# 2023 ANNUAL LISTING OF OBLIGATED PROJECTS

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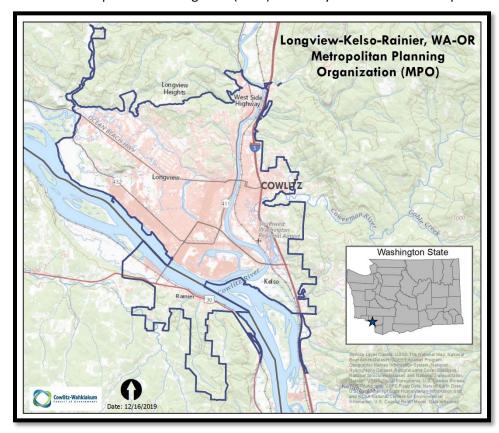
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#### **Agency Overview**

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) is a regional planning agency comprised of general and special member local governments from within Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties. The CWCOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Longview Urban Area and lead agency for the five-county Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SWRTPO). The SWRTPO is a voluntary association of local governments from Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, and Wahkiakum Counties. As an MPO, the planning area boundary includes Longview and Kelso, Washington and (crossing over the Columbia River) Rainier, Oregon. In the first half of 2024 the planning area boundary will expand to include Castle Rock, Washington due to 2020 Census urban area changes. The current Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary is shown on the map below.



As an MPO, CWCOG has a responsibility to administer federal laws and regulations pertaining to metropolitan transportation planning and project programming. The CWCOG is allocated federal funding under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Carbon Reduction Program to advance local transportation priorities within all of Cowlitz County and the Rainier, Oregon area.

#### Introduction

This Annual Listing of Obligated Projects is simply a performance report for the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP). The annual listing documents the federal transportation funds obligated in a calendar year and compares the obligation amount with what was programmed in the M/RTIP and shows if there are funds available to a project for a future year(s). This report is also an evaluation and monitoring tool to track the implementation of multimodal transportation projects in the region.

There are federal rules governing the content and publication of this report. These regulations (23 CFR § 450.334) specifically state the following:

- (a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.
- (b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with §450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under §450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.
- (c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

Three terms used regularly in this report are obligation, de-obligation, and closure. Below are explanations of these terms.

#### **Obligation**

Obligation is a promise to pay the Federal share of a project's eligible costs. The obligation of a project phase is the agency's authorization to proceed knowing eligible costs are reimbursable. For Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects, obligation happens after an agreement has been signed by the local agency and WSDOT Local Programs. WSDOT's Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) manual provides details on the authorization process. On Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects, obligation happens when an FTA grant is awarded. There is a similar process in Oregon for obligation of federal funds. A project awarded Surface Transportation Block Grant funding in the Rainier, Oregon area is not required to follow the federal obligation process as Oregon has a fund exchange program that swaps federal funds for state funds. Given that Surface Transportation Block Grant federal dollars in Oregon are exchanged for state dollars, these obligations do not appear in this report.

#### **De-obligation**

A de-obligation removes federal funds from being available to a project. An agency de-obligates federal funds whenever deciding to not proceed with a project, when a project is completed with some available funds unspent, or when funds move between phases. Funds may also be de-obligated when a project switches funding sources.

#### Closure

The final stage of project delivery is the project close-out process. When a project has been completed, the close-out process wraps up any final reimbursements and officially closes the project. Project closures are listed in the obligation tables starting on page five whenever there are final obligations or de-obligations processed as part of the close-out process.

#### Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The CWCOG Board of Directors adopted the 2023-2026 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) on September 22, 2022 (Resolution No. 22-15). The M/RTIP is a four-year program of federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects consistent with the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan. The program is prioritized and fiscally constrained. Once projects are programmed on the M/RTIP, the project's sponsor may obligate funds to start planning, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, or construction.

