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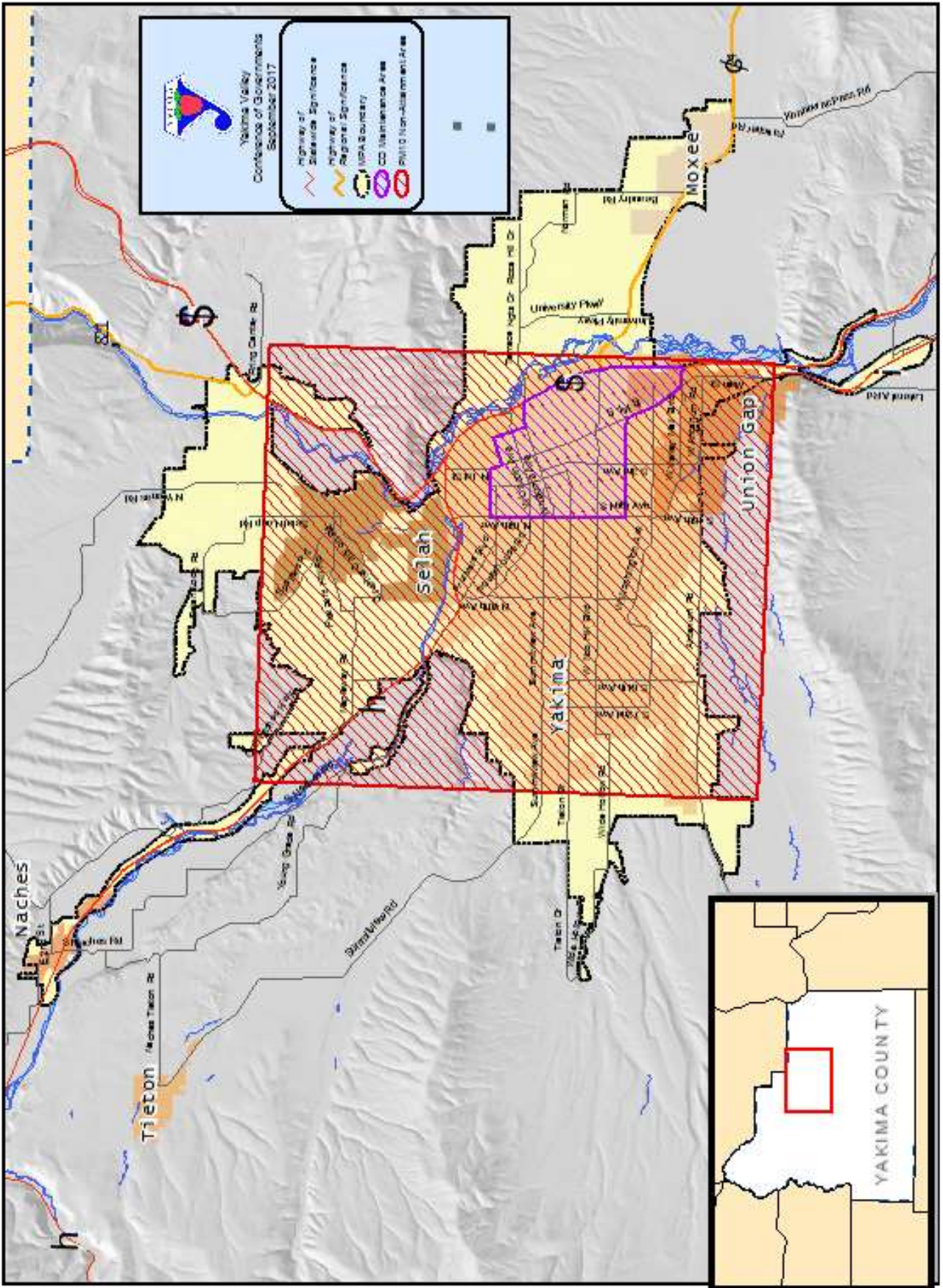


