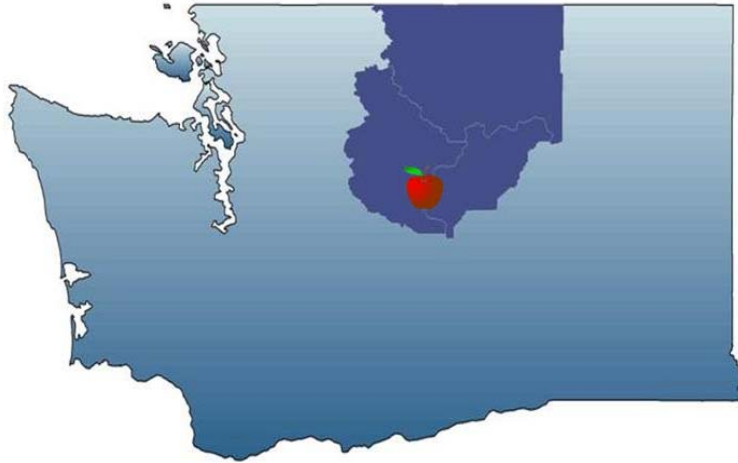


North Central Washington

2012 Transportation Improvement Program



WVTC (Wenatchee Valley Metropolitan Area)

Urban Transportation Construction Projects Approved for use of
Federal Funds, 2012 - 2017

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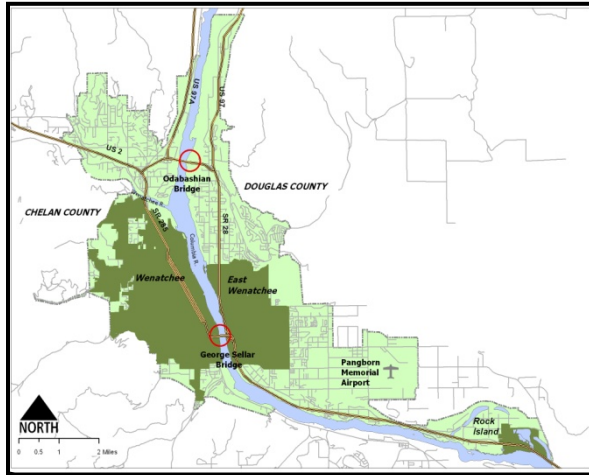
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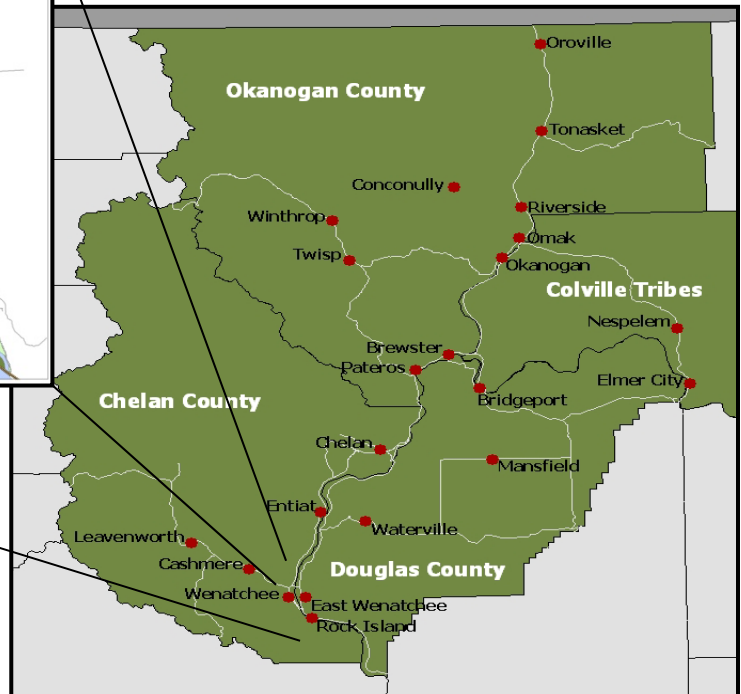
Membership Roster

Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council (MPO) &
 North Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)

Metropolitan Planning Area



NCRTPO Planning Region



Counties:	Chelan*, Douglas* and Okanogan
Cities & Towns:	Brewster, Bridgeport, Cashmere, Chelan, Conconully, East Wenatchee*, Elmer City, Entiat, Leavenworth, Mansfield, Nespelem, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, Riverside, Rock Island*, Tonasket, Twisp, Waterville, Wenatchee* and Winthrop
Other:	Colville Confederated Tribes, Link Transit*, Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition, Port Districts of Chelan & Douglas County*, and WSDOT North Central Region*

* Indicates membership in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (WVTC)

Wenatchee Valley **WVTC** Transportation Council

RESOLUTION No. WVTC 2-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE WENATCHEE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ADOPTING THE "2012-17 NCW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, The Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council, hereinafter referred to as WVTC, is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Wenatchee Valley; and

WHEREAS, The WVTC is responsible for annually developing, adopting, and amending a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); and

WHEREAS, transportation improvement projects must be programmed in the RTIP to be eligible for federal assistance under US Department of Transportation funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the WVTC certifies that all requirements of 23 U.S.C. Section 134 for metropolitan transportation planning and programming are hereby satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the RTIP satisfies Title VI non-discrimination executive orders, and that the programmed transportation improvements create no disproportionate negative impacts to populations protected under Title VI; and

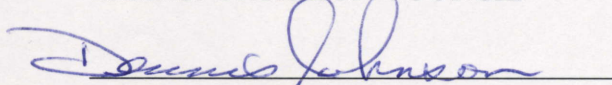
WHEREAS, the WVTC certifies that the RTIP meets all Federal and State air quality requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council hereby resolves as follows:

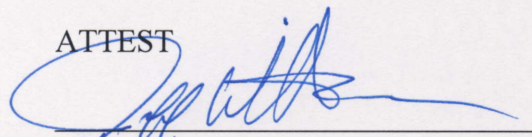
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council approves the 2012 -17 NCW Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

DATED this 13th day of October, 2011.

WENATCHEE VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL


Dennis Johnson,
2011 WVTC Chairman

ATTEST


Jeffrey S. Wilkens
WVTC Executive Director

WVTC MEMBERS

City of Wenatchee ♦ City of East Wenatchee ♦ City of Rock Island ♦ Chelan County ♦ Douglas County ♦
Port of Chelan County ♦ Port of Douglas County ♦ WSDOT North Central Region ♦ Link Transit

Background & Statutory Requirements:

The Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council (WVTC) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for coordinated transportation planning within the Wenatchee, Washington urbanized area and also, through cooperation with the North Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NCRTPO), across the three county region of North Central Washington. WVTC and NCRTPO are both governed by Executive Councils comprised of local elected officials and other public officials representing transportation agencies (see membership roster).

WVTC is required by federal statute to develop Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) annually for the purpose of identifying and authorizing the use of federal transportation funding for regionally significant transportation improvement projects over a four year period. The TIP is required to be 'fiscally constrained,' which means that the overall program of projects can only be approved by WVTC if federal funding is demonstrably secured and committed. Adoption of the TIP signifies a finding of consistency between the program of transportation improvement projects and transportation goals, objectives and policies in the current metropolitan transportation plan. The rural and small city projects included in the TIP (listed separately) were reviewed for consistency with the 2009 update of the NCRTPO Regional Transportation Plan and approved by the NCRTPO Executive Council. MPOs typically have responsibility under federal statute to review the expenditure of federal transportation projects for air quality impacts. Due to the fact that the Wenatchee urbanized area is a designated "attainment area" for air quality, the TIP is not required to include an air quality conformity analysis and certification.