#### **Federal Funding Programs**

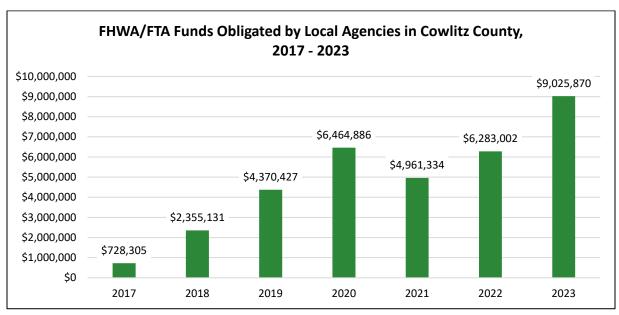
Below are federal funding programs identified in the obligation tables (fund code column) starting on page five.

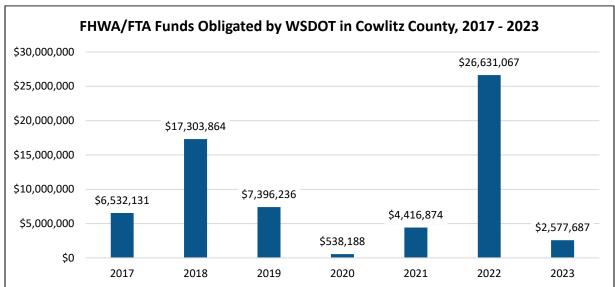
Fund Code(s)	Description
5339(b)	Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Program
Congress Directed	
Spending	Funding Awarded through Congressional Appropriation ("Earmark")
BR	Bridge Program
HIP	Highway Infrastructure Program
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
NHFP	National Highway Freight Program
PL/5303	Metropolitan Planning Program (PL is FHWA; 5303 is FTA)
PROTECT	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation
SS4A	Safe Streets and Roads for All
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
TA	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Set-Aside (Transportation Alternatives)

More information regarding FHWA federal-aid programs authorized under the current federal transportation act (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) may be found at: <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/</a>.

#### **Annual Obligation Summary**

For 2023 projects in Cowlitz County, Washington and Rainier, Oregon obligated about \$12.3 million of FHWA or FTA federal funding. Of this total about \$9.03 million was obligated by local agencies in Cowlitz County, about \$2.58 million by WSDOT, and about \$684,931 by projects in Rainier, Oregon. The following charts show total obligations over the last seven years for both local and state projects in Cowlitz County.





The following notes are applicable to the tables in the next three sections.

Notes: (1) Phase Acronyms: ALL (Projects without preliminary engineering/construction phases such as transit projects); PL (Planning); PE (Preliminary Engineering); CN (Construction)

- (2) Closure means project/phase closeout process.
- (3) Prior Authorization means an obligation for a phase programmed on a previous version of the M/RTIP; thus, making it difficult to track funds remaining.
- (4) Programmatic Project means a project programmed on the M/RTIP as a group ("bucket"); thus, making it difficult to track funds remaining.

## 2023 Obligations (Local Agency Projects in Cowlitz County, Washington)

STIP ID	Agency	Project Title	Begin Termini	Ending Termini	Project Length	Fund Code	Phase	23-26 M/RTIP Programmed	Total Obligated	Total De- Obligated	Funds Remaining	Approved Date
681- 09(3)	Cowlitz County	Tower Road Bridge Scour Mitigation	MP 2.9	N/A	N/A	BR	PE	Closure		(\$478)	N/A	1/19/2023
681- 09(3)	Cowlitz County	Tower Road Bridge Scour Mitigation	MP 2.9	N/A	N/A	BR	CN	Closure		(\$80,208)	N/A	1/19/2023
WA- 09216	City of Longview	SR 432/SR 411 Intersection	SR 432/SR 411	SR 432/SR 411	0.1	NHFP	CN	Closure	\$8,486		N/A	1/19/2023
WA- 09216	City of Longview	SR 432/SR 411 Intersection	SR 432/SR 411	SR 432/SR 411	0.1	NHFP	CN	Closure		(\$0.09)	N/A	2/21/2023
WA- 11872	Cowlitz County	Erick Creek Fish Passage	MP 5.3	MP 5.4	0.1	PROTECT	PE	\$3,050,000	\$410,000		\$2,640,000	4/10/2023
WA- 09805	City of Longview	Washington Way & 15th Avenue Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements	Various Intersections	Various Intersections	1.5	HSIP	PE	Closure		(\$1,001)	N/A	4/19/2023
WA- 09805	City of Longview	Washington Way & 15th Avenue Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements	Various Intersections	Various Intersections	1.5	HSIP	CN	Closure		(\$5,276)	N/A	4/19/2023
WA- 09805	City of Longview	Washington Way & 15th Avenue Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements	Various Intersections	Various Intersections	1.5	STBG	PE	Closure		(\$0.01)	N/A	4/19/2023
WA- 09805	City of Longview	Washington Way & 15th Avenue Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements	Various Intersections	Various Intersections	1.5	STBG	CN	Closure		(\$13,832)	N/A	4/19/2023

