIP	-\$900.00	5/15/2023
Richland	STPUS,STP	3440(001)	Duportail Street Bridge	R036	PE	STP Regional	-\$1,837.58	9/19/2023
Richland	STBGUL	9903(025)	Vantage Highway Pathway - Phase 2	R018	CN	STP Regional	-\$147,774.00	7/19/2023
Richland	TAP	9903(025)	Vantage Highway Pathway - Phase 2	R018	CN	TAP	-\$181,385.00	7/19/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0012(254)	US 12/Snake River Vaughn Hubbard Bridge EB - Repair Floor Beams	501218F	PE	NHPP	-\$65,879.50	3/13/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0082(015)	I-82 & SR 22/Sunnyside Vic to Prosser Vic – Paving & ADA	BPBF	CN	NHPP	-\$41,801.99	1/3/2023
WSDOT	STBG-F	0082(015)	I-82 & SR 22/Sunnyside Vic to Prosser Vic – Paving & ADA	BPBF	CN	STBG-F	-\$31,361.11	1/3/2023
WSDOT	NHPP	0240(025)	SR 240/Columbia Center Blvd - Upgrade signal & illumination	524004R	CN	NHPP	-\$639,808.31	2/23/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0395(122)	US 395/Pioneer Memorial Bridge - Bridge Painting Stage 2	539505R	CN	HIP	-\$7,413,878.41	7/31/2023
WSDOT	HIP	0395(122)	US 395/Pioneer Memorial Bridge - Bridge Painting Stage 2	539505R	CN	HIP	-\$5,635,171.89	9/22/2023
TOTAL							-\$14,469,207.44	



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BFCOG

Benton-Franklin Council of Governments

The MPO, RTPO, and Economic Development District for Benton and Franklin Counties. BFCOG is governed by a board that consists of an elected member from each county, city, and port district in the region. BFCOG's transportation responsibilities include administering federal funds to local jurisdictions for transportation infrastructure projects.

BFT

Ben Franklin Transit

The operator of public transportation in Benton and Franklin Counties.

BR

Bridge

Federal Grant Program – Highway Bridge.

CN

Construction Phase

The project phase where facilities are constructed.

CRP

Carbon Reduction Program

A competitive federal grant program that funds projects that reduce CO2 emissions.

FFY

Federal Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is the accounting period of the federal government. It begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the next calendar year.

FHWA

Federal Highway Administration

An agency within the United States Department of Transportation that specializes in highway transportation. The agency's major activities are grouped into two programs, the Federal-aid Highway Program and the Federal Lands Highway Program.



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Fiscal Constraint

The requirement for each TIP, STIP, and MTP document to prove that it can implement projects using committed, available, or reasonably available Federal, State, local, and private funds. Each document must also prove that the federally supported transportation system is being adequately maintained.

FTA

Federal Transit Administration

An agency within the United States Department of Transportation that provides financial and technical assistance to local public transportation systems. The FTA is one of ten modal administrations within the DOT.

HIP

Highway Infrastructure Program

HIP provides federal funds to construct highways, bridges, and tunnels. The 2019 HIP fund apportionment may also be used for the elimination of hazards and installation of protective devices at railway-highway crossings.

HSIP

Highway Safety Improvement Program

Federal Grant Program.

MPA

Metropolitan Planning Area

A geographic area for which the MPO implements the transportation planning process. The area is determined by an agreement between the Governor and the relevant MPO.

MPO

Metropolitan Planning Organization

A policy board of an organization designated to coordinate transportation planning for a region. MPOs are required to represent localities in all urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations over 50,000, as determined by the U.S. Census.

MTP

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Federal statute requires each MPO to prepare an MTP to outline the planned development of the regional transportation network and regional transportation objectives set by the relevant MPO and the state. The



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MTP must identify how the metropolitan area will manage and operate a multi-modal transportation system (including transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and accessible transportation) to meet the region's economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals – among others – for a 20+-year planning horizon, while remaining fiscally constrained.

NHS

National Highway System

A network of strategic highways within the United States, including the Interstate Highway System and other roads serving major airports, ports, military bases, rail or truck terminals, railway stations, pipeline terminals and other strategic transport facilities.

NH

Highway Safety Improvement Program

Federal Grant Program.

PE

Preliminary Engineering

The first stage in the development of infrastructure projects. This stage is where project planners and managers decide how to implement a project, evaluate the environmental impact, analyze costs, and assess any other measures needed for project implementation.

RTPO

Regional Transportation Planning Organization

A RTPO is an organization that identifies local transportation needs, conducts planning, assists local governments, and supports the statewide transportation planning process in nonmetropolitan regions of a State. States are provided the opportunity to designate RTPOs as a method for formalizing the engagement of officials from areas with a population size less than 50,000 as they incorporate rural transportation needs in the statewide transportation planning process.

RW

Right of Way

Process to obtain all necessary property for completion and operation of a transportation infrastructure project.



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- SAW** **Secure Access Washington**
An online WSDOT managed database that displays all projects identified in the STIP as well as funding information by phase for each project.
- SFY** **State Fiscal Year**
A 12-month period used for budget and accounting purposes. The state fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year and is named for the calendar year.
- STBG** **Surface Transportation Block Grant**
A flexible funding program that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.
- STBG-FLEX** **Flexible WSDOT STBG Allocations**
- STIP** **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**
The STIP is a multi-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off the State Highway System, funded with revenues from the Transportation Investment Fund and other funding sources. STIP programming generally occurs every two years.
- STP-R** **STBG - Regional**
Regional allocations of STBG funds managed by BFCOG.
- TAC** **Technical Advisory Committee**
A committee comprised of engineers and planners representing local jurisdictions, agencies, special purpose districts and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) South Central Region. Its purpose is to provide policy review and guidance to transportation activities and projects that will eventually require adoption by the BFCG Board and/or local jurisdictions.
- TAP** **Transportation Alternative Program**



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Authorized funds for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways. For administrative purposes, the FHWA refers these funds as the TA Set-Aside.

TDM

Transportation Demand Management

The application of strategies and policies to reduce travel demand, or to redistribute this demand in space or in time. In transport, as in any network, managing demand can be a cost-effective alternative to increasing capacity.

TIP

Transportation Improvement Program

BFCOG is required by federal and state regulations to develop a regional transportation improvement program (TIP) which spans at least four years and is updated at least every two years. BFOG generally updates the TIP annually and allows amendments to the TIP monthly. A primary purpose of the TIP is to identify and document federally funded and/or regionally significant projects to be included in the Washington Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

TMA

Transportation Management Area

An area designated by the Secretary of Transportation, having an urbanized area population of over 200,000, or upon special request from the Governor and the MPO designated for the area.

WSDOT

Washington State Department of Transportation

A governmental agency that constructs, maintains, and regulates the use of transportation infrastructure in the U.S. state of Washington. Established in 1905, it is led by a Secretary and overseen by the Governor.