Relationship with City & County Six-Year Street Plans:

Under Washington statute, cities and counties are required to develop and adopt a local transportation improvement program each year covering a six year period. Local TIPs are amended by local governments throughout the year as necessary to reflect new sources of funding for projects secured through various state and federal grant programs. This local transportation programming process includes a mandatory public outreach and comment period for the annual adoption and all amendments. The WVTC TIP is developed by assembling the regionally significant projects from each local agency TIP. WVTC staff reviews each local TIP project for consistency with the metropolitan transportation plan, and for fiscal constraint. These same criteria are validated in all amendments to the TIP.

WVTC and NCRTPO periodically administer the competitive allocation of federal Surface Transportation Program funding. WVTC receives authorization to program "STP-Regional" federal funds on an annual basis. The competitive solicitation, evaluation and allocation process is integrated with development of the annual TIP, as shown in the TIP development schedule. Periodically, the NCRTPO receives

authorization to program “STP Transportation Enhancements” federal funds. These funds are also awarded on the basis of a competitive solicitation, but the process is conducted by the NCRTPPO Executive Council separately from the development of the annual TIP. Enhancements projects are amended into the TIP following award by NCRTPPO in order to maintain fiscal constraint in the program.

TIP Development Process & Timeline:

WVTC initiates the development of the Regional TIP in April or May of each year by providing local jurisdictions and agencies with notice of the TIP development schedule and due dates, and concurrently with the solicitation of candidate projects to be programmed for receipt of STP-Regional funds.

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Notice of TIP schedule and due dates.▪ Solicitation of STP-Regional candidate projects.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Draft Six-Year TIPs due for review and comment.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Final Six-Year TIPs due to WVTC. Local TIPs must include candidate projects submitted for competitive STP-Regional funding (indicated as “planned” under funding status).
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ WVTC conducts review and preliminary award of STP-Regional funding.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ WVTC distributes draft Regional TIP member agencies for review.▪ WVTC publishes “Program of Projects” in newspaper of record for all FTA funded transit projects.▪ WVTC hosts Regional TIP Open House.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Final TIP distributed to WVTC & NCRTPPO board members▪ NCRTPPO Executive Council approves the rural and small city projects in the TIP.▪ WVTC adopts final Regional TIP.▪ WVTC submits adopted Regional TIP to WSDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
Nov / Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ STIP amendment blackout period (WVTC and amend the Regional TIP but WSDOT cannot accept amendments until January of the following calendar year.

TIP Amendment Process:

WVTC policy for amending the Regional TIP requires that project amendments are first approved through an update of a city or county Six Year TIP by a jurisdiction’s elected council or commission following appropriate public notice and comment periods. Amendment projects are then presented to WVTC for adoption into the Regional TIP at a regularly scheduled Executive Council meeting.

Public Involvement:

WVTC is required to assure the provision of public outreach in the development of the TIP. Per the WVTC Public Involvement Policy, this requirement is primarily satisfied by the outreach and comment period conducted at the local level for individual city and county TIPs. Additionally, WVTC advertises the Link Transit “Program of Projects” in the newspaper of record, and holds a final public open house for the final draft of the TIP prior to adoption.

In addition to providing the proper assurances to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the TIP also serves as a means of providing information to the general public about transportation projects and scheduled for construction across North Central Washington. The TIP is published in an interactive mapped format on the WVTC website as a way to improve public awareness and access to this information.

TIP Project Summaries:

Summary tables documenting the fiscally constrained TIP projects for years 2012-2017 within the WVTC metropolitan planning area, and all rural and small city TIP projects in the NCRTPO planning area are listed on the following pages and are also available for viewing, download and printing on the WVTC website at www.wvtc.org under the “Construction Projects” tab.

Full project descriptions with expenditure, fund source and scheduling details for each project are catalogued in a non-public database managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. For public review, detailed information about the funded projects is provided through online publication of the Regional TIP, as both project summary lists and an interactive map (at www.wvtc.org under the “Construction Projects” tab).

The Regional TIP also includes and endorses ‘planned’ projects (those that do not yet have secured funding) identified by Link Transit and by cities and counties throughout North Central Washington in their locally adopted 6-year Street Plans. The planned projects can be viewed on the WVTC website in the same location, although those projects are only provided as summary lists and do not appear on the interactive map.