WA- 09805	City of Longview	Washington Way & 15th Avenue Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements	Various Intersections	Various Intersections	1.5	HIP	CN	Closure	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/21/2023
WA- 12897	City of Longview	Downtown Traffic Signal Upgrades	Varies	Varies	N/A	HSIP	PE	\$676,800		(\$62,300)	\$739,100	5/4/2023
WA- 12897	City of Longview	Downtown Traffic Signal Upgrades	Varies	Varies	N/A	HSIP	CN	\$676,800	\$732,900		\$6,200	5/4/2023
WA- 12902	City of Longview	Citywide Traffic Data Collection	Citywide	Citywide	N/A	HSIP	PL	Closure		(\$664)	N/A	6/5/2023
WA- 15070	CWCOG	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	SS4A	PL	\$200,000	\$200,000		\$0	6/21/2023
WA- 14883	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Cowlitz Indian Tribe Transit Facility Roof Replacement	N/A	N/A	N/A	5339(b)	ALL	\$185,368	\$185,368		\$0	6/26/2023
WA- 13788	City of Longview	Washington Way	Larch Street	34th Avenue	1.6	NHPP	CN	\$3,894,000	\$3,894,000		\$0	7/14/2023
WA- 12898	City of Longview	Downtown Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons	Various	Various	N/A	HSIP	PE	\$1,046,200		(\$150,200)	\$1,196,400	7/26/2023
WA- 12898	City of Longview	Downtown Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons	Various	Various	N/A	HSIP	CN	\$1,046,200	\$1,196,400		\$0	7/26/2023
WA- 14336	City of Longview	Tennant Way Corridor Traffic Signals	9th Avenue	14th Avenue	0.35	STBG	PE	\$1,034,176	\$224,640		\$809,536	7/31/2023
WA- 14217	City of Longview	Beech Street & 30th Avenue Bike Lanes	Oregon Way	Washington Way	1.2	TA	CN	\$224,035	\$224,035		\$0	9/7/2023
WA- 12280	City of Woodland	Lakeshore Drive	Goerig Street	City Limits	0.35	STBG	PE	Closure		(\$53,974)	N/A	9/22/2023

WA- 12280	City of Woodland	Lakeshore Drive	Goerig Street	City Limits	0.35	STBG	CN	Closure	\$53,974		N/A	9/22/2023
WA- 13505	City of Longview	Columbia Heights Road	Fishers Lane	Cascade Drive	1.0	Congress Directed Spending	PE	\$5,500,000	\$519,000		\$4,981,000	9/26/2023
WA- 06761	City of Castle Rock	Exit 49 Pedestrian Improvements - Phase 2	Dougherty Drive	400' NE of Boyd Avenue	0.17	TA	PE	Closure		(\$445)	N/A	10/18/2023
WA- 06761	City of Castle Rock	Exit 49 Pedestrian Improvements - Phase 2	Dougherty Drive	400' NE of Boyd Avenue	0.17	TA	CN	Closure	\$445		N/A	10/18/2023
WA- 10868	Cowlitz County	2017 Safety - Guardrail	Countywide	Countywide	N/A	HSIP	PE	Closure		(\$15,042)	N/A	11/2/2023
WA- 10868	Cowlitz County	2017 Safety - Guardrail	Countywide	Countywide	N/A	HSIP	CN	Closure	\$15,042		N/A	11/2/2023
WA- 11944	Port of Longview	Industrial Rail Corridor Expansion	Port of Longview	Port of Longview	N/A	NHFP	CN	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000		\$0	11/21/2023
WA- 12897	City of Longview	Downtown Traffic Signal Upgrades	Varies	Varies	N/A	HSIP	CN	\$676,800		(\$255,000)	\$261,200	12/27/2023