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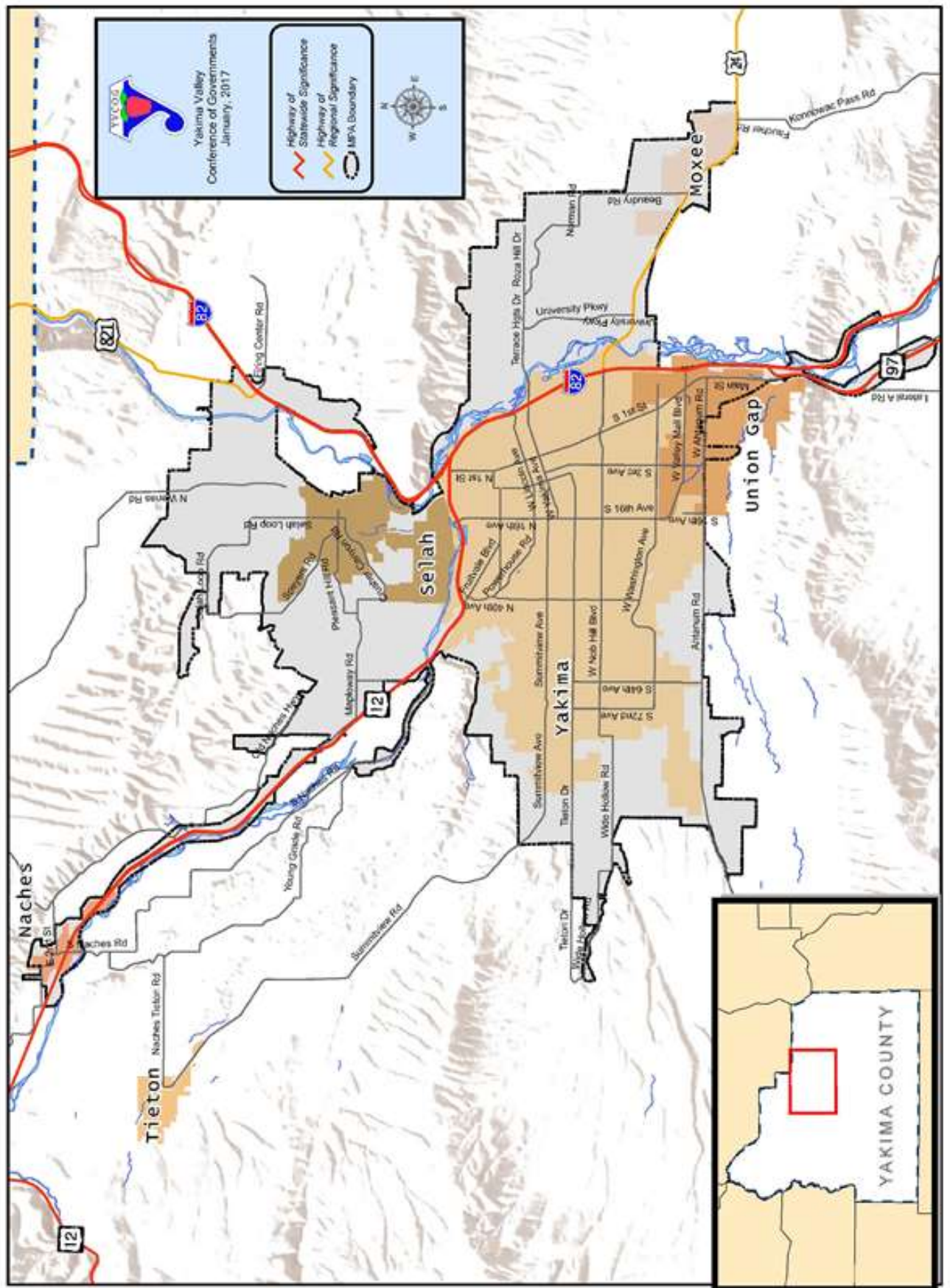
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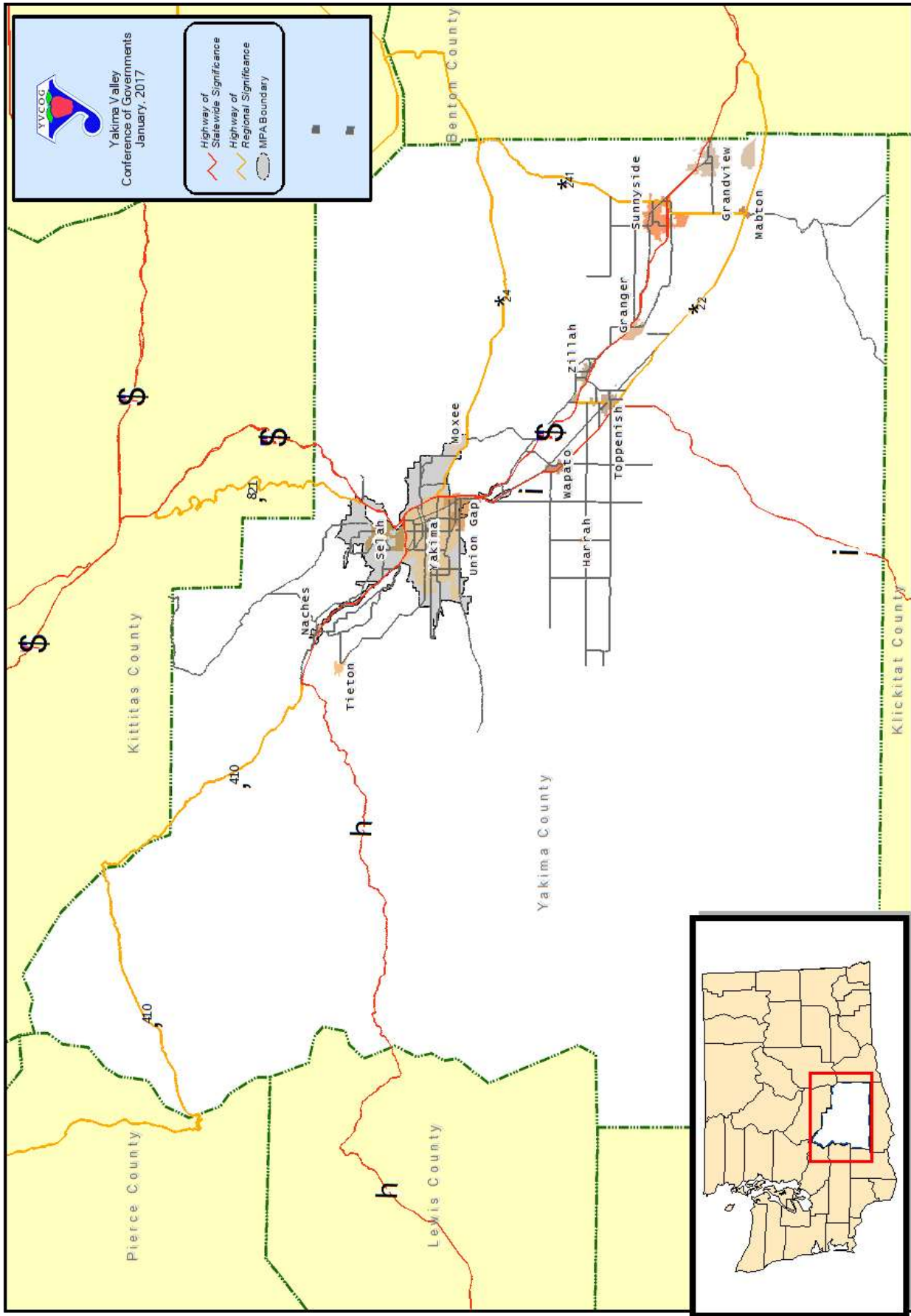
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-  Highway of Statewide Significance
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Introduction