Total Obligations in 2023 (Local Agency Projects in Cowlitz County, Washington): \$9,025,870

## 2023 Obligations (WSDOT Projects in Cowlitz County, Washington)

STIP ID	Project Title	Begin Termini	Ending Termini	Project Length	Fund Code	Phase	23-26 M/RTIP Programmed	Funds Obligated	Funds De- Obligated	Funds Remaining	Approved Date
BPCWCOG08	I-5 NB/1 Mi S of Todd Rd Vic to Weigh Station Vic - Paving	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	NHPP	CN	Programmatic Project		(\$59,866)	N/A	1/3/2023
BPCWCOG08	I-5 NB/1 Mi S of Todd Rd Vic to Weigh Station Vic - Paving	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	NHPP	PE	Programmatic Project		(\$1,854)	N/A	1/3/2023
BPCWCOG08	I-5 NB/1 Mi S of Todd Rd Vic to Weigh Station Vic - Paving	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	NHPP	CN	Programmatic Project		(\$25,776)	N/A	1/3/2023
BPCWCOG08	I-5 NB/1 Mi S of Todd Rd Vic to Weigh Station Vic - Paving	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	NHPP	CN	Programmatic Project	\$7,398		N/A	1/3/2023
443221P08	SR 432/WB Cowlitz River Bridge - Painting	9.58	9.89	0.31	NHPP	PE	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$45,276		N/A	1/5/2023
400525B08	I-5/SB Lewis River Bridge - Deck Overlay and Expansion Joint Replacement	19.80	20.24	0.44	NHPP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure		(\$426,082)	N/A	3/6/2023
400525B08	I-5/SB Lewis River Bridge - Deck Overlay and Expansion Joint Replacement	19.80	20.24	0.44	NHPP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$245,259		N/A	3/6/2023
400525B08	I-5/SB Lewis River Bridge - Deck Overlay and Expansion Joint Replacement	19.80	20.24	0.44	NHPP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$242,503		N/A	3/6/2023
400021T08	SWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement - Freeways 21-23	0.00	0.00	N/A	HSIP	PE	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$5,333		N/A	3/8/2023
BPCWCOG08	SR 432/Industrial Way Vicinity to Cowlitz River - Paving	7.19	9.59	2.4	NHPP	CN	Programmatic Project	\$703,929		N/A	4/21/2023
BPCWCOG08	SR 432/Industrial Way Vicinity to Cowlitz River - Paving	7.19	9.59	2.4	NHPP	PE	Programmatic Project	\$22,000		N/A	4/21/2023
443321B08	SR 433/Lewis and Clark Bridge - Expansion Joint Replacement	0	0.54	0.54	NHPP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$39,373		N/A	5/4/2023

400527K01	I-5/Dike Access Road Bridge - Bridge Deck and Expansion Joints	22.56	23.04	0.48	NHPP	CN	\$7,439,253	\$1,158,051		\$6,281,202	6/12/2023
400423S08	SR 4/1.8 Miles West of Mill Creek Rd - Slope Stabilization	45.8	45.85	0.05	NHPP	CN	\$574,005	\$157,253		\$416,752	6/16/2023
400423S08	SR 4/1.8 Miles West of Mill Creek Rd - Slope Stabilization	45.8	45.85	0.05	NHPP	CN	\$574,005	\$119,580		\$297,172	6/16/2023
400423S08	SR 4/1.8 Miles West of Mill Creek Rd - Slope Stabilization	45.8	45.85	0.05	NHPP	PE	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$14,256		N/A	6/16/2023
400525B08	I-5/SB Lewis River Bridge - Deck Overlay and Expansion Joint Replacement	19.80	20.24	0.44	NHPP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure		(\$43,097)	N/A	6/26/2023
400525B08	I-5/SB Lewis River Bridge - Deck Overlay and Expansion Joint Replacement	19.80	20.24	0.44	NHPP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$177,794		N/A	6/26/2023
400423S08	SR 4/1.8 Miles West of Mill Creek Rd - Slope Stabilization	45.8	45.85	0.05	NHPP	CN	\$574,005	\$41,694		\$255,478	8/23/2023
400423S08	SR 4/1.8 Miles West of Mill Creek Rd - Slope Stabilization	45.8	45.85	0.05	NHPP	CN	\$574,005	\$30,728		\$224,750	8/23/2023
400022B03	21-23 SWR Regionwide Bridges Concrete Deck - Patching	39.55	39.61	0.06	STBG	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure	\$38,388		N/A	8/31/2023
400527K01	I-5/Dike Access Road Bridge - Bridge Deck and Expansion Joints	22.56	23.04	0.48	NHPP	CN	\$7,439,253	\$98,921		\$6,182,281	9/15/2023
BPCWCOG08	SR 503/SR 503 Spur to Ross Creek Br - Chip Seal	31.0	51.0	20.0	STBG	PE	Programmatic Project	\$45,520		N/A	9/19/2023
400021T08	SWR Breakaway Cable Terminal Replacement - Freeways 21-23	0.00	0.00	N/A	HSIP	CN	Prior Authorization or Closure		(\$58,894)	N/A	12/15/2023

Total Obligations in 2023 (WSDOT Projects in Cowlitz County, Washington):

\$2,577,687

## 2023 Obligations (Projects in Rainier, Oregon)

Key Number	Agency	Project Title	Begin Termini	Ending Termini	Project Length	Fund Code	Phase	23-26 M/RTIP Programmed	Total Obligated	Total De- Obligated	Funds Remaining	Approved Date
K21848	cwcog	Rainier/Longview MPO Planning SFY23	N/A	N/A	N/A	5303	PL	Closure	\$127		N/A	1/12/2023
K21848	CWCOG	Rainier/Longview MPO Planning SFY23	N/A	N/A	N/A	PL	PL	Closure		(\$264)	N/A	1/12/2023
K20621	CWCOG	Rainier/Longview MPO Planning SFY22	N/A	N/A	N/A	5303	PL	Closure		(\$410)	N/A	4/28/2023
K20621	CWCOG	Rainier/Longview MPO Planning SFY22	N/A	N/A	N/A	PL	PL	Closure		(\$1,340)	N/A	4/28/2023
K21583	ODOT	US30: EB Larson Rd - Longview Bridge Queue Warning System	Varies	Varies	N/A	NHPP/STBG	CN (OR STIP Includes as Other)	\$1,552,329	\$76,485		\$1,475,844	5/1/2023
K21547	ODOT	US30: Rainier – Wonderly Road	47.20	50.35	3.15	STBG	PE	\$410,626	\$437,214		(\$26,588)	5/4/2023
K22435	ODOT	OR47/OR8/US30 curb ramps	46.66	48.40	1.74	STBG	RW	\$1,488,251	\$165,916		\$1,322,335	5/24/2023
K21859	CWCOG	Rainier/Longview MPO Planning SFY24	N/A	N/A	N/A	PL	PL	\$7,203	\$5,438		\$1,765	6/21/2023
K21859	cwcog	Rainier/Longview MPO Planning SFY24	N/A	N/A	N/A	5303	PL	\$7,203	\$1,765		\$0	6/21/2023

Total Obligations in 2023 (Projects in Rainier, Oregon):

\$684,931





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