The Yakima Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

The Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Yakima County, Washington. The purpose of the MPO is to “carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) multimodal transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that encourages and promotes the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution...” ([23 USC Section 134](#))

Lead planning agencies receive dedicated Federal Highway Funds known as [Title 23 USC](#) Planning Funds (PL) and transit planning funds known as [Title 49 USC Section 53](#) Planning Funds (5303) to carry out their transportation programs. Reporting requirements for Federal Highway Funds are explained in [23 CFR 420.111](#). Funding is allocated through the state department of transportation based on a formula as described in [23 CFR 450.308](#) and is distributed on an annual basis tied to each MPO’s annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Agencies participating as members of the MPO include the cities of Moxee, Selah, Union Gap, Yakima, and the Town of Naches; Yakima County; Selah Transit, Union Gap Transit, and Yakima Transit; and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO):

YVCOG is also the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) formed via the interlocal agreement of local governments within Yakima County. One of the purposes of an RTPO is to see that provisions of the Washington State Growth Management Act ([RCW 47.80.023](#)), as further defined under Washington Administrative Code ([WAC](#)) [Section 468.86](#), are met.

The RTPO performs tasks similar to the MPO, but unlike the MPO, the RTPO includes rural and small urban areas outside of the greater metropolitan area. Often a MPO and a RTPO are combined to make transportation planning a coordinated and comprehensive process, as is the case in the Yakima Valley. Early on, the YVCOG member jurisdictions recognized the need, the desirability, and the regional benefits that result from a collaborative forum for transportation planning and decision-making. One of the duties described in this regulation is the responsibility of RTPO to certify that the transportation elements of comprehensive plans adopted by the counties, cities, and towns within their respective regions conform to the requirements of [RCW 36.70A.070](#). RTPOs also certify that the transportation elements of comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities and towns within each region are consistent with the regional transportation plans adopted by their organization.

Funding for the RTPO is appropriated directly from the Washington State Department of Transportation and is used to carry out the regional transportation planning program. All products generated as an outcome of the work program shall go directly to the Washington State Department of Transportation. The planning efforts will be carried out by YVCOG staff in accordance with the UPWP.

Agencies participating in the RTPO include those members of the MPO along with the cities and towns of Grandview, Granger, Harrah, Mabton, Sunnyside, Tieton, Toppenish, Wapato, and Zillah.

M/RTIP Purpose and Scope in Washington State

YVCOG is required by federal and state regulations to develop Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the region's Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (MPO/RTPO) which span a four-year period and are updated annually. The combined M/RTIP functions as a financial plan that identifies prioritized, regionally significant transportation projects and projects using federal funds.

The M/RTIP also aids in the coordination and cooperation of transportation planning in the region. The M/RTIP provides the public, elected officials, state and local staffs, transit providers, tribes, and other interested parties the opportunity to review regional projects for consistency with regional and local plans, goals and policies. The M/RTIP requires approval by the Transportation Policy Board, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Washington Governor's Office.

Approved regional TIPs are then included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). WSDOT is responsible for the statewide coordination of the STIP. Once local agency projects are programmed, WSDOT manages the local portion of the federal highway funds on a fiscally restrained basis. Following federal approval of the STIP, local jurisdictions may begin obligating federal funds for their projects.

M/RTIP Development Process

The YVCOG, on behalf of member jurisdictions and agencies, uses a continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process with jurisdictions and agencies as we develop the M/RTIP.

The YVCOG M/RTIP development schedule is created each year to guide its members in submitting their transportation projects successful into the STIP. The schedule is based on the calendar year.

Review and refinement occurs continuously throughout the process to arrive at a program of improvements that is both consistent with the YVCOG regional transportation plan and provides a show of financial feasibility. Steps in the development of the M/RTIP include:

- Preparation and submission of the local six-year programs to the YVCOG MPO/RTPO, and
- Project review by YVCOG staff ensuring that:
 1. All projects scheduled for federal funding are included in the TIP,
 2. All projects are fiscally constrained by showing for this M/RTIP a four-year implementation schedule and funding source by program,
 3. The 2020-2023 M/RTIP was discussed during the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) interagency consultation,
 4. The public and interested parties were afforded a reasonable opportunity to comment on the 2020-2023 M/RTIP,
 5. The 2020-2023 M/RTIP exhibited consistency with YVCOG's 2016-2040 Regional/Metropolitan Transportation Plan,
 6. The 2020-2023 M/RTIP was fiscally constrained,
 7. Opportunities for developing an intermodal transportation system were provided, and
 8. All projects in the 2020-2023 M/RTIP were consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Project Funding Sources

The 2020-2023 M/RTIP was funded from a variety of federal sources. The sources from which the funds were programmed are listed below. Not all state and local funds have to be programmed in the M/RTIP. However, if these funds are used to match federal dollars described below, or if they are used for projects that require federal approval or other formal federal action, they must be included in the M/RTIP.

The following are descriptions of fund sources- Table 1

Table 1. Federal Program Abbreviations

ARRA	American Recovery & Reinvestment Act	SRTS	Safe Routes to School
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
BR	Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation	STP	Surface Transportation Program (WSDOT only)
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	STP(C)	STP Statewide Competitive Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	STP(E)	STP Transportation Enhancement
DEMO	TEA-21 Demonstration or High Priority Projects	STP(R)	STP Rural Regionally Selected
Discretionary	Ferry Boat Discretionary, Public Highway Lands, Scenic Byways, and Other	STP(S)	STP Safety including hazard elimination and railroad crossing improvements
DOD	Department of Defense	STP(U)	STP Urban Regionally Selected
HIP	Highway Improvement Program	3037	FTA Job Access/Reverse Commute
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program	5307	FTA Urban Areas
HES	Hazard Elimination Program	5309	FTA Bus (Bus)
IC	Interstate Construction	5309	FTA Fixed Guideways (FG)
IM	Interstate Maintenance	5309	FTA New Starts (NS)
NHS	National Highway System	5310	FTA Elderly/Disabled Persons
REV	Rural Economic Vitality (STP funded)	5311	FTA Rural Areas
		5316	JOB Access and Reserve Commute
		5317	New Freedom

The table covers just a small portion of the available federal funding sources available to the MPO/RTPO members but addresses all the funding sources identified in the obligation table. For a more comprehensive list please visit the WSDOT website at:

<https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2009/01/14/STIPTrainingManual.pdf>

Explanation of Table Headers and Obligation Report Table

Agency-Name of the agency that is administering the project (signatory to the local agency agreement)

Project Name-Title of project.

STIP ID-Unique project identifier from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Project Number-The part of the federal aid number that uniquely identifies the project.

Type of Work - General description of project intent (i.e. Safety, reconstruction, maintenance, etc.)

Termini-Beginning and ending of terminus of project.

Length-Length of project (in miles)

Obligation Date – Date jurisdiction’s obligation request was approved by FHWA.

TIP Federal Request Amount – Amount jurisdiction formal requests of their total authorized funding award. May be, but not required to be total amount. Jurisdiction may obligate partial available funding to complete specific phases or tasks (Preliminary Design, Right of Way, Construction).

Obligated - Change in amount of federal funds (Current Federal Minus Previous Federal) within the noted Fund Program and Phase that were obligated (made available to an agency).

Federal Funding Remaining – The total federal funds that are obligated within the noted Fund Program and Phase as of the Approved Date

Phase -The portion of the project where the obligated/de-obligated funds are being utilized.

PE=Preliminary Engineering - RW=Right of Way; and - CN=Construction

Fund Type -Source of funds that were obligated/de-obligated.

Deobligated – Change in amount of federal funds (Current Federal Minus Previous Federal) within the noted Fund Program and Phase that were de-obligated (reduced from an agency’s available funding).

Approved-Date the obligation/de-obligation activity was approved by FHWA.

Closure Date -Date of the Administrative Review letter, if applicable. If blank, no AR letter had been sent as of the last date of the report.

Notes:

- 1) The obligation report is only meant to show actual changes in obligation amounts that occur within the report’s timeframe. For the 2019 Obligation Report, the time period is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and will not necessarily show all funds obligated on a project.
- 2) A single project can show up multiple times in the same report. This may be due to obligation activity occurring within different phases (PE, RW, CN) on the same date, multiple transactions (either a supplement to the local agency agreement or a final voucher adjustment) occurring within the report timeframe, and/or multiple fund programs on a single project.

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

Member Agencies

City of Grandview	Town of Naches*	City of Union Gap*
City of Granger	City of Selah*	City of Wapato
Town of Harrah	City of Sunnyside	City of Yakima*
City of Mabton	City of Tieton	Yakima County*
City of Moxee*	City of Toppenish	City of Zillah

YVCOG Executive Committee

James A. Restucci, Council Member, City of Sunnyside (Chair)
John Hodgkinson, Council Member, City of Union Gap - Area 1 Representative (Vice-Chair)
Janice Gonzales, Council Member, City of Zillah - Area 2 Representative
Bill Moore, Council Member, City of Grandview - Area 3 Representative
Brad Hill, Council Member, City of Yakima
Norm Childress, Commissioner, Yakima County
Sherry Raymond, Mayor, City of Selah (Member-At-Large)

YVCOG Transportation Policy Board

Same as YVCOG Executive Committee with the addition of:

Todd Trepanier, Regional Administrator, WSDOT SCR
Madelyn Carlson, CEO, People for People
Jon Smith, President/CEO, YCDA New Vision

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

City of Grandview	Cus Arteaga, City Manager
City of Granger	Jodie Luke, Public Works Director
Town of Harrah	Barbara Harrer, Mayor
City of Mabton	Laura Vazquez, Mayor
City of Moxee*	Byron Adams, City Services Administrator
Town of Naches*	Jeff Ranger, Town Administrator
City of Selah*	Joe Henne, Public Works Director
City of Sunnyside	Shane Fisher, Public Works
City of Tieton	Mike Henderson, Public Works Director
City of Toppenish	Lance Hoyt, City Manager – TAC Chair
City of Toppenish	Rocky Wallace, Public Works Superintendent
City of Union Gap*	Dennis Henne, Public Works Director – TAC Vice-Chair
City of Wapato	Jeff Schumacker, Public Works Supervisor
City of Yakima*	(Vacant) City Engineer
City of Yakima*	Bob Desgrosellier, Sr. Engineer
City of Zillah	Ardele Steele, Planning and Community Development Director
Yakima County*	Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Road Engineer
Yakima County*	Jase Testerman, Sr. Transportation Planner
WSDOT SCR*	Bill Preston, Local Programs Manager
Yakima Transit*	Alvie Maxey, Transit Manager
Yakama Nation	Al Pinkham, Planning Engineer
Airport/ McAllister Field	Robert Patterson, (City of Yakima) Airport Director

*MPO Jurisdiction

SFY 2018 YVCOG MPO/RTPO Staff

Christina Wickenhagen, Executive Director, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG)
Alan Adolf, Transportation Program Manager
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Table 1: WSDOT MPO Region Obligations in 2019

Agency	Project	STIP ID	Federal Project Number	Type of Work	Termini	Length (Miles)	Obligation Date	TIP Federal Request Amount	Obligated	Federal Funding Remaining	Phase	Fund Type
Naches	Naches Trail Link & Lighting	WA-09990	0835(004)	Trail Enhancement	Naches Ave to Shafer Ave	0.25	27-Mar-19	\$ 230,642.00	\$ 230,642.00	\$0.00	CN	TAP
Selah	Valleyview Ave / S.Third St./Southern Ave	WA-00192	4709(001)	Road Reconstruction	Valleyview/1st Street to Southern Ave/1st Street	0.65	14-May-19	\$ 30,967.00	\$ 30,967.00	\$0.00	PE	HIP
Selah	East Goodlander Road	WA-00185	4710(001)	Road Reconstruction	North First Street to North Wenas Road	0.40	15-Apr-19	\$ 25,950.00	\$ 25,950.00	\$0.00	PE	HIP
Selah	East Goodlander Road	WA-00185	4710(001)	Road Reconstruction	North First Street to North Wenas Road	0.40	18-Jun-19	\$ 1,146,817.00	\$ 1,146,817.00	\$0.00	CN	STP-U
Union Gap	Ahtanum Road Resurfacing	UG21	4550(005)	Road Maintenance / Repairing	Goodman Road to S. 16th Ave (vic.)	1.17	14-May-19	\$ 23,442.00	\$ 23,442.00	\$0.00	PE	HIP
Union Gap	Main Street Reconstruction Phase 1	UG07	4579(012)	Road Reconstruction	2nd Street to West Franklin Street	0.40	18-Apr-19	\$ 48,613.00	\$ 48,613.00	\$0.00	PE	HIP
Union Gap	Main Street Reconstruction Phase 1	UG07	4579(012)	Road Reconstruction	2nd Street to West Franklin Street	0.40	06-Feb-19	\$ 67,556.00	\$ 67,556.00	\$0.00	RW	STP-U
Union Gap	Regional Beltway Phase 2	UG03	4561(001)	New Road Construction	Longfiber Road to Main Street	1.75	11-Sep-19	\$ 1,990,000.00	\$ 990,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	PE	NHFP
WSDOT (SCR)	SCR Region-Wide - Mitigate Redirectional Landforms and Upgrade Median Cable Barrier	WA-508209V	9999(829)	Roadway Safety	Varies	N/A	26Apr2019 & 3July2019	\$ 71,788.00	\$ 71,788.00	\$0.00	CN	HSIP
WSDOT (SCR)	US 12 et al / 2020 SCR Region-Wide Chip Seal	WA-522501E	9999(833)	Road Maintenance	Varies	N/A	26-Feb-19	\$ 24,996.00	\$ 24,996.00	\$0.00	PE	STP Flex
WSDOT (SCR)	US 12 et al / 2020 SCR Region-Wide Chip Seal & Pavement Preservation	WA-509705S	9999(849)	Road Maintenance	Varies	N/A	26-Dec-19	\$ 277,058.00	\$ 277,058.00	\$0.00	CN	HIP

Table 2: WSDOT MPO Region Closures & Deobligations in 2019

Agency	Project	STIP ID	Project Number	Type of Work	Termini	Length (Miles)	Obligation Date	Deobligated	Phase	Fund Type	Closure Date
Moxee	Morrer Lane/SR24 Intersection & Improvements	WA-01518	9939(023)	New Intersection Improvements	SR 24 & Morrer Lane Intersection (Vic.)	0.70	N/A	\$ 342,497.85	PE	STP [R]	6/13/2019
Moxee	Morrer Lane/SR24 Intersection & Improvements	WA-01518	9939(023)	New Intersection Improvements	SR 24 & Morrer Lane Intersection (Vic.)	0.70	N/A	\$ 1,069,774.06	RW	STP [R]	6/13/2019
Moxee	Morrer Lane/SR24 Intersection & Improvements	WA-01518	9939(023)	New Intersection Improvements	SR 24 & Morrer Lane Intersection (Vic.)	0.70	N/A	\$ 3,162,968.14	CN	STP [R]	6/13/2019
WSDOT (SCR)	US 12 / Naches to Yakima Corridor Intersection Safety	WA-501214L	0012(213)	Intersection Improvements and Safety	US 12 - City of Naches to City of Yakima (Vic.)	N/A	N/A	\$ (155,772.88)	PE	NHS	1/31/2019
WSDOT (SCR)	SR 82 / south Union Gap Interchange	WA-508201S	0822(124)	Roadway Construction	SR 82 (Exit 38 Vicinity)	N/A	N/A	\$ (1,746.80)	PE	HP & Discretionary	1/8